

Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes By Hearing: "Loving God Supremely" (Matthew 22:34-40)
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So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV

Warm up:

"When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" - Psalm 11:3

*What "foundations" have been destroyed lately? What impact has that had?

Read: Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. ³⁵ And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: ³⁶ "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." (CSB)

*Has Jesus "silenced" you recently? How? Why?

*What questions do you have for Jesus -- even in your "area of expertise" ?

EFCA Statement of Faith

8. Christian Living: We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. **God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially**, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

*WHY should we love God supremely?

(Exodus 20:1-2 & Colossians 1:12-14, Exodus 4:23 & Romans 8:15-17, 1 John 4:19)

3 BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LOVING GOD SUPREMELY:

1. YOUR _____¹ : What's *in* your heart?

"You are what you love." - James K. A. Smith

(Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 4:23)

Discipleship question: "What are you looking for?" - Jesus, John 1:38

2. YOUR _____² : What *comes from* your heart?

"People over projects!" - EFCA Crisis Response

(Leviticus 19:18, Ecclesiastes 3:3, Luke 10:25-37)

3. YOUR _____³ : What's *on* your heart?

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them with tasks and work, but rather, teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."
- *The Little Prince*

(2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

*Check out this Bible Project video on the Heart: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aS4iM6KpPYo>

¹ DESIRES

² DECISIONS

³ DEVOTIONS