

COMMITMENT ROOTED IN LOVE

A Lord's Flock Worship Topic

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The concept of commitment does not just center on our commitment to God; first and foremost, it is about God's commitment to us. God took the initiative to love us first. Jesus Himself said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this; to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn. 15:12-13). Hence, let us help each other remember that God's commitment to us has been proven by His faithfulness and unconditional love.



1. God's perfect love casts out all fears.

When gripped with fear, we tend to forget the good stories of faith in our lives. Sometimes, even in prayer we tend to become panic-stricken.

- 1.1. The first resurrection story was filled with fear. The disciples were scattered; they felt betrayed and disillusioned when Jesus died on the cross. Mary Magdalene visited the grave and there was confusion when she did not find Jesus' body there. Everything was clouded by fear and they forgot the Lord's teachings.
- 1.2. In the middle of the stormy sea, the disciples mistook Jesus for a ghost when they saw Him walking on water, all because of great fear.
- 1.3. When Peter started walking on water towards Jesus, He suddenly began sinking. He forgot to fix his eye on Jesus.
- 1.4. In the face of overwhelming fear, let us fill our thoughts with the all-encompassing love of God. Then, fear will have no power on us.
- 1.5. Let us reflect on the things that we may have forgotten in the name of fear. Are these getting in the way of our commitment to the Lord?

- Are we afraid despite knowing that with God, we can accomplish much in life?
- Do we fear our own power to do good, to help the poor, and to lift those who have stumbled?
- Do we fear the power of our words? Are we afraid of voicing out the truth?

2. Our commitment to serve is rooted in God's commitment to us.

The greeting, "Happy Easter," is a celebration of Jesus's triumph over death. It is a reminder that there is nothing to fear with Jesus on our side who conquered death.

- 2.1. Our mission is to go for the missing people of the flock and make them remember the beauty and faithfulness of God.
- 2.2. We must commit to taking care of one another, not just ourselves. We need to share God's love to many and reignite the fire of their love for God. Let us not keep the good news to ourselves, but share God's grace to others.
- 2.3. We are a community of imperfect people looking for love. Let us not allow hurt to stop our commitment to love and understand one another.
- 2.4. Our service is not to add to God; it is for our own honor, in order to make us holy.
- 2.5. We have a commitment to fulfill God's divine purpose for us, even in the face of all our fears.

Conclusion: Fear has no hold over God's love. The devil wants us to forget, but the love of God makes us remember. Every transformation story is about God's unconditional love. Every prayer gathering is meant for us not to forget. Let us reach out to others who may have forgotten and remind them of God's love.

Reflection: Do your fears get in the way of fulfilling your commitment to God? How can you overcome these fears and pursue your divine purpose?

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