

OUTLINE

Intro:

John 13:34-35 (NASB) ³⁴ "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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- I. Love the _____ Your _____ Vertical Relationship
Matthew 22:38 (NASB) ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment.

Matthew 22:37 (NASB) ³⁷ 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.'

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NASB). ⁴ "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

1 John 4:7-8 (NASB) ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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1 John 4:19 (NASB) ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.

Romans 5:5 (NASB) ⁵ and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

John 14:15 (NASB) ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

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II. Love Your _____ Horizontal Relationship

Matthew 22:39 (NASB) ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Leviticus 19:16-18 (NASB) ¹⁶ 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD. ¹⁷ 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NASB) ¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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Luke's Version of the Great Commandments

Luke 10:25-29 (NASB) ²⁵ And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

²⁷ And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE." ²⁹ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

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Luke 10:30-37 (NASB) ³⁰ Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. ³¹ "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" ³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

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Luke 10:38-42 (NASB) ³⁸ Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; ⁴² but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

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Revelation 2:1-6 (NASB) ¹ "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ² 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; ³ and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴ 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. ⁶ 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

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Conclusion:

Romans 12:15 (NASB) ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Message slides

Discipleship Principles

Fall Series

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The Great Commandment Principle

Matthew 22:37-39 (NASB)

I. Love the Lord Your God

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Questions

1. Who are the three people in this world you love the most?
2. Why do you think we have become sort of dull or numb when we hear the word 'love' today in our society?
3. Why do you think that Jesus said that the greatest and the first commandment is that we love God first and foremost?
How do you personally love God the greatest and the first in your life?
4. Why do you think Jesus emphasized loving God with our heart, soul, and mind? How is loving God related to loving people?

Questions

5. Why do you think that both the Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Matthew 22:38 passages delineate our wholly loving God by specifically mentioning the heart, the soul and the mind? What comes easier for you and what comes harder for you in loving God: the heart? Or the soul? Or the mind?
6. For you personally which comes easier and which comes harder: loving God or loving your neighbor? What are some of the reasons why that is so for you?

Questions

7. What did you learn from the Lukan account that Pastor Randy talked about in Luke 10:25-29, and then the good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37, and then the Mary and Martha story in Luke 10:38-42? What insights about loving God and others do you gain from Luke's version of these stories and the order he put them in?
8. Is it proper to love oneself? What is the difference between selfishness or self-centeredness and self-love? (Mt 22:39)

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9. Why is self-love so important? (Mt 22:39)

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Questions

10. Where does Christian love come from? (1 John 4:7-8)
11. By Jesus' definition, what kind of 'lover' are you?
12. In what way do you want to grow in love right now:
Toward God? Toward those in your family? Toward the needy?
Toward yourself?