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- II) Created in Love (Psalm 139:13-16)
 - A) Always on his mind

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III) Saved by Love (Isaiah 30:15)

A) "For God So Loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." --John 3:16 (NIV)

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III) Saved by Love (Isaiah 30:15)

B) "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

--John 1:12(NIV)

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C) "What is the greatest gift you can give a God who has everything?" To freely receive what he gives you.

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III) Saved by Love (Isaiah 30:15)

D) "See what great love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

--1John 3:1(NIV)

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IV) How Can You Give What You Don't Have?

A) Man-Centered Preaching and Religion

1) "One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: Teacher, which is the **greatest** commandment in the law?"

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and the **greatest** commandment.

And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

--Matt. 22:35-40(NIV)

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2) Matthew 11:28-30

B) God-Centered Preaching and Relationship

1) "We **love** because he first **loved** us."

--1John 4:19(ESV)

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2) "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."--

Romans 5:8(NIV)

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B) God-Centered Preaching and Relationship

3) "Let God Love You,"

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V) Read through Psalm 136 responsively