

R A D I C A L R E P O R T



“Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.” 2 Corinthians 1:11

It has been over three months since Donnie passed away. We were able to have our Summer Camp and now the reality of his missing presence has set in for our family. At his memorial service, DJ, shared the three things Donnie prayed for everyday: wisdom, favor and that God would help him do something for somebody who could never repay him.

Even in our intense pain, our family has felt the favor of God through the overwhelming love and support which has come our way. I have had pastors express to me that they and their church

have been praying for us, some, even daily; many have texted us letting us know they are praying for us. We are forever grateful.

We also want to thank those of you who have continued to support us as we pray about the direction of Donnie Moore Ministries. Young people are still our heart, and we are asking God to open up and lead us through any other doors He wants to open.

We love and appreciate you,
Cindy, Brooke, Anna & DJ



A Word from Donnie

WHO IS GOD? Understanding God's Love

“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:8

“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:16

If the early church were to describe themselves, they would describe themselves in terms of love. Jesus Christ brought full revelation of what God is like. When God, Himself, turned up in Jesus Christ and revealed who He is – He was, and is totally unlike any other religion on the face of the earth.

1. God is Love – The ultimate name of God is LOVE. God's love has nothing to do with the love we as human beings have; it's not even the same word. There were three words for love: storge – family love; phileo – friendship love; eros – physical love. Then, there is “agape”.

Agape is not just any kind of love. It is the very essence of God and the heart of Christianity. God used the word, agape to write the New Testament. It is the love God has for you and me. If we abide in agape, we abide in God.

Human love is an emotion. It can be hot, but in a few hours, it can turn cold. Human love is ready to die for its object and a week later it's ready to kill its object. Novels are written about this crazy human love that goes up and down. Human love is a conditional love. There is always a “because.” I love you because...

Everything I have said about human love is not true about God's love. God does not “fall in love”. If God loves those He deems to be the highest and the best of the human race, if He loves those who pass His “check-list”, whose minds beat as one with His mind, whose lives are the holiest – I don't stand a chance! God's love is not an emotion, but it is emotional. God is love. He doesn't have all the love there is to have, He is it!

2. God is Life – “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 John 5:11

God created man because the life that God is and has is so

infinitely fantastic He could not keep it to Himself. God is life and that life that He is, which He has, is so glorious He chose freely to make us in His image and likeness so we could be capable of enjoying that life. God created man because He loved and He freely chose to create him out of His life. And God freely loved him.

What was it like to be the first man and be loved simply because you exist? There was no performing. He didn't have to do anything to be loved. We are loved simply because we are created by God, who is love. My response is faith. Christianity is faith which dares to believe that I am unconditionally loved by this incredible Creator who chose to love me. My response is to rest in faith that He loves me and order my life in obedience to that love.

3. God is Light – “...God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7
After Adam and Eve sinned they hid themselves from God. God went looking for Adam; He called for him (even though He knew where he was). God wanted Adam and Eve to come into the light because it's safe in the light. The light is God's unconditional love.

We think God's love is based upon our performance, on what we do or don't do. When we think of God we think of a list of religious duties he expects from us in order to gain His acceptance. This is heresy and a part of Satan's lie. God's love for us has nothing to do with our performance. We cannot earn His love because we don't deserve it in the first place.

Nothing we do can make God stop loving us because it wasn't anything we did to make God start loving us. God loves us simply because He is love.