

The Object of Your Love

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This title came to me during a sermon from Evangelist Jerry Sivnksty in late 2007. He used the phrase in conversation with an individual who was broken in his sin. I was moved by the thought that though my sin breaks and grieves me, *I cannot get away from the relentless love of God*. I began to write a song that I fully intended to have two verses. Both verses would deal with God's love to me in spite of my sin before and after coming to faith in Him.

I finished the two verses late on a Sunday night, February 9, 2008, and planned to give the text to Greg on Monday. But then, February 10th happened ... Bryn suffered a miscarriage and we lost our baby. In the raw emotion of those moments, I wrestled with why God would give us a baby only to take that precious child away. I knew all the right answers to tell myself, but they rang hollow in my hurting heart.

As I drove home from our Sunday night service, I cried out to the Father, "*Why are you doing this?*" His gentle reply to me was ... "*I'm about to teach you as aspect of My love that you haven't felt before.*" I then remembered the song I had just completed. After putting Bryn to bed, I sat down to write what became the third verse. The words came to me very quickly ... a rare thing for me and my writing. When Monday came, I sat down in Greg's office and shared how we lost our baby, and then handed him the finished version of the song. April 2008, our church enjoyed a week of meetings with our staff evangelist, Morris Gleiser, my dad. Right before he got up to preach on Thursday evening, I sang the song for the first time while Greg played the piano.