First Baptist Church of Hopewell

Pastor W. Darrell Boggs – November 8, 2026

**SEEING PEOPLE HOW GOD SEES THEM**

*"But anyone who does not love does not know God – for God is love"* (1 John 4:8 NLT).

"Love slays what we have been that we may be what we were not." --
St. Augustine

*"On a Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, He called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' Then He put His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God"* (Luke 13:10-13 NIV).

**1. LOOK AROUND**

*"When He looked out over the crowds, His heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd"* (Matthew 9:36 MSG).

**2. TAKE A RISK**

*"If you love only the people who love you, you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. And if you are nice only to your friends, you are no better than other people. Even those who don't know God are nice to their friends"* (Matthew 5:46-47 NCV).

*"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died"* (2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV).

**3. REACH OUT**

*"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you"* (Ephesians 4:32 NLT).

- He SAW her
- He SPOKE to her
- He put His HANDS on her

**4. EXPECT SOME CRITICISM**

*"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at Him! He eats too much and drinks too much wine, and He is a friend of tax collectors and sinners!"* (Luke 7:34 NCV).

**5. SEIZE THE MOMENT**

*"My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love"* (1 John 3:18 MSG).

*"And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you"* (1 Thessalonians 3:12 MSG).

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