## Have you ever...

- Been lonely?
- Been homesick?
- Felt that all is *not* right with the world?

Then this message is for you.

## I. <u>From Long-Distance Despair to Heavenly Hope</u>

- a. Looking up when you're feeling down
- b. See that empty tomb back there?
- c. My hope is built on Jesus' blood & resurrection!

## II. Faith It Till You Make It

- a. Don't stop believing
- b. There is great gain with Christ-focused pain
- c. Peter knew the highs and lows of faltering faith

## III. A Real Blind Love

- a. Jesus asked Peter if he loved him three times
- b. Peter reminds us that we love Jesus, blindly
- c. The everlasting joy of loving and being loved
- Are you lonely?
- Are you homesick?
- Do you feel that all is *not* right with the world?

Then this message is for you:

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)