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**Message Series:** Love Reigns

**Today's Message:** Love Reigns Over Our Past

John 20:1, 10, 18

Mark 16:9, 10

Luke 7:36-38, 44-50

John 15:9 *"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you."*

**Paul's Prayer**

Ephesians 3:16-21

### **Love Reigns Over Our Past**

#### **1. Getting Past Our Past**

Psalm 103:12

**THINK:** My past does not define me; my failure is not final.

**Possess By Faith:** The heavy burden of my past no longer weighs me down.

**Live It Out:** Because of the forgiving blood of Christ I will get past my past.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**"In Him"/"In Christ"** - 216x's in Paul's letters!

**Because of Christ's love**—In Christ we are connected in transforming union and oneness in Him, the old past removed.

#### **2. Paul's Life Story**

Galatians 2:20

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Acts 26:8-11

**TRUTH:** The Heart of God's Love—is open to the worst of the worst: Hell will have many religious people.

Jeremiah 31:3 *"I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have drawn you with loving kindness."*

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#### **3. Christ's Love Compelling Us**

2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

Romans 5:2, 5

**SURVEY:** 47% of millennial Christians (ages 22-38) believe that sharing their faith is wrong

**REALITY:** 79% of unchurched don't mind if a friend shares their faith

**Wise Move:** Show and tell micro-redemption stories

**Bridge The Gap:** "Jesus is making my life better" -to- "You have to decide if you're for Him or against Him."

**Question:** "Is there anything keeping you from receiving Christ right now?"