



Bird's Eye View

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Chapter 1: What is the Purpose of our Faith? 2

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Key Truth: Is He really my first love?

Key Scripture: *Matthew 10:34-37*

As per what is mentioned in the book. It is one thing to say He is our first love, but it can be an entirely different reality when it comes to how our lives actually are. He loves us and this love is never in doubt or in question. What is in question and what concerns the Father the most is, whether we have an undivided love for Him.

It's the true knowing of God through the Spirit's power to reveal Him, that has us head over heels in love with God. This love is tangible and is to be experienced deep within the epicentre of our inner most being. The place where David cried out that truth would abide.

It is in the receiving of His love through the Spirit's power, that God truly becomes our FIRST love. The love of our Father is engraved in and on our hearts through the process of spiritual circumcision, and we now know the depth, the length, the width and the breadth of His love which surpasses knowledge - Ephesians 3:14-19.

He takes centre stage in our hearts and all those who may have taken this centre position, the in the beginning position in our past and present, are now removed and positioned in their rightful place. Self and others are no longer our number 1.

We no longer love ourselves, our wives, our husbands, our children, our parents, anyone else or anything else as our FIRST. We have truly come into having God as our first love.

Some of us may know this reality and some of us may not. Some of us may have known this reality but left it in the pursuit of others. Wherever you are at, can I encourage you to lean in to Him and be prepared to do whatever it takes, to discover God as your first love.

Your life will never be the same.

Questions:

1. If anyone in the group knows of this reality in Christ, can you please give testimony to what it is like to have Him as your number 1 love.
2. Share how the reality of this has changed every aspect of your life and what it has empowered and enabled in what you have been able to demonstrate.
3. What is God's eternal way for how His love gets engraved in our hearts?
4. Why is having God as our number 1 love at the centre of our lives essential for us?
5. What are the consequences to us and others of us not having this reality in us?
6. What does this reality of love empower us to be able to demonstrate now and forever?

Action point: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place after going through this resource?