

# WHAT'S GOD LIKE? GOD IS LOVE

**Key Verse: Ephesians 3:18 (NLT)**

*'may you have the power to understand... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.'*

**Key Verse: Zephaniah 3:17 (NLT)**

*he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.'*

**TRUE MEASURE**

A few years ago during our church's Music4 event, a friend of mine proposed to his girlfriend. But, he didn't do it in just anyway. Oh no! In front of a field full of people he got on stage and sang her a song, which ended in him getting down on one knee and asking for her hand in marriage. Cue, sighing from the girls... and retching from the boys! My friend cared so much about his girlfriend that he didn't care who heard him singing. No matter how embarrassing it was, and it was embarrassing. He was showing the true measure of his love for her.

In the Bible it says that God sings over you with loud singing. He doesn't care how embarrassing it is. He loves you! He loves you so much that he wants everyone to know about it. In fact, it says that he rejoices over you! You must be pretty special.

The Bible says that God is love and we all ready know from one of the previous weeks that he doesn't change. Well, if God is love and God doesn't change, and God is limitless. Then can God's love be measured?

**INTERESTING FACT**

In 2009, the largest cave ever recorded was found in Vietnam's national park. It's at least 3 miles long and the ceilings are nearly 300 meters high. It's really big! Its hard to get your head around measurements like that. No wonder we need power to understand the true measure of God's love.



What if I took a tape measure and pulled it out to its full length. Do you think I could measure how long or even how high Gods love is? No. How about if I was to use a measuring jug? Do you think I could find one as deep as God's love? No. [However, I think I've found a way to measure how wide his love is.]

Stand up and stretch your arms out as far as they can go and when they've gone so far that it's uncomfortable, see if you can stretch them a little further... This is how wide God's love is. When Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross, he showed the true measure of Gods love. John spoke about it when he said 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13, NLT).

**SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT**

- How does it make you feel that God loves you that much?
- What does it mean to have power?

**PRAYER**

Lord, your love for me is incredible! Give me the power to get my head around its true measure. Amen.