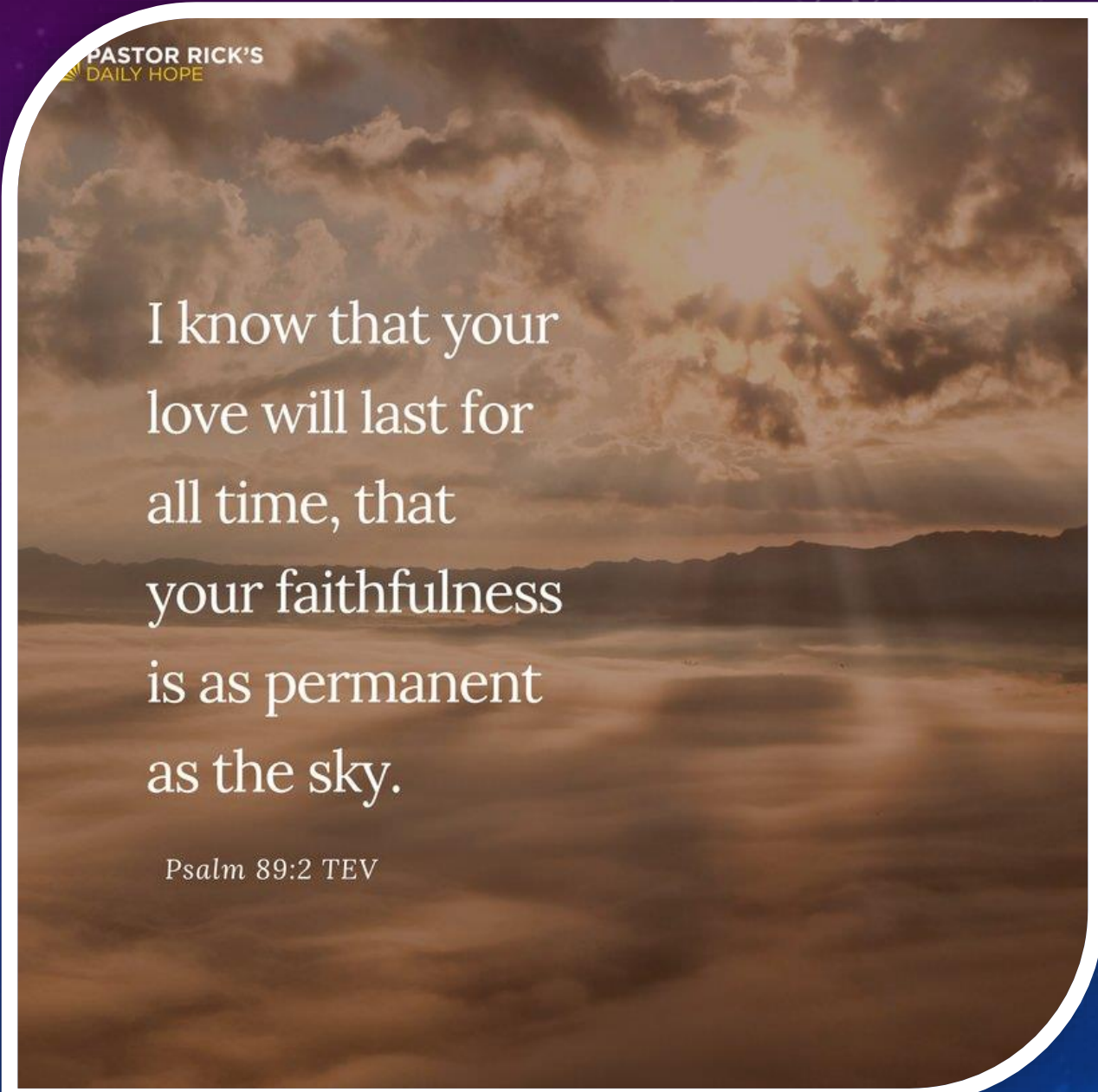




HOW DOES GOD KNOW WE
LOVE HIM?

JOHN 3:16-17

- John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.



I know that your
love will last for
all time, that
your faithfulness
is as permanent
as the sky.

Psalm 89:2 TEV

GOD'S LOVE FOR US

Ephesians 2:4-5

- 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved),

1 John 3:1

- 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

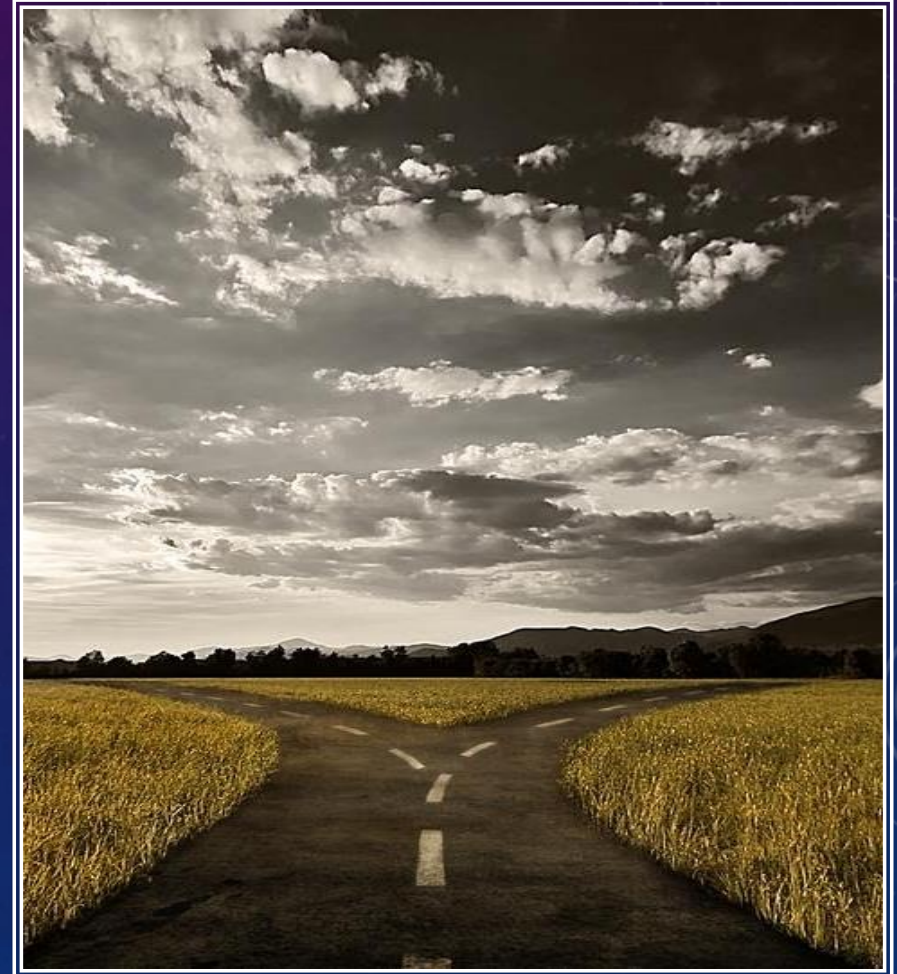


The World is not our friend

PROVERBS 3 :5-6

3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



GOD IS OUR STRENGTH

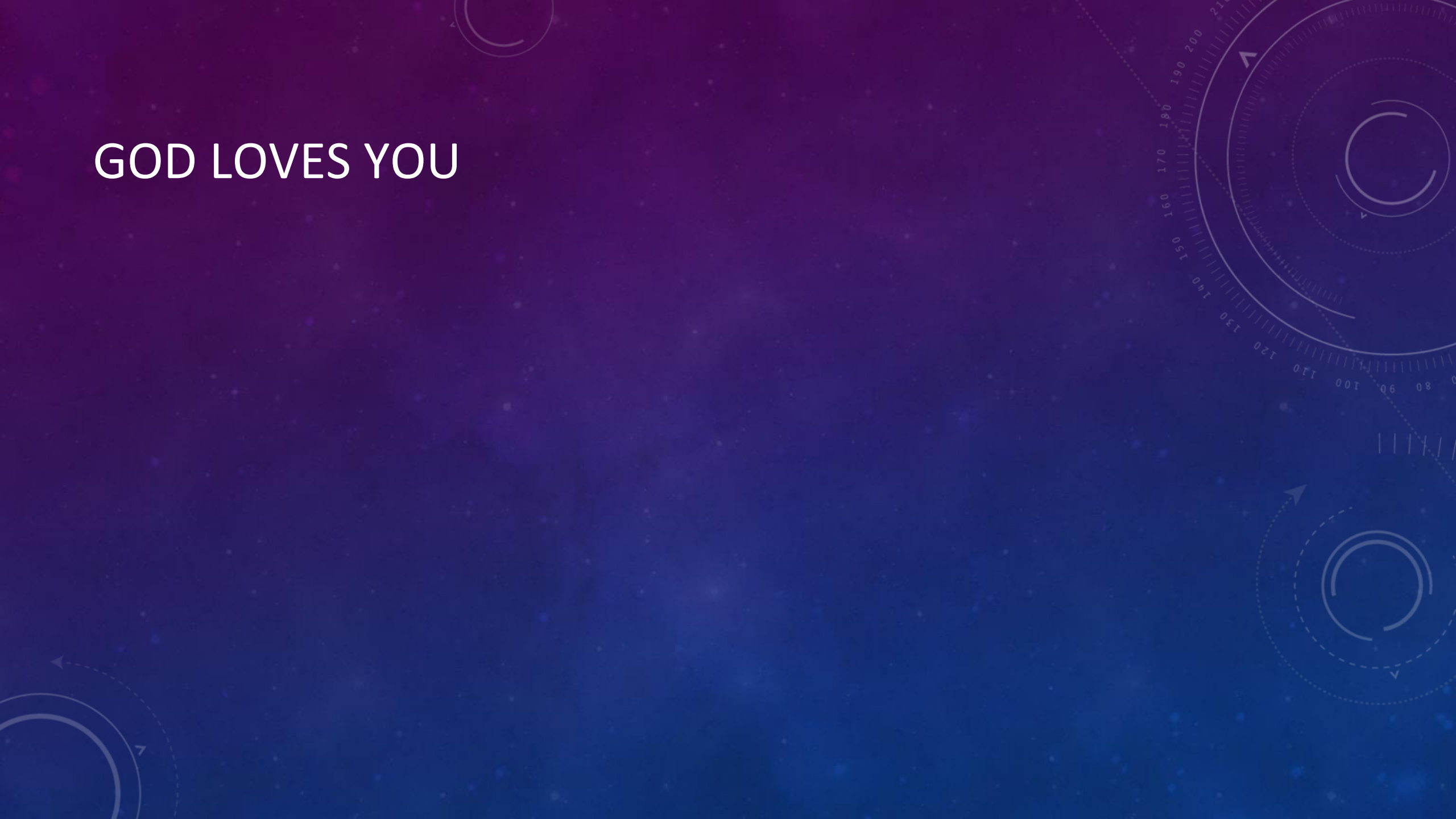
1 Corinthians 10:13

- 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Alma 10:28

- 10:28 But that ye would humble yourselves before the Lord, and call on his holy name, and watch and pray continually, that ye may not be tempted above that which ye can bear, and thus be led by the Holy Spirit, becoming humble, meek, submissive, patient, full of love and all long-suffering; having faith on the Lord;

GOD LOVES YOU



HOW DO WE SHOW GOD WE LOVE HIM?



- How do we show God we love him in the 21st century?

FEED MY SHEEP

- John 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
- John 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
- John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

INTERPRETATIONS FOR THIS

- There are different interpretations for what “feeding my sheep” actually means.
 - 1st time Christ says it, Pasture (tend) the lambs in Greek refers to helping the believers
 - 2nd time tend the sheep, helping the sheep in a supervisory role such as a pastoral ruling
 - 3rd time pasture the sheep, bring God’s people to the knowledge of the Gospel
- Other people think it has to do with tending to the poor, or really any other lamb/shepherd analogy that is out there.

HONESTLY, IT COULD BE MORE SIMPLE

- This is where it requires ACTION on our part.
- God's grace is sufficient for us to save as we are unworthy.
- It requires Action as to sustain any relationship
- Would God be any different?

OUR ACTIONS (2 NEPHI 13)

- 13:24 For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water; and then cometh a remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost.
- 13:25 And then are ye in this straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life; yea, ye have entered in by the gate; ye have done according to the commandments of the Father and the Son;
- 13:26 And ye have received the Holy Ghost, which witnesses of the Father and the Son, unto the fulfilling of the promise which he hath made, that if ye enter in by the way, ye should receive.
- 13:27 And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done.
- 13:28 Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far, save it were by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save;
- 13:29 Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope and a love of God **and of all men**.
- 13:30 Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father, Ye shall have eternal life.
- 13:31 And now, behold, my beloved brethren, this is the way; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God.
- 13:32 And now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen.

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- In the 21st Century, interpersonal relationships are difficult
- All of us are different which makes the “Feed My Sheep” open-ended
- Although there is a wrong-way to witness, there is not necessarily one right way
- We cannot control the decisions others make but we can make the decision to love everyone

FIND YOUR WAY

- God made you unique and different from everyone else
- Find YOUR way to show God's love to others
- Find YOUR way to love God's people
- Find YOUR way to witness