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Address the Mess

Part 3 – “Down in My Heart”

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Groups Questions

1. Let's begin by clearing the air. How many of us are country music fans? Can you name any country music songs with spiritual themes? What messages do they communicate?
2. To what extent has your faith been defined by the idea that Christianity is nothing more than repeatedly making messes and getting in trouble, and repeatedly being forgiven? Lather, rinse, repeat. How do you think that influences the way you view God?
3. During the message, Jason said, “Jesus loves you, regardless of your mess, and loves us too much to leave you there.” Is it difficult to believe that Jesus loves you, messes and all? Why or why not? Is it difficult to believe that he wants a better future for you?
4. Read Philippians 1:3–11. Paul says that “love” is the catalyst that changes everything in terms of our spiritual growth. Why is that the case? Does that challenge any of your assumptions about spiritual growth?
5. According to Paul, what does it look like in your life when love abounds? How does love lead to these traits? How do these traits lead to more love?
6. Have you started praying for more love? What would it look like if you daily prayed for more love for the next 30 days?