

A LOVE THAT FILLS THE GAP

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➤ **Neighbors** (v. 8-12)....confused

➤ **Pharisees** (v. 13-17)....frustrated

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you odd." – Flannery O'Connor

➤ **Parents** (v. 18-23)....curious

Cling to what we do know while we journey through what we don't know.

➤ **Blind Man** (v. 24-38)....convinced

"There is no way to have a real relationship without becoming vulnerable to hurt. And Christmas tells us that God became breakable and fragile. God became someone we could hurt. Why? To get us back. And if you believe this and take it into your life, you're blessed. As you take in the truth of what he did for you—how loved and affirmed you are—you'll be able to let down your defenses in your own relationships with other people. You won't always need to guard your honor. You'll be able to let the barriers down. You'll be able to move into intimate relationships with other people." – Tim Keller