MEDITATION

God meets us where we are. This is the beautiful, hope-giving reality of grace. If God asked us to meet him where he is, we would all be damned. There is no better example of this than Jesus's response to Peter after Peter's denial… If there's someone on whom you would expect Jesus to turn his back forever, it would be Peter. How could he deny Jesus, even after being warned? Wasn't that unforgivable? No! What Peter did was not a picture of the defeat of the cross. The opposite is true. Peter's denial is a shockingly concrete picture of the essentiality of the cross of Jesus Christ. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus were necessary because we are people like Peter. We have no power in ourselves to be faithful, wise, good, and righteous. We cannot save ourselves. We are people in need of rescue. Without the rescue of grace, we are a danger to ourselves and to others, without hope and without God.

So in amazing condescending grace, God meets us where we are, just as he did with Peter. He comes to us in our fear. He draws near to us when we are separated. He meets us in our doubt. He pursues us when we wander. When we sin, he comes to us with conviction and forgiveness. He empowers us when we're weak. He restores us when we are unfaithful. When we deny him, he does not deny us. He comes to us at the moment of our salvation, and he comes to us again and again as we journey from the "already" to the "not yet." He sits down with us, assuring us again of his love, drawing out from us love for him, and sending us on our way to do the work he has chosen us to do. He does not wait for us to come to him; he comes to us. It is the way of grace.

Paul David Tripp, New Morning Mercies #298 (Crossway, Oct. 24)

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Order of Worship

Sunday, November 8, 2026 — 9:00 and 10:45 AM
Music Leader: James Kenniv — Elder: Henry van den Berg

WE GATHER to CORPORATELY WORSHIP GOD

♫ ***His Mercy is More***

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What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient all-knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
Without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father so tender
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

WELCOME, INVOCATION, and CONFESSION

WORSHIP in SONGS of ADORATION and PRAISE

♫ *Abide With Me*

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Abide with me; fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless, O abide with me

I need Your presence every passing hour
What but Your grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who, like Yourself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me

Abide with me, abide with me
I turn to You, Your face I see
In darkest night I cling to Thee
In life, in death, abide with me

I fear no foe, with You at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me

Hold up your cross before my failing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

♫ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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The King of love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food so heav'nly feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

Sing praise for love that knows no end
To Christ who died for sin
For He will all your wrongs forgive
The King of love my Shepherd is

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spread'st a table in my sight
Thy Spirit grace bestoweth
And O what pleasures of delight
From Thy pure cup o'erfloweth

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever

FELLOWSHIP in MINISTRY Zimbabwe Update

FELLOWSHIP in PRAYER

WORSHIP IN THE TRUTH of HIS WORD

"Do You Love Me?" Mark Lopez

John 21:1-17

WORSHIP in SONGS of RESPONSE

♫ ***Just As I Am***

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Just as I am without one plea,
but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God I come, I come

Just as I am and waiting not,
to rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God I come, I come

I come broken to be mended,
I come wounded to be healed
I come desp'rate to be rescued,
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
by the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
praise God, just as I am

Just as I am I would be lost,
but mercy and grace my freedom bought
And now, to glory in Your cross,
oh Lamb of God I come, I come

♫ *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

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We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom