

Discussion Questions from *Gentle and Lowly*

Chapter 21: "He Loved Us Then; He'll Love Us Now"

1. How does understanding Christ's love as consistent from eternity past to now give you confidence in your salvation?
2. In what ways do you struggle to believe that Jesus loves you now as much as when He first saved you?
3. How does Ortlund contrast our fickle love with Christ's steadfast love? How does this encourage you?
4. What does it mean that Jesus' love is not based on our current spiritual performance?
5. How does Romans 5:8 ("while we were still sinners, Christ died for us") support the idea that He will love us in the future despite our weakness today?
6. What comfort does this chapter bring in times of spiritual dryness or personal failure?

Chapter 22: "To the End"

1. What does John 13:1 mean when it says Jesus "loved them to the end"? What is significant about the timing of this statement?
2. Why is it comforting that Jesus chose to show steadfast love even with the cross looming before Him?
3. How does Jesus' unwavering love during betrayal reflect the nature of His heart toward us when we are unfaithful?
4. What does it look like to rest in a love that doesn't end or grow cold?
5. How does this chapter help reframe the way you think about Jesus' love during your darkest moments?
6. In what ways can this truth about Christ's enduring love shape how you love others, especially when it's costly?

Chapter 23: "Buried In His Heart Forevermore"

1. Ephesians 2:7 speaks of God's purpose to show "the immeasurable riches of His grace... in the coming ages." How does this reshape your view of God's long-term intentions and give you hope for your life now and in eternity?
2. Ortlund writes about salvation not as a one-time event but as something "buried in Christ's heart forevermore." What does that phrase mean to you, and how does it deepen your sense of the security and permanence of God's grace?
3. What does it say about God's heart that He wants to spend eternity displaying His grace and kindness to us? How does that challenge or comfort you?
4. How does knowing you are "buried in His heart forevermore" help you face struggles with sin, shame, or fear? Can you share an example of when this truth could make a difference?
5. Why do you think it's often easier to believe Jesus saved us than to believe He still delights in us today? What might this reveal about our own hearts?
6. Ortlund describes Jesus' love as not just something in the past but as an ongoing, living reality. How does that change the way you see your daily relationship with Him?
7. How could remembering the truth of Ephesians 2:7 shape your posture toward God—not as someone to appease, but as someone whose heart is full of kindness toward you forever?

8. In what practical ways might this truth help you respond differently to guilt, doubt, or self-condemnation?