

## THE LOVE THAT FINDS YOU

“We think we will find love by being strong yet love usually finds us in weakness.”  
(Henri Nouwen)

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark:1:9-11)

### A. Standing in Weakness (9)

Position of Jesus (Philippians 2:6-8)

Incarnation

Human Condition

Kingdom Ministry

Personal Need

Paternal Love

Personal Weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Sinners

Sinned against

Suffering

Serving

S-Love

“There must be, and, if we are honest, there always will be at least one situation in our lives that we cannot fix, control, explain, change, or even understand.” (Richard Rohr)

Place of Prayer!

### B. Seeking of God the Father (10)

At that moment there is “mighty movement” in heaven (Matthew 27:51)

The movement of First Love towards us:

Community of Love

Chosen in Love

Created for Love

Cross of Love

Circumstances of Love

### C. Sending of the Spirit (10)

Jesus is anointed with power (Acts 10:37-38)

“He experienced an *insurge* of spiritual power and became aware that he was being anointed with the eschatological Spirit of God.” (James Dunn)

Jesus experiences the “Love Dove”

“The Father loves the Son and the Son loves the Father and the Bond of Love is the Spirit.’ (St Augustine)

We experience both power and love when the Spirit comes upon us in our weakness. We may be healed of our circumstance but if not we most certainly receive the hope of love to carry us through.

#### **D. Securing our hearts in the Father’s Love (11)**

Jesus experiences the affirmation and affection of his Father

“One of the *most central events* of Jesus’ life occurs at his Baptism...This event reveals the true identity of Jesus. Jesus is the Beloved of God. This spiritual truth will guide all his thoughts, words, and actions. It is the rock on which his compassionate ministry will be built.” (Henri Nouwen)

We experience our E-moment in Abba’s Love and our anxious hearts are comforted and calmed by his compassion

#### **E. Sending out to Love**

Jesus was commissioned with empowered compassion for the weak (Matthew 14:14)

We are commissioned with empowered compassion for the weak just like Him

**“The Love that finds you sends you!”**