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## **I Love You**

I know that you love me. Of that, I am certain. **Why is that?** You sent your one and only Son into the world to die for me. You made it possible for my sins to be forgiven and my unrighteousness cleansed. You rescued me from a life without you. You pulled me off the path that led away from you. You broke down the barrier that separated me from you. You made it possible for me to live and walk in an intimate relationship with you. You restored my soul. You have revived and refreshed my life. You have given me a hunger and thirst for you and the life that you have for me. You put your Holy Spirit within me as a deposit guaranteeing that I have a future in heaven with you. You have given me your word so that I can know your will and walk in your ways. You have filled my life with hope and meaning and purpose. You have given me gifts and talents and abilities with which I can bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Throughout all the twists and turns and ups and downs of life you have been with me to comfort and encourage me. You have kept me moving forward with you. You are molding and shaping my life so I will become the person you have called me to be. You draw near to me as I draw near to you. You hear and answer my prayers. For all of these things and for much more I give you all my thanks and praise. **That is every good.**

**Is there something else that you want to give to me?** I want to give you myself. I am all yours. I am at your disposal. I am fully devoted to you. I now love you, because you first loved me. It is my joy to say that I love you with all my heart and mind and soul. I will go where you guide me, to do what you ask of me. Not because, I should or must, but because I love you. I want to do what is pleasing to you. I want to live my life with and for you. It is the desire of my heart to know and love you. It is the goal of my life to follow and serve you. Use me for your purposes. Help me to fulfill your plans. **Yes, I will.**

*Heavenly Father, I love you because you first loved me. You loved me when I was unlovable. Now, I do love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Help me to better and more fully express my love to you as I follow and serve you every day. Amen*

**The Mind**      *The Greatest Commandment*

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

NIV      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *Most Important Commandment*

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

NLT      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *The Greatest Commandment*

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 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 greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

NRSV      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *Which Commandment Is Great And Important*

Teacher, which kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light—which are heavy?] And He replied to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself. These two commandments sum up and upon them depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

AMP      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *The Great Commandment*

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 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 foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

NASB      Matthew 22:36-40

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NKJV      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *The Most Important Commandment*

"Teacher, which command in God's Law is the most important?" Jesus said, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' These two commands are pegs; everything in God's Law and the Prophets hangs from them."

MSG      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *The Most Important Commandment*

"Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?" Jesus replied, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: 'Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.' All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them. Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others."

TLB      Matthew 22:36-40

**The Mind**      *The Most Important Commandment*

"Teacher, which command in the law is the most important?" Jesus answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and most important command. And the second command is like the first: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' All the law and the writings of the prophets depend on these two commands."

NCV      Matthew 22:36-40

# The Greatest Commandment

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mind** – Matthew 22:36-40

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 22*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father, I love you because you first loved me. You loved me when I was unlovable. Now, I do love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. Help me to better and more fully express my love to you as I follow and serve you every day. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How has your love for God been growing as you have followed Him?**

What have been some specific ways that you have been showing your love and devotion to God?

How has your love relationship with God developed through talking with Him in prayer?

**How is obeying God an expression of your love relationship with Him?**

When has it been difficult to obey God and do what He asks?

**How has your love relationship with God overflowing into expressions of love to your neighbor?**

When has the Lord asked you to show love to your neighbor in some extraordinary way?

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Ask God how He would like you to live and walk in love towards Him and your neighbor.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will help you to love Him with all your heart, soul and mind as you follow Him.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when love for God led you to show extraordinary love to a neighbor.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you love God with all your heart and soul and mind.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Heavenly Father, I love you with all my heart and soul and mind.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can I love you with all my heart and soul and mind today?*

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