

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalm 100

¹Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ²Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

John 3:16

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SERMON NOTES

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THE BEAUTIFUL RELEASE: The Love of God and the Life Ahead John 3:16

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What we need is a love that embraces us long enough to convince us that such love will receive us gladly.

- Grim reality
- Beautiful release
- Radical inclusivity
- Life from here on