Immeasurable Love (Bilingual)

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[0:00] I'm sure all the brothers and sisters sitting here today will have plenty of feelings towards love. Perhaps our first reaction would be to think of relationships.

Because looking at all of us around, we're at that age. Some are already in relationships. Some are preparing to enter into a relationship.

This is a mutual affection between people of two different genders, and it's a beautiful thing. In English, it's called love. The Greek equivalent is Eros.

However, unfortunately, we are not talking about this kind of love today. Perhaps when we think of love, it may be the love between good friends.

Because if your good friends love you, and you love your good friends, you must be a very lucky person, right?

[1:26] This kind of love was turned by the Greeks as Philadelphia. But unfortunately, once again today, we are not talking about this type of love. Today, we are talking about God's love.

This is a holy love. This is a love that is for others. So much so that we are willing to sacrifice ourselves.

This kind of love is called agape. We'll see you again in the next chapter. So let us once again read John 3.16.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

So please raise your hand if you can memorize this verse. Oh,

So now I'd like to take the opportunity to turn your attention to the mission trip to Cambodia that I went on last year, and share a few stories and anecdotes with you, demonstrating the greatness of God's love.

Let us pray together. **2000**,

The first group of stories tell us that God's love is limitless and very abundant.

And by the word abundant, I do mean it is actually limitless.

[4:33] And from four different groups of young people, we can see the way that God's love has been unconditional and unstoppable brought into the life of each child.

So why am I comparing different groups of children?

BECAUSE Cambodia as a country is very different to most other countries.

Who's been to Cambodia? Oh, John,

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That was about half people. HEADERED Half people, they were usually adults, and they were usually from the urban areas.

So let us look at the pictures that I've brought. You can see the tower in the background, it's quite a nice looking tower.

But if you look closely through the windows, what do you see? **HEAD** What do you see? **WAD** What are these?

[6:47] **HEAD** There are thousands of human skulls here, and not only that, many of them have been branded and marked by their enemies.

tower that we saw before was none other than a memorial building for the Khmer Rouge.

And hence, the population of Cambodia is very skewed, in that on both the extremes of younger people and older people, it is relatively normal.

But the middle-aged adult population is significantly smaller because of this massacre. And hence, as a point of strategy, all the missionaries that go to Cambodia, because, you know, it's a lot less effective working on an older population, they all go for the younger population.

For example, people our age or younger.

Because, starting from children, as records and history is shown, many of these students are able to grow up and grow large churches of over 200 people.

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[13:41] Hence, although in principle, parents should not have to pay any school fees because the public schooling system should be free, parents in general pay about \$300 a month to teachers in miscellaneous fees for an education.

So, how much is the most expensive? The most expensive one is \$1,500 a month. And with respect to private schools, private schools, the most expensive ones cost about \$1,500 a month.

So, the average wage of an average Cambodian worker is about \$100 a month. You know, the average education expense with children's income is a big difference.

And hence, you can see the disparity between income per average worker compared to the cost of education in Cambodia. But in comparison to this current school, Joy Church, Joy Kinnigatun, all the fees are very transparent and very open and nothing is taken under the table.

It's a very fair system. It's usually a little bit higher than the public schooling system. It's usually a little bit higher than the public schooling system. But well below what a private school would cost.

[15:08] So, you know, many families are trying or wish to send their kids to this institution. So, they say, this school is more difficult than the public schooling system than the public schooling system.

And hence, a word on the street is to enroll your children into this school, it's actually harder than getting your kids into Melbourne University. Why is that? Because they're not only for money to spend money.

They're not for money to spend money. They're not for money to spend money. For example, if they have 300 capacity, they're not for one. How much money they're going to spend money? Why is that? It's because they only have enough facilities and rooms available for about 300 children.

And hence, no matter how much you want to pay them, they are unable to fit children. And hence, they won't take your enrollment. And their main targets are Chinese families and mostly those who do not yet believe in God.

You know, we're Chinese families are always talking about practicality, right? It's not for money to spend money. If you're good at school, you're good at school. If you're good at school, you're good at school. If you're good at school. If you're good at school, you're good at school. If you're good at school. If you're good at school, you're good at school. If you're good at school at school. If you're good at school at school at school at school. If you're good at school at school at school at school. If you're good at school a

[16:18] They like schools whose fees are reasonable, transparent, and have a high quality of education. So, when you're good at school, you're good at school. It's not for the school of to pay them. It's because this school is a good at school. And hence, a lot of the times when Chinese parents send their kids here, it's not because the kindergarten belongs to a church, but rather because of the quality of the education.

In the beginning, a lot of parents even against the idea of the children saying grace before the meals. But later, the parents slowly begin to change their minds as the children grow and develop and become loving and willing to sacrifice and a much quality of moral attitude.

The Lord is very amazing. The children are changing, and the parents are slowly changing. And the school uses the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Eve to perform a large wedding event.

And God is very wonderful as He is able to change the perceptions from these parents through their children. And there is a lot of outreach activities every Christmas and Easter to get the parents involved.

The children are playing, and the parents are very happy. So, the parents are looking for the children to watch the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Eve. I mean, whenever the kids are performing, the parents are always very proud. And hence, when they come to these events, the gospel is slowly spread.

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[20:48] 18, if their circumstances are quite stable, they are allowed to re-enter into society■ _____

And from continual prayer and preaching the gospel, grandmother finally gave her life to Christ.

This is one of the only fruits of the labor towards this older generation that we saw. This is a very difficult ministry. In a country like Cambodia, the main religion is Buddhism, which is 97% prevalent.

And I mean, through so many generations of Buddhist upbringing, it's very hard for them to then convert to something else. Ben and John nego UK.

[28:01] It is a requirement of Stockholm whole. Tapi Hosking is different. Some of us have been on mission trips to Myanmar, which is a closed-off country who are very against missionaries and people spreading the gospel.

However, Cambodia is a lot more open to missionaries and missionary work. But he doesn't care about you to , because he knows that you want to change a young people, the Christian people is more difficult than the day.

But what cannot be done by man is able to be done by God. Well, the second story is about God's immaculate love.

This is another picture of Linda and her grandmother. Well, the second story is about God's immaculate love.

And the first story of the second group of stories is that God loves even the disabled and or handicapped. Dear brothers and sisters, how many times do you recall the Gospels depicting how Christ healed people with disabilities, with illness?

[29:35] Please tell me one, two, three, two. Is it just one or two? Christ himself healed people with deformities.

There are many, is it? And he did it on many occasions. There are many occasions. He healed the blind so that they could see. He healed the blind so that they could see.

And the paralyzed could walk. And the troubled hand was healed as well. Because Christ has mercy on people with these kind of conditions.

But two thousand years later, are there more or less people with disabilities?

Today's the blind so that they could see. Today's the blind so that they could see. It is a blind so that they could see. It is a blind so that they could see. I mean, two thousand years later, people with disabilities are still discriminated against by the world. And in fact, they are probably the most discriminated against.

[30:39] And in fact, they are very, l mean, although the issue isn't too obvious in Australia where some measures are taken, however, in developing countries, this issue is very apparent, and these people are very vulnerable in society.

This young man in the photo here is called Vansal. Vansal, he is a Yabbi-se,

And he is sponsored by the Jabez ministry, just like previously. His father is a Buddhist leader, just like the

And had a lot of influence in the country. So he is a**II**'s brother, also a**III**. And hence, he is kind of the heir to a man of great influence.

However, because of his disability, he is still unable to get the same opportunities a normal person would. However, praise God for God's love still reigns on him, just as it does on everyone else.

[32:01] for the issue of someone else. His chief and priest would help ocurrate him. For the missionaries have helped him attend university. And have granted him free accommodation to live at the Jabez ministry.

For the missionaries have helped him attend university. And have sent him free accommodation to live at the Jabez ministry. And have brought him to come to know God. He is now a third-year student in electrical engineering.

His wife is now filled with the self-confidence granted to him from God. In taking a photo with him, he actually told us never to stoop down, because he wanted everyone to see how tall he was in comparison, standing up.

Because he knows that Christ does not discriminate against him ever, and he does not really mind what anybody else thinks.

This is when he sent us off for departure at the airport. Look, that's the last photo we took before leaving Cambodia.

[33:29] Thank you. The second story is that God has mercy on people possessed by evil spirits.

Brothers and sisters, do you remember in the gospel, the story of the miracle, where Christ drove out a legion of demons from a man?

That's how many people went to the sea? And the legion, this group of demons, escaped into a group of pigs.

You never know how many there were, I don't remember. We are... We are... We are... We are... We are... We are... But now, we will witness to a young man who was possessed by evil spirits.

You can see this young man who was possessed by evil spirits. If we look at this youth, his name is Kim Sang. He is also a student of the Jabez Ministry.

[34:34] But he is also a student of the Jabez Ministry. But because he was possessed by a demon, he was in pursuit of a lot of bad things. And he was in fact unable to even control himself.

He was rather bipolar. He was afraid of demons. He was afraid of death, disease. So he... mia

It was so very bad. And this condition impacted him, and he was unable to live normally or study. And no matter how much work the missionary has tried to work on him, he was unwilling to accept it.

You saw his robe. He was so young and it was ■■ to be sick of her sister. And in fact, despite his young age, he had a whole host of diseases.

He was subject to a lot of diseases, and that's why his tongue was in this condition. His face is black. Even though he is black, he is more black. And although you may say a lot of Cambodians are a darker shade, he was an unnaturally dark shade, even for a Cambodian.

[35:43] Thank you for that. For this time, he is because of his fear, because of God's grace, and he wants to accept our prayer, and to accept our healing. But praise be to God, during the time that we were there, because of all his fears and unsureties he had in his heart, he was willing to come and accept God with us.

And God's work began. And the Holy Spirit slowly entered into his body.

You can see, through the prayer, and just by many people, he slowly began to let go of his previous fears.

That day, we saw that day, after continually praying for him, that he was finally healed from a lot of his previous conditions.

You can see, he was finally healed from a lot of his previous conditions. And at the end of all the prayer, he finally began to

smile.**....,...,...,...**,**....**,**...**

[36:53] And I mean, although this smile doesn't display complete confidence in God as yet, this was the first time in the two weeks that we had known him, that he had smiled. This is a new life of God's great power.

And I believe this is the start of a new life for him. This is another testimony of God's great power. And the third story now we're going to look at is in the slums.

You know, in the third story now we're going to look at is in the slums. In fact, we saw a lot of slums too in Myanmar. You can see this slums where all the people who didn't have a place to live were all hoarded and concentrated and kept there.

We can see the sign here, Hope School was a school opened by Koreans. The slums were located in an area so desolate that you had to wade through a river of really stinking and polluted water in order to reach there.

And hence, usually people avoided this area, and in fact this was a completely forgotten slum by the general population. But Jesus' love will not forget his people in the slum.

[38:23] So Hope will not forget his people in the slum. And hence, Hope School entered into this community. You can see this is Hope School's the name. And hence we can see a poster of Hope School there.

I mean, Koreans are really, they are much better than, for example, the Chinese at sending the missionaries out.

And they've been very successful. So I mean, in the nation of China, only 2,000 missionaries are outside of China compared to a population of 13 billion. In Korea, there are only 2,000 million people.

And 3 billion? But in Korea, there are only 2,000 million people. South Korea has a population of 50 million? Almost. And how many? 2,000.

And they have 20,000. 20,000 missionaries. This is the school that was run and developed by missionaries.

[39:32] Yes. Just this, the people in the school that were in the slum. There are only 2 schools within this slum ghetto region. And they were both created by missionaries. This is the people in this slum.

And these are children who attend these schools from the slums. You say, they are in the children who attend these schools from the slums. Do you think the child here is laughing or crying? Do you think the child here is laughing or crying?

It's kind of doing a bit of faith, because I think it was just so emotionally touched. This is the chapel for the school. This is the chapel for the school.

All these houses were built by wood and bamboo. This is the church's house. This is the front yard, front door of the school.

This school and Hope School previously are the only 2 schools in this ghetto. So. Well. The fourth story is about God's great love, and it is a love that covers the whole family of His servants.

[40:41] This one's the first Christian in this village.

He is also the first preacher. He is also the first preacher. It is very difficult for Him. It is very difficult for Him. Because the whole village has very different beliefs and values to Him.

Because the whole village has very different beliefs and values to Him. His parents, His parents, His parents, and His parents are still living. Especially from His parents and extended family. And they are all against Him.

But He cannot let go. Of His religion. His faith. Because Channy is not a Christian.

So He is very painful. He loves His brother. He loves his family. And because of this, Channy in the middle here is very torn. Because she both loves her brother who is a Christian. And she loves her parents who are not.

[41:58] He is torn because she thinks that her brother being going against the family is wrong.

But at the same time, she realizes what her brother is preaching is correct. So we are always looking for a smile. And hence, we never really saw a smile on Channy's face.

We are never really saw a smile on Channy's face. The first house that we visited when we arrived at the village was Channy's house. You can see the old lady in the middle.

I believe that's Channy's great grandmother. Grandmother's mother. Great grandmother. That's right. He's 90 years old. We hope that through missions groups and our spreading the gospel, that Christianity will reach families like these.

You know, what is the biggest blessing? What is the blessing of God? What is the blessing of God? What is the blessing of God? Right? I mean, with God's grace, if one person is saved, the whole family can be saved.

[43:18] So when Channy's pain is in pain, the people are in the middle. And hence, despite Channy's tensions and difficulties, when the missionary group came, an abundance of love was brought towards them. Very amazing. In the ninth day, we were in a Christmas Eve of the night. Channy's a blessing. And on the ninth day that they were there, while we were hosting, a gospel night, Channy gave her life to Christ.

You can see, now Channy's how happy. And now we can see the joy that is apparent in her life. She has no longer been to the joy that is apparent in her life. And she has no longer caught between tensions between her brother and the rest of her family.

And now we have shared these nine stories.

I'd like you to think so. We'd like you to think about how God is able to spread His love and what channels He uses to reach people.

[44:32] We know that God's love is vast and abundant. These are just adjectives. But nevertheless, it is through His disciples, His children, that the gospel is actually spread physically.

We've seen the two preachers. The other lady we saw was Katie, and this gentleman here is called Jensen.

We were only there for two weeks. They've already been in Cambodia for seven years, these missionaries. They've given up very rich and wealthy lifestyles in Canada and Hong Kong.

They've given up very rich and wealthy lifestyles in Canada and Hong Kong. And they've given their lives to God so that they can spread the gospel to people who are poverty-stricken, such as in Cambodia.

So this is from the Christian, the Christian, the Christian, the Christian, the Christian, and the Christian. If you're the examples of people who are, sorry, the Christian ministry that has grown from 12 disciples to over 2 billion people today.

[45:53] We're not just and, we're just and, we're just and, we're just and. Compared to them, their actual mission work, we are just nearly scratching the surface. But we're willing to become a God-to-be-bride, to spread His gospel.

However, all of us should wish to become an instrument to serve God and spread His gospel. I'm sure that every one of you here is willing to become an instrument for God.

You're willing? You don't necessarily have to go to Cambodia. You don't necessarily have to go to Cambodia. Or to Myanmar.

Because everyone you need to preach to is already around you. So you should from your meeting, from your family, to your friends and family around you.

Let us join in prayer. Dear Lord, thank you for just letting us see your great love through some of the small examples that we've provided today.

[47:09] Actually, your love is no way to express your love. In fact, your love is immeasurable through mere words. We can only experience it through our lives.

We can only experience it through our lives. And we are willing for our lives to become a channel for your gospel. So that your love is spread to those who do not yet understand your love.

In Christ's most precious name. Amen. Thank you. Thank you.