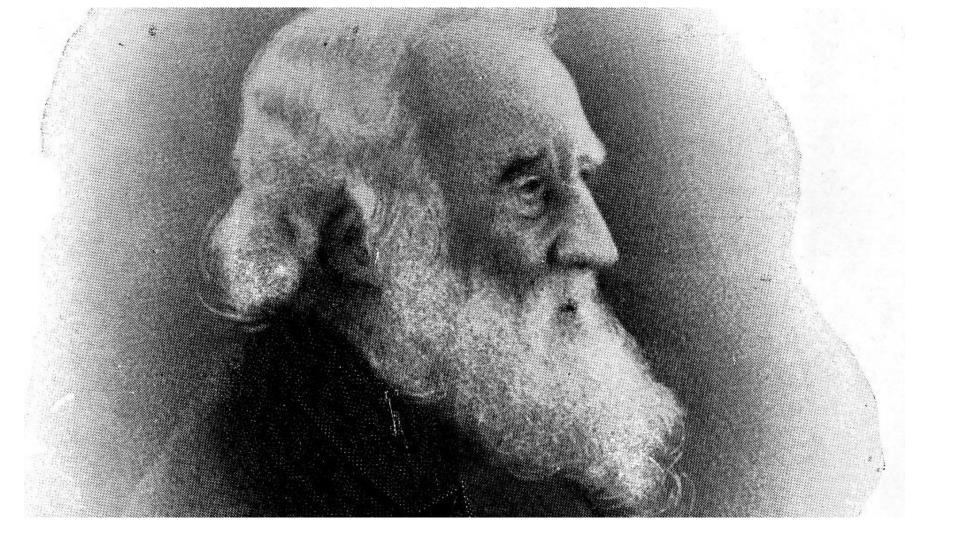
## My Father Knows All About It



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#### Check Up From Neck Up

Think back to a recent situation that left you with feelings of stress, anxiety, worry, pressure, frustration, depression, discouragement, irritation, or anger Do recall what it was about? Thought process ?

#### The Pressure Gauge

- What do stress, anxiety, worry, pressure, frustration, depression, discouragement, irritation, and anger all have in common?
- They are all nuanced reactions that rise up inside us when we are trying to control something to make sure it turns out the way we think it should, and it looks like we are losing that control.
- So, the thing they all have in common is they are all manifestations of **fear**.

#### Pressure Gauge Meaning

 Oh, and these various manifestations of fear in our lives can be traced back to a single source:

### We have temporarily forgotten how much we are loved by God.

#### Love Language

John 4:16 And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him.

I7 By this love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as Jesus is, so also are we in this world.

#### HERE IS THE HEADLINE

- NOT TALKING ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO LOVE LIKE JESUS
- HE IS TALKING ABOUT OUR FINALLY AND FULLY SURRENDERING TO THE ASTOUNDING GOOD NEWS THAT WE ARE LOVED BY JESUS IN A REMARKABLE, UNEXPECTED AND INCREDIBLE WAY

#### Good News, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- Iavishly blessed by God,

 and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY

#### See With New Eyes

- 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment.
- The one who fears punishment has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he loved us first.

### We Can Only Imagine

- How does someone act when they have come to the place of absolute confidence in and surrender to the unconditional redeeming love that God has for them, even in times of uncertainty or distress?
- What does it mean when we aren't there?
- How do we get there?
- Cry out to God for His Grace to change you and heal you and open your eyes to His mercy and love THAT WILL NEVER FAIL

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