

Your First Love

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Review The Message.

- Read Revelation 2:2-7.
- Jesus gave a list of attributes to describe the Church in Ephesus. He labeled them as hard working, persevering for His Name, intolerant of wicked people, and enduring of hardships. However Jesus then rebuked the Church in Ephesus for forsaking their first love. What or who was the Church of Ephesus' first love? How had the church forsaken their first love?
- Reread Revelation 2:2-7 Jesus speaks to what was **good**, what was **lacking**, what was **neede**d, and what was the **reward** of obedience.

How is Your Heart?

- Remember back to the early days when you first started following Jesus.
 - 1. How did you feel about your **relationship** with God?
 - 2. How did you pursue God through reading the bible?
 - 3. How did you pursue the heart of God through reaching out to the lost?
- Review the three questions above. Which of the above has diminished in intensity in your life? What area has increased in intensity in your life? What in your daily life has taken **higher priority** than those three areas?
- What is one thing you can **DO** to continue to make God your first love? **Commit** to
 taking active measures or steps **to replace** or eliminate anything that has taken the
 place of God in your life.

How are you pursuing God's HEART?

- Are you willing to take the Third Option Challenge?
 - o #thirdoptionchallenge or text the word challenge to 52525.
- Write specific steps of how you will pursue God's heart in 2019. Have a completion date
 for each step, and give a copy to someone and ask them to hold you accountable to
 completing each step.

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 – "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."