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Matthew 22:34-35

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

Matthew 22:36

**“Teacher, which is the great
commandment in the Law?”**

Matthew 22:37-38

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

Matthew 22:39-40

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

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Song of Songs 8:6

**Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm, for love is
strong as death, jealousy is fierce
as the grave. Its flashes are flashes
of fire, the very flame of the LORD.**

Song of Songs 8:7

**Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it. If a
man offered for love all the wealth
of his house, he would be utterly
despised.**

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**What does it look like
for us to love God?**

1. Listen intently

**Jesus exposed the
Pharisees as stalkers –
experts of the law but
amateurs of the heart.**

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2. Love Sacrificially.
Even though we struggle.

- **Music**
- **Application**
- **Giving**

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**“To love at all is to be vulnerable.
Love anything and your heart will
be wrung and possibly broken. If
you want to make sure of keeping
it intact you must give it to no
one, not even an animal. Wrap it
carefully round with hobbies and
little luxuries; avoid all
entanglements...**

Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”

C.S. Lewis (the Four Loves)

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3. Lean in to the life of Christ!

“Loving God means paying attention to our relationship with God – being intentionally present to the one in whom we live and have our being...

Worship is about being part of a community that remembers, celebrates, and mediates that reality and passion of God. [Spiritual Disciplines] are not a requirement, but a practical means of opening ourselves to God.”

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Luke 7:41-42

“A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Luke 7:43

Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

Luke 7:44

Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

Luke 7:45-46

You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Luke 7:47-48

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

Luke 7:49-50

Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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