

# Who's Number ONE in Your Life?

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I see a little one question up here and say, why don't all of you in the aisle stand up and move forward? And all of you are standing up can sit down. How's that? And there is room up here. Why don't you just come on up here? I think there's room for most people to sit down there. On Thursday night, we're going to answer anonymous questions that you girls might have and you can put them up here. I think the guys are very brave to attend this lady's meeting, don't you think so? They'll have to remember that we're talking to the girls and just sort of sift through it. Come on. I'd rather everybody sat down. There's another aisle over here. If you want to go around the building and come in this side door, you can sit down in this aisle here.

I want to start out with a question. We haven't prayed yet. Did we pray? We sang. Let's pray. Father, we just thank you so much that we have this opportunity this week to spend special time with you. And we ask that you will be very near to us and just open up our hearts, help us to be opened. Whatever you have to say to us in Jesus name, Amen.

I'd like to ask you a question. Who's number one in your life? Who do you love the most? Well, who is your very first love?

We hear an awful lot about God's love, and we talked about God's love last night, and we really need to hear about it because without it, nothing would be worthwhile. And so, of course, that's the most important thing in the world is God's love. But we forget often we don't think about our love for God. And I would like to just suggest that we look again at Matthew 22:37 for your

notes. And I hope you are taking notes because they say if you can remember 15% of what you hear, that's unusual.

And so I'd like for you to take notes. And once you get out of this conference, a lot will depend on how much you are willing to go back over your notes and make it yours.

It's not my material then it's your material that the Lord has given to you. I attended a conference at Mount Herman for a week, and I know it took that man a lifetime to give us a week's material out of his life. And I went home with his notes and I studied them every day for a month and see how much I gained from it from his lifetime of lessons. And so I like to challenge you. We do not think about our love for God, but Matthew 22:37 puts it right out there and shows us how important it is.

Jesus said, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And we've heard it and we've quoted it, and I tell you, it doesn't mean very much.

And so I went to the dictionary and I wanted to look it up. I thought I knew what heart meant, but I thought I'd look it up anyway. And Webster says that the heart is the central place or center, the core, the vital part, the innermost nature, the foundation, the deepest of feelings, the source of emotions.

Now, when you think of it that way, let's go back. You are to love the Lord, your God in the central place of your being, in the core of your being, with your innermost nature, your foundation, with your deepest feeling, with all of your emotions.

Webster says that the soul is that spiritual part of the person that is credited with the functions of the will, and it determines all behavior. So you are to love the Lord with all your soul, that spiritual part of you that controls the will. You are to love the Lord with all your will and with that part of you that determines all your behavior, you're to love the Lord, your God with all your

mind. And Webster says that the mind is the seat of the intellect, the base of reasoning. So we are to love the Lord with all of our consciousness, with all our intellect, and with all of our reasoning.

Wow, that's pretty heavy. And I want to ask you, do you love the Lord like that? I don't, but he's given us a goal, and it's a big one, and that's going to take some work, and most of us haven't even been giving it any thought.

And so we're going to find out how to go about it a little bit. Okay. And I'd like for you to write down for your notes reading Revelation, chapter two, verses two through five. And here's the Lord speaking to a Church. It's very interesting what he says to the Church in Ephesus, chapter two, verse two.

I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves Apostles and they are not. And you found them to be false. And you have perseverance and have endured for my name's sake and have not grown weary. But I have this against you that you have left your first love. Remember, therefore, where you have fallen and repent and do the deeds you did at first, or else I'm coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent.

Does this scripture Pierce your heart? It pierced mine. Let's look at it again. There's something wrong with their love for the Lord. There's got to be something wrong with mine because look at what they did.

The Lord said to them, I know your work, your toil. I mean, it's more than work. They labored and perseverance, pushing ahead faithfulness, and that you cannot endure evil. I love that that's what these people were like. They couldn't stand evil. And that they had been faithful and they had endured suffering and they hadn't gotten tired. They hadn't even gotten tired.

But the Lord said, there's something I have against you. You've left your first love. And then chapter verse five is kind of frightening because he says, I'm coming, and I'll remove your lampstand out of its place unless you repent. And I looked it up in Philippians 2:15. Lampstand just means light. You see, the light in us will be removed. If we don't love the Lord with all of our heart, soul and mind, we will not be able to be the witness. Our light will go out. The world will not see Christ.

That's all it means. But it's serious. And I thought, well, what's wrong with my love for the Lord? I try, and I'm sure you do, too. You're attending the meetings at Tory. You're trying to live a Christian life. You do Bible studies and so forth. But I want to ask you, is your record better than theirs?

Well, if he doesn't feel that this meets the Mark, what first love is it? What is first love? I mean, what is it that Jesus values so much so highly when it's none of these things? If it's none of these things, then what is it that he values so highly? And I looked at first Corinthians 13. I never have understood first Corinthians 13. It's beautiful, but it's hard to understand. But I've come up with some conclusions. Love seeks nothing for self. And we talked about that this morning. It does not seek other people, but it seeks the person of Jesus Christ.

Now, what do I mean by that? Well, utmost love, first love is being with him, not doing for him. And I can best illustrate that with my relationship to Norm. You know, from the very beginning, when he would come to my house, it didn't matter what I was doing. Everything else pale because he was there. I wanted to be with him.

And it's still like that when he walks in the door, it just doesn't matter what I'm doing. He's home. And you see, anything that I might be doing for him is a result of the love that comes from being with him. But so often we get it all mixed up, and we want to do things for Christ and call it love.

We want to serve. And we forget that the love that God values so highly, the first love is that desire to be with him.

Now, I want you to try to discover really, who it is or what it is. It can be a thing or something other than a person that you love the most. Do you know how to give yourself a test to find out who it is? Well, I don't want to be dogmatic, but I think it could be determined by what you think about the most.

Yo i said, Well, I don't have any time to think my own thoughts of Biola. All I have time for, brother, is to get my work done. And then I drop in bed at night. Well, come on. You got to walk back and forth to class, and you've got to walk back and forth to the dorm and to the cafeteria. And there are a few minutes in the morning before you get out the door, and there are a few minutes after the lights out at night. For some of you, who do you think about? Where does your mind go? That'll tell you who you love the most or what you love the most.

I asked my oldest daughter, Shelley, that question, and she said, my goodness, Mother, I'm going to have to think that one over. It took her two days and she came back. She said, I know who I love the most. I said, who? She said, myself. She told me I could tell on her. She said, you know, Mom, I find out the first thing I wake up in the morning, I think about me. And all day long I think about me, and I think she hit it right on the head. We usually love ourselves the most. And you say, no, I wasn't thinking that at all. I was thinking about some guy.

Well, it's still a form of self-love, isn't it? Because its how he relates to me, isn't it? That's important. And so we go back to what we said this morning. Who do we love the most? And if its south, we've got to put crucify south. You know last night we talked a little bit about self-image, and it's talked about all the time. And it's always a question we have, and I think we have too much emphasis on it.

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We could go on for hours about good self-image, bad self-image and all of that. But the philosophy of knowing yourself, is I believe that one of the biggest deterrents to loving God.

Why? Because the emphasis is off of God and on the self. Now, you know in the Old Testament Moses had this problem. God came along and he was trying to get Moses to do a big job for him.

And guess what Moses said. Who am I Lord?

You want to know who he was? He had his eyeballs inverted, and all he could see was his inadequacy and everything. Lord, who am I? And you know what God said? He said, Moses, you're this and you're this and you're that. And he slapped him on the back. No, he didn't. He didn't even answer it. He said, Moses, I am.

Isn't that fascinating? God just said, look at me, look at me. He never told him. He never told him who he was. He only began to tell him about who God was. And if you come to the place where you really know God, you'll come to a new place of understanding yourself and self-appreciation, you can either be God conscious or self-conscious. We're all struggling with being self-conscious.

Well, here are some practical helps on how to exercise this first love that we've been talking about. First, cultivate his presence. Number one, cultivate his presence. How? Well, David said in the Psalms, Thou art ever before me. David recognized that the Lord was always there before him. Remember last night in the Philippians? I believe it's verse five. The scripture says the Lord is near. He's always here.

And we need to cultivate that his presence and recognize Him and everything, that he's here, he's always before me. But this awareness is not just going to happen. We've got to ask the Lord to help us to recognize that he's here. We can't see Him with our human eyes. I found a love letter written by Irene Lawrence, and I thought it was terrific, and it illustrates just what I'm talking

about. And some of you have heard it. I know, but it still illustrates this, and I want to read it to you.

She imagined in her mind how the Lord feels he loves us so much that he sat down and wrote a love letter. Well, he did write a lot of love letters, didn't he? To us in the Bible. But she's written this, and I think it describes it. Dear friend, this is a love letter from Jesus. How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love and care about you. How much I love and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were talking and walking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would talk to me. Also, as evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you. And I waited. You never came. Oh, yes, it hurt me, but I still love you because I'm your friend. I saw you fall asleep last night, and I longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight on your pillow and face. And again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you.

You awakened late and rushed off for the day. My tears were in the rain today. You look so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times, too. I know how hard it is on this Earth. I really know because I was there and I want to help you. My father wants to help you, too. He's that way, you know, just call me, ask me, talk to me. It is your decision. I have chosen you. And because of this, I will wait because I love you. Your friend, Jesus.

I looked it over and I realized that that's just a picture of me so often. Wake up late, rush off, and then what happens? I feel sad and I feel lonely. And I get depressed. And I don't know what's wrong with me.

I never stopped to talk to God or recognize that he was there. But the thing that we forget is that he's saddened by it. If God ever needed anything, he needs our love. Isn't that beyond your comprehension that he's longing for us to acknowledge Him?

You know, I hate to be alone. I grew up in a fishbowl in a 17 room missionary guest house. Was always full of missionaries. And so when I'm. In the morning, when my family all leave the house, lots of times I'll stand at the door and I'll watch them walk off. And, you know, I enjoy seeing how good they look and their clothes and how neat they are. And then suddenly, as the last car pulls away, I realize I've got to go back in an empty house.

And a lot of times I feel depressed. Part of the reason for the depression is the eggs on the plates and the unmade beds. And if I happen to look in the mirror, I'm more depressed than ever. But often I've gone back into the entry of my house, and I thought, oh, I'm alone. Until I began to realize, no, the Lord is here.

I've got to acknowledge it. And so a few times I stood in the hall and I said, Hello, Lord, I know you're here. And the more I did it, the more really became to me. And now I like to come in. And when they're all gone, let's get them out of here so we can be alone.

It's terrific. You know, that's the way I am with Norm. Why can't we be that way with the Lord? Norman and I have people around. If you ever come to my house, you'll find out we have people around all the time. But if we get alone, even in the room for a minute, we're just really together catching up.

So cultivate his presence, too. Another way to make Jesus our first love is in the first thing in the morning when you wake up, your thoughts should be of him. And that is not going to come naturally either. The first thing I thought of this morning was I've got two messages to bring today at Biola. That was the first thought that hit me when I opened my eyes.

And then I had to force myself around and remember that if the Lord is my number one love, I should tell him that I love him. And I said, Lord, in my heart, I love you. What is the most important thing for you to hear? Don't you love to have your friends tell you they love you? It's very important to me. I like to be told I'm wonderful, too. And it's wonderful to tell the Lord that he's wonderful. So do it. First thoughts in the morning will not be naturally for Him. But then you can turn them right around and address him the first thing in the morning.

Three, have dates with the Lord. Do you have a spare minute? You said, when? Well, when you do have a spare minute, what do you do with it? Oh, you run next door or down the hall to see your friend. Or some of you said, Well, I just want a minute to myself.

Well, don't always seek others or self, you think, oh, here we are alone, Lord. Every time I crawl into a car, I think, Father, we're here alone together. We can talk. And lots of times my phone just rings off the wall because I do a lot of counseling. So I take walks and the Lord and I go for a walk.

And that is not any big spiritual heavy thing. I talk to Him about all the things I'm seeing and just how I feel about it. And it's great. A lot of times I'll sit down and have a cup of tea with the Lord. But you need to set dates.

You know, if you don't, you will go from morning till late at night and you'll never think of Him, but he'll be along, but you won't acknowledge Him. How rude is that? Do you know what I read in an article in the paper the other day that was just unbelievable? It told the story. And if it was in the paper, of course it has to be true.

But anyway, it was about a man and his wife, were taking a trip together and he stopped at the filling station and she had other things to do. So she left the car and he got back in the car and he paid his bill and he took off without her. The newspaper article said 5 hours later he woke up that

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she wasn't with him. Well, at that point, I wonder that it even would pay him to turn around and go back. It was grounds for divorce, don't you think?

Not really. But I really wondered how he could possibly be without his wife for 5 hours when they were supposed to be together in the car. I don't have any explanations about that article, but it sure did illustrate exactly the way we treat the Lord. We go for hours just tootling, as my little Irish friend down here would say, tootling off and forgetting that he's right beside us and we haven't acknowledged him. Okay.

4 we need to learn to love his word. It's his way of talking to us. And we talked this morning about that. It will not come naturally to learn to love his word. Norman and I are separated a lot and if we're apart more than a week, he writes me, then every day we try to write every day.

Part of that is because we do have to be separated. So in order to stay close, we communicate and, you know, we will have been married for 30 years in June. And when I see that old handwriting on the envelope, guess what happened? My heart just still jumps.

Do I feel that way over the word? I'm supposed to love the Lord with all of my emotion and feeling, and I'm not there yet, but I'm working on it. David said, Thy word. Have I treasured? Do you treasure it? Do you know anybody who really treasures it?

I met someone once who treasured it in a phenomenal way. In Taiwan, we had to run a guest house. Our first two years. We didn't have any children. And so they let us have the big house with all the bedrooms to entertain everybody.

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And an interesting lady came to the door one day, and she was obviously a foreigner. She was not Chinese, and she was not American. She was European, and she had a fur coat and a fur hat, and she was a very tall lady. And I had never heard her name before, and I had never met her

before. And she said, I'm in the city for meetings, and I understand you have a guest house for Christians. And can I stay with you?

And I was only 23 years old, and I was homesick normally, out in the villages two and three weeks out of every four. And I was lonely. And I welcomed her in, and I soon found out I had an angel in my house. Guess who it was? Cory Tenboom.

She was with me for ten whole days because it rained and stormed. All the men were out in the villages, and nobody could do anything for her schedule. And so the Lord just blocked her in with this green kid. And, you know, she didn't resent 1 minute of it. She had come to speak in the prison all over Taiwan, and the Lord shut her up with me for ten days.

And she could have felt like it was a terrible, gross waste of time. I didn't even think about it then. I was too young to realize. But I sure have thought about it since I balled a lot on her shoulder. And, you know, she'd had her feet frozen in the prison camps.

And I wrapped her feet up in blankets, and we only had a little heater because we didn't have any central heating. And we'd have to sit in one spot to get the benefit of the heat. And we would talk by the hour. And she told me everything she'd written in that book, hadn't written it yet. You know the hiding place?

But the thing that impressed me the most about her life was how she treasured the word of God.

Oh, and David said, Thy word. If I treasured, I shall delight in thy word. And I love thy word. It's my meditation all the day long.

Job said, by the way that's found in 119. Found in 119. And Job said in Job 23:12, I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. Do you feel that way? That's what we're talking about this morning, cultivating an appetite so that if you don't have an eating the words day, you can't go to sleep because you're so empty.

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We can show the Lord how much we love him by loving one another. And we touched on that this morning. First John 4 20:21 and I really didn't want to bring up this point, but I couldn't leave it out because it's very vital. If someone says I love God and hates his brother, he is a liar. It's awfully strong language for the one who does not love his brother or sisters whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

And this commandment we have from him that the one who loves God should love his brother also. And then I got a little defeated because I told you I don't like everyone. Do you?

I don't have a real big problem with liking people, but there are some people I really don't like.

And I found out that you can love people and not like them all at the same time because first John 3 17 says if we see someone in need and we close our hearts against them, against Him, we don't love God. And so it is important for us to understand what love is. It's not this gushy liking everything about everybody, but it is a concern, it is a compassion and it is a care. And that's what love is. And you could be very objective about a person and dislikes their type.

Maybe they're rough, maybe they're uncultured or whatever. You don't have to like it, but you have to care about his wellbeing or her wellbeing and you need to have compassion. And that's a very difficult line of balance. And we remember this morning, for those of you who are in the meeting, if you don't like someone, usually we don't care a thing about what happens to them and then that's not love. And the love of God is not enough. And we don't love God.

And I am amazed because a lot of you talk to me and even though I'm clear up nearly in San Francisco, outside of San Jose, I still hear a lot from the students at Biola College. And one of the things that concerns them is the care or the lack of care that you have for one another and compassion. And you know what the kids tell me, at the nonchristian schools, at the secular

schools, they said we are so glad to meet another Christian. We don't care if he's charismatic, we don't care how long his Herod, we don't care anything. He just loves Jesus and we love Jesus. We're just awful glad to be together. We need each other. But when you get down here, you picking out all the little faults and making decisions about the other one's spirituality or nonspirituality and dissecting one another's personality traits. And it's wrong. Listen, it's hurting a lot of people, especially the girls.

And how do you show the Lord you love him? By loving others. Showing care and compassion and care takes time. I don't have any time. We can't afford to just ignore people. And it also starts with forgiveness. We go back to that. It is just a root problem for many troubles.

The 7th way to show that our love for Jesus is found in Colossians 3:17. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord. Do you like to play tennis? Play it. And for the best, the best.

You can be a good tennis player and do it for Jesus sake. I like to paint and I do it for the Lord. For years I was on the mission field, and I was scared to death to take art or to take Chinese cooking and all these things I longed to do because I didn't think they were important. Well, everything's in balance. We need to keep everything in balance. But if you can do it as unto the Lord, it's all right. It's another way of showing that we love him. Do it for him.

I set the table for him. We have candlelight every night. I do it for Norm, but I'm doing it for the Lord, too. I'm cooking every meal for the Lord. Everything I'm doing is for the Lord. I want him to be proud of me. I want him to be pleased.

Eight. Showing our love for the Lord by letting him meet our soul needs. What does that mean by letting him fulfill us girls, we usually want to be fulfilled by some man.

And Psalm 62:5 says, my soul waits for God only. My expectation is from him. My needs are to be met by the Lord. If you're married and some of you here are married, it will be the most natural thing in the world for you to look to your husband to meet your needs. And if you're single, the temptation will be well, I think if someone just only if someone would love me, everything would be different.

And you know that God created us with a special spot in our heart that only he can fill. And we're always trying to stuff a guy into it. And as I say, I've been married 30 years, and I still find myself stuffing Norman into that spot. What does that do to Norm?

It gets him out of shape. That's right. But the truth is that he can't meet my need no matter how much I want him to. And so I can get dissatisfied, you see, and your boyfriend cannot meet your needs and fulfill you. And so the more you expect that to happen, the more you're going to be disappointed.

And the poor guy doesn't know what he's done. He's usually totally bewildered. What's the matter with that woman? And so, you know, he just clams up and he retreats and you advance.

Oh, you say, not really.

Well, not really, but it's a spirit, it's an attitude. And we forget that it's God that meets our soul needs. And then if you can think of it this way, that the husband or the boyfriend is just bonus, that's all. You see, God is my everything and norm is just bonus. And that way, if you don't have a man, it doesn't matter.

You're fulfilled, you're complete. And, you know, statistically, we as women can expect to be widowed ten years. That's what the average is. The average woman outlives the man ten years. And if we just learn that the Lord wants to meet our needs, we will not be totally devastated if that happens to us.

We have no guarantee, those of us who are married, that our husbands will be here tomorrow and we can go on. We can exist. And you can exist without a man at all. If you let God meet your soul needs, and then it does something makes you beautiful because you see, you free him to express himself to you without expectations. Now you have to expect him, of course, to be a gentleman.

And you teach him subtly. And we will talk about that Thursday night. But I'm saying and I think you know what I'm saying, that you do not expect him to be God in your life and meet your soul needs and fulfill you because he can't. And he won't understand if you get this spirit and you probably haven't understood what's been wrong all this time. It took me a long time to find out myself.

Isaiah 54:5 tells us something that is just unbelievable. Isaiah 54:5, this is for single girls, this is for widows, and this is for married women. Isaiah 54:5 tells us that your husband is your Maker, whose name is the Lord of hosts, and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the Earth. Do you know who your husband is? The God of all the Earth. Is that hard to grasp? Well, if it is, let's make a list. What do you want from a man, married or unmarried? What do you want listed?

In fact, it has been compiled by Dr. Pocono, who is the greatest marriage counselor in America in the last 50 years. And he has found out the number one need for a woman is. Well, I think it's a toss up between security and love, but let's put down love and then security. The third one is romance. And then there's a long list. Okay. The Bible tells us that the maker of all the Earth, God is our husband. Can he meet those needs? Can he meet the need that I have for security? Oh, yes.

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Can he meet the need that I have for love? Oh, yes, he loves you no matter how you look or how nasty and pewy you are. Unconditionally. And how about romance? Well, what is romance? Romance is excitement. There is nothing as exciting as living moment by moment with Jesus. So you see, he can meet our needs. And as long as we let him meet our needs, I tell you, we can be what the man needs most. Do you know what I know? You've been dying to know what the man's needs are. And the number one needs.

Can you guess what it is? I know what you're thinking. You think it's sex. No, it isn't. It's companionship. You'll be the neatest companion if you're a whole person in Christ. All fulfilled. I have a friend whose husband divorced her. They were Christians. It was just a heartbreaking situation. He divorced her after 25 years. And I showed her that verse. And we have been together for the last year. We've been just putting all of the broken pieces of her heart back together. And I gave her that verse, and she stood on it literally. He'd always had the car fixed. And so she said, okay, Lord, you're my husband.

Remind me when the car needs to be. What is it? Tuned up. And it came time for her birthday. And she said, you know, Muriel, I just felt like I needed a birthday present. And my husband always would celebrate my birthday.

And I knew there wasn't going to be anybody to give me a present this year. And so she said, Lord, you're my husband. And I feel like I need a birthday present. We're going to talk about needs on Thursday night, too, whether we need it or not. But she told the Lord that she felt like she needed a birthday present.

And she said, since you're my husband, you please get me one. And guess what? She is a real estate, a realtor. And she hasn't sold anything for a long time. And one day she met a person, a couple who were Christians, and they found out she was a Christian.

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And right near her birthday, almost done the day, she sold \$100,000 home. Nice birthday present. All right, last point. And we have to go 8th point.

Another way to show God that you love him first. And I believe it's the most important of all.

And I left it to last is a repentant heart. Repentant heart. Jesus said in Luke 7:47, those who have been forgiven much, love much, and those who have been forgiven little, love little. And it reminds me of that story in Luke. And then we'll close. There were two people.

One was named Mary and the other was named Simon. And Mary had done a lot of creepy things. She had really failed. And Goofed made a lot of mistakes, had terrible regrets. And the Lord Jesus forgave her.

Well, what about Simon? Simon was respectable. He was a good Church man. He knew the Scriptures. There was a difference in these two people.

But Simon didn't need anything from Jesus. How do I know? Because he invited Jesus over for dinner. And, you know, he wasn't even respectable enough. He didn't respect Jesus enough or cherish him.

He wasn't even courteous enough to wash Jesus feet. He didn't need anything from him. I think he had him over there just for curiosity. And because it's an Oriental setting, I kind of think this is what happened because it's an unusual story. Jesus came and Simon didn't treat him with care and love.

And he took Jesus out into his garden to feed him lunch. Well, everybody knew Jesus was there, including Mary. So they all went, if they were Orientals, to have a peek at the picnic. And Mary, because she was a woman, noticed that Jesus feet had not been washed. And she loved him so much.

I think it broke her heart. I think she got the whole significance. And you know what I think happened? She completely forgot she wasn't invited. And she sneaked through the bushes and she let down her hair.

And as she was taking down her hair, she wept. And she washed her feet, his feet with her tears and dried his feet with her hair. And then, you know what Jesus said to Simon? Those who have sinned much and have been forgiven much, love much. I believe every night when we go to bed, we ought to ask the Lord, Have I pleased you with my life today?

After all, if he's the one in our life that we love the most, we should want to please Him the most. Have I pleased you with my life today? And he will always be faithful to show you. It's amazing the things that he'll show you. And just as he reveals, he always heals. It's amazing.

Only God can do that. We can reveal one another's problems and faults, but we can't heal. That's why we have to be careful when we reveal one another's failures. But when God reveals, he always heals. And the love that it brings is unbelievable when you realize that he loves you so much.

He put his finger on that little attitude, on the way you treated so and so on. The way you acted in haste. And the healing takes place and the love just begins. And it's marvelous.

I think there's some questions you need to ask yourself. I try to ask myself all of these before I go to sleep. Did I please you with my life today? Most important question. The second question. Did I love your people today? Did I love your people today? Three. Was the word of God in my life today? Was the work well done. If you're doing everything as unto the Lord and you goofed off, was it done as unto the Lord? No. He wants you to do your work as unto him it'll change your life. Was the work well done?

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Let's bow our heads in prayer. Heavenly father, you've been talking to us and we fall so short of the Mark of loving you with all of our heart and soul and mind. But thank you, father that you've given us a goal and help us not to forget that you have a need that you need our love we're so grateful that you do in Jesus name Amen.