

#2 "Finding Your First Love"

1 John 4:19 (NIV) We love because he first loved us.

Mark 12:28-30 (NIV) One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

1. Relationship with God is more about ______ than ______.

2. God ______ to be loved.

Psalm 31:23 (NIV) Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full.

3. Loving God is a ______ to God's love.

God reveals His love to us through:

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Psalm 19:1-2 (NLT) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known.

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Psalm 19:8-11 (NIV) The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Romans 5:8 (NIV) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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2 Corinthians 7:6 (MSG) Then the God who lifts up the downcast lifted our heads and our hearts with the arrival of Titus.

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Matthew 10:29-31 (NIV) Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

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Psalm 121:7-8 (NIV) The LORD will keep you from all harm-he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

4. Life-changing love for God is an "_____-" love.

5. True love for God is expressed ______.

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