Is God’s Love Crazy?

*I can hear her heart beat for a thousand miles*

*And the heaven's open every time she smiles*

*And when I come to her that's where I belong*

*Yet I'm running to her like a river's song*

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Maybe you remember this song by Van Morrison back in the ‘70’s. Morrison wrote this song to describe or maybe idolize the love of his new wife. Love is a something we need, yearn for, struggle with and enjoy. But loving each other in families, friendships, marriages, and even in churches isn’t always as wonderful as this song leads us to believe. Mostly because like Van Morrison and his new wife we aren’t always very realistic about our own selves and those we love. They divorced a few years later.

The wonder of all this is that God loves us with an even crazier love than we have for each other. God really does hear our hearts beat wherever we are. Heaven isn’t just our smile but is God’s smile on us 24/7. God’s love is like a river that runs and washes over us with all compassion and tenderness. And we belong to God whether we realize it or not

How do we know this? God, in God’s crazy love for all humanity on this planet, sent Jesus, God’s Son. It was a crazy plan of rescue for people who were more involved in their own selves, having very little thought for God or God’s plan for them, which made it even crazier.

And yet, God has this crazy forever love for the people God created. God even cares for the whole of God’s creation – animals, birds and all the rest. But how do we tap in or receive this love? Is this just some fairy tale where everyone lives happily ever after but not real or tangible? Does God love everyone else but not me, because I’m beyond loving?

Jesus, of Nazareth, was a real person. Who really came and lived out this love that seems too extravagant and crazy to be true. The reality of this love was the foundation of what he called the Kingdom of God – or the place where God in love reigns. Jesus wasn’t a fairy tale and this love he lived brought hope, peace, healing and new life wherever he went. It also caused him to be killed on a cross. But just like Jesus told his disciples, that wasn’t the end of the story. After 3 days in the tomb, Jesus arose and lives forever because God’s love can’t be overcome by death. God’s love is as strong, crazily stronger than death of any way, shape or kind. God’s love overcame death and offers us to lose ourselves in God’s love today.

What kind of crazy love is this? It’s love that won’t let you go, won’t let you down, won’t leave you alone. As Francis Chan’s title of his book reads: Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God.

God’s love never leaves, never forsakes you and gives you life in and through Jesus, his Son. Sound too good to be true? I invite you to join in this Crazy Love adventure by joining a small group at Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church as we read and discover what God’s crazy love means for us and for our community. There is a group that meets Sundays at 9:45am in the church building. Let us know if you are interested, or if another time would work better by emailing the church at [gerrardstpc@gmail.com](mailto:gerrardstpc@gmail.com) and we will let you know as other groups are formed.

We are using the Francis Chan Crazy Love study guide (there are some available at Gerrardstown Presbyterian Church for $9.) or order your own.

If you aren’t able to join a small group you can watch the Crazy Love videos on Rightnow Media. Just go to this web link <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/GerrardstownPresbyterian> and create an account. Then the Crazy Love videos and other wonderful videos for all ages are free for you to watch.

I pray that God’s crazy love will warm your heart and fill you with love that never lets you go.