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God So Loved...

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe on Him, would not perish, but have everlasting life."

I think most of us have probably memorized this verse and have known it since our childhood. I remember the man with the rainbow hair holding up the reference, John 3:16, on a large poster in the end-zone of so many pro football games.

There is probably no more "famous" verse in all of God's Word. What makes it so? Well, not only is this God's plan of salvation for anyone. Not only is it the statement of God's willingness to do what it takes to reconcile us to Himself.

I think the most amazing thing about this verse is the two words - so loved. What does that really mean? I think one thing that comes to mind for me is that God's love compels Him to act because of His love. His love is not just a feeling. By the way, love is not a feeling; it is a commitment! God's commitment to me and to you and to anyone in this world, is that we are so loved that He gave....

He didn't just give us a way to salvation. He gave us the One who is salvation. You might recall that Jesus had told His disciples in John 14:6, I Am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

That's how much God so loved you and me! He gave. He saves. He's committed. Will you receive that love?

Dear Father, thank You that You so loved that You gave. Help me to meditate on that thought all day today, and tomorrow, and eternity.... In Jesus Name, Amen