



Hope For Renewal seeks to serve, build relationships and to share the love of Christ for those living in the Glenwood Corridor in Youngstown, Ohio.

HOPE FOR RENEWAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

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### **“Live Like Your Loved”**

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. | Peter 4:7-11*

For the last two months we have been preaching a series called “Live Like You’re Loved”. Most of the messages have been from I Peter. In early February we were working through the passage in I Peter 4. We discussed together what it means to pray for ourselves and each other, to love each other deeply, offering hospitality and using our spiritual gifts to serve each other and those

outside of our church. Right in the middle of the message, an older gentleman came through our door and stepped right into the middle of the message of our Sunday worship. I stopped the message and welcomed, the not so well dressed and a bit confused man, that walked from one of our neighborhoods group homes. After the welcome he said, “I just needed a place to get warm.”

At that moment, one of our members jumped up and found a chair for him. Another member went out to the kitchen to grab a cup of coffee for him. We all welcomed him, and he told us his name was Dave. At the end of the service, we ushered him into the kitchen for a plate filled with food ready for our meal together. He sat at a table with some of our members. He was prayed over and went out the door loved on in the Name of Jesus.

Later that day as I reflected on those moments I found myself thanking God. Thank you God for sending “the least of these” into our midst. Thank you God for our church body who responds with the heart of God and use their gifts accordingly. Thank you God for giving us the worship structure that can stop and meet Jesus where He is moving. Thank you God for provide such a powerful application to the Scripture that we just heard and discussed right before our eyes!

Blessings, Gary and Cindy Koerth

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