



Lesson 79 First Love
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BT – Be silent before Me, for I AM holy. I AM the commander. I have a plan. Times of trouble ahead; stay close. I will keep you. Have no fear. Joy, you will come through victoriously. I take care of My own. Meditate on Me. Focus on Me. Make Me a part of each and every day. More and more of your time spent with Me. My Bride will manifest. She will be glorious. My Beloved. The time is at hand. Press on, be refined.

CT – Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one. There is one way, one path and that is Jesus. Jesus lives! Jesus saves! Praise His Holy Name. You have done well. Praise acknowledged and received. One word, one heart, Jesus; speak of Jesus with love, with adoration, with praise and with intimacy.

When you are talking to those I bring to you, speak with such a heart that they can see and feel the relationship you have with your King Jesus. Allow them to not only see your relationship with King Jesus but they should also see the relationship of love, of courtship.

Do you remember how you felt with your first love? Do you remember the passion and giddiness you felt over your first love? Have this same passion and giddiness for ME! I am not talking about being pushy and obsessive. There is a difference. Don't turn them off by being overbearing. No, turn them on by your complete faith and belief in Me. That is what was special about your first love; the part of love before hurt, before disillusionment because with Me unlike your first love I will never leave you. I will never be afraid of commitment. I have already demonstrated my commitment to you on the cross! This is the love I want you to demonstrate for all to see, a love of commitment, a love of obedience, a love of faith. Be this and great things will happen! Amen.

Introduction

In this lesson we will be examining the love the Lord holds for His beloved. The Lord helped us to understand the importance of our love relationship when He said, *When you are talking to those I bring to you, speak with such a heart that they can see and feel the relationship you have with your King Jesus. Allow them to not only see your relationship with King Jesus but they should also see the relationship of love and courtship.* Therefore in this lesson, we will look at first loves, commitment, and faith through a relationship of love and courtship. And we will answer the Lord's demonstration of love by responding in kind to this demonstration. And we will learn the significance of this response.

First Love

We will start this lesson by looking at first loves. Remember, the Lord put this topic before us when He said, *Do you remember how you felt with your first love?* For this reason, let's go back in time and remember how we felt about our first loves.

First Love – Believe

When I thought about my first love the first thing that came to mind was belief. This was a person I believed in. I felt he was a person of character. He was honest, kind and he believed in Jesus. There was goodness in him. These were qualities I valued; in fact, his very presence in my life made me want to be better. Our relationship with the Lord is the same. We know that He does not lie. We know He is good. He is in fact Holy. And we believe in Him.

In the bible (**John 11:17-44**) we are told the story of Lazarus' passing. Mary and Martha were in great distress because of his death. Each felt that Jesus could have saved him from death if he had been present. When Jesus came to them Lazarus had been dead for four days. Then when Martha ran to meet him she said,

“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” She said to Him, “Yes Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Martha had come to know the Lord. She had developed a relationship with Him. She had complete faith in Him. She believed. And Lazarus was raised from the dead.

We too are to have complete faith and trust in the Lord just as Martha did. And we are to believe in Him with the same love and intensity that we had for our first love.

Romans 10: 1-13 *Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, having not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew or Greek (Gentile), for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

Martha was vocal in regards to her belief in the Messiah. In fact her relationship with the Lord has become a testimony for us. We read in the passage from Romans that we too are to be vocal in regards to our belief in the Messiah. The Lord explained that our faith would touch others. He said, **turn them on by your complete faith and belief in Me**. Consequently, our relationship with the Lord will be a testimony for others as well; similar to letting our light shine before all men just as Martha's belief became a testimony for us.

Remember I began this section by stating that the first thing that came to mind about my first love was that this was a person I believed in. I felt he was a person of character. He was honest, kind and he believed in Jesus. There was goodness in him. These were qualities I valued; in fact, his very presence in my life made me want to be better. When it comes to our relationship with others the Lord wants them to be able to have this same confidence in us. He wants them to be able to believe in us in the same way we believed in our first love; the same way we believe in Him. **This is the love I want you to demonstrate for all to see, a love of commitment, a love of obedience, a love of faith.** Can Jesus be seen in you?

First Love – Passion

In the words we received this week the Lord also told us that He wanted us to have a passion for Him. What exactly is passion? When I think of passion I think of an all encompassing love and desire but we had better look up the definition of passion to be sure. **The definition of passion is the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and His death; suffering; emotion (as in emotions as distinguished from reason), intense, driving or overmastering feeling or conviction (driven to); ardent affection: love; a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object or concept; sexual desire.** After reading this definition I can see that passion has a deeper meaning than I had previously understood.

This week the Lord encouraged us to have the same passion for Him that we had for our first love. This is interesting to me when I think of passion from this new depth of understanding. Consequently, I believe passion is about having an intense, driving conviction or feeling of love on an emotional and a spiritual level as well. But passion is not just about love, desire or ardent affection it is also about suffering. Let me explain, I believe, it is also about devotion to the point of suffering in fact. Now you are probably thinking this is not so; this is not how it is with my relationship with Christ. But let me remind you of His words.

Matthew 10:16-22 *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to the councils and scourge you in their synagogues. You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak: for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. **And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake.** But he who endures to the end will be saved.*

Matthew 24:9 *“Then **they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.***

John 15:18 *“**If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.**”*

Now after reading these passages I must state that I do not believe that most people will hate you because you have a passion for the Lord; however, I do believe that you will come across a lot of people who will not accept the message of the three spots on the church and because of this you will experience disbelief, arguments even anger over this message. (See <http://www.takehisheart.com/churchwithoutspotorwinkle.htm> for teachings on the three spots) But there will be some who will hate you for your passion and your love for the Lord. Yes, we have learned that suffering can be a part of passion; just look at the cross. Not that I am in any way

comparing Christ's suffering on the cross to the discomfort we may experience in our walk I am just saying you will come across uncomfortable situations at times.

Still, suffering is not the only element of passion that will affect us. Our desire for the Lord will increase with the time we spend with Him. This is why He encourages us so. The more time I spent with my first love, the more I loved him. It works the same with the Lord. This is because our belief in Him like that of our first love grows with time. Yes, we believe in the Lord. We believe in His goodness and mercy. Our faith in Him increases and our desire for a deeper relationship increases as well. The passion and desire we have for Jesus surpasses that of our first love in every way. I think the Lord was just using this example because it is something most all of us can relate to. They are not comparable in any way and this is because we understand that the Lord is holy. He is perfect. He is the way. **There is one way, one path and that is Jesus.** Therefore, this belief, this faith we have in Jesus increases as our passion for Him increases. They are intertwined!

Nonetheless, it is not just this that will ignite our passion. No, our passion for Him will increase as our knowledge and understanding of Him increases. He encourages us this week to: **Meditate on Me. Focus on Me. Make Me a part of each and every day. More and more of your time spent with Me.** He explained that if we do this **My Bride will manifest. She will be glorious. My Beloved.** You see the Lord understands that the more time we spend with Him, the more we get to know Him, then the more our passion and desire will grow; just as they did for our first love. The more time I spent with him, the better I got to know him, the more I grew to love him. This same principle can be applied to our relationship to the Lord. This will make us want to be pleasing to the Lord. And it will make us want to become His **Bride**, His **Beloved**.

First Love – Giddiness

Thus far we have spoken of belief and passion but the Lord also mentioned giddiness. He said, **Do you remember how you felt with your first love? Do you remember the passion and giddiness you felt over your first love? Have this same passion and giddiness for ME!** **Giddy means lightheaded, dizzy; frivolous; light-hearted. Light-hearted means carefree, happy, and cheerful.** These definitions remind me of the Lord telling us to be joyful. But there is also a note of silliness to it I believe. Not silly like telling jokes; no I am talking about a feeling. A happiness that is so complete that it produces a state of being carefree. This is what I think the Lord means by having "giddiness" for Him.

In other words we are so happy in what we have with the Lord, our worries diminish; we become carefree even cheerful. This speaks of confidence does it not? I think the Lord is saying He wants us to be confident to the point of complete happiness. That sounds pretty awesome doesn't it?

Psalm 40:4 *Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust.*

Psalm 68:3 *But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.*

Psalm 118:8 *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.* (Note: an interesting bit of trivia on this verse is that it is the very center of the bible. There are an equal number of verses before it and after it. And what is the center but the point of focus. Therefore the point of focus of the bible is that it is better to trust in the Lord than in man. That is what I call awesome!)

Proverbs 3:26 *For the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught.*

Isaiah 61:10 *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

This is how we have giddiness in the Lord! We trust Him to the point that our fears and worries diminish and we in turn become happy, carefree, cheerful, light-hearted, giddy in the Lord.

Speak with Heart

The Lord began this conversation by speaking of Jesus. He declared, **Hear O Israel the Lord our God is one. There is one way, one path and that is Jesus. Jesus lives! Jesus saves! Praise His Holy Name.** Then He said, **One word, one heart, Jesus; speak of Jesus with love, with adoration, with praise and with intimacy.** As we make our way across our days our belief in Jesus' love, our belief in His commitment, our passion, our giddiness this is what creates the light others should see in us. The Lord used the example of our first love to help us see this.

When you are talking to those I bring to you, speak with such a heart that they can see and feel the relationship you have with your King Jesus. Allow them to not only see your relationship with King Jesus but they should also see the relationship of love, of courtship (the passion of the bridegroom for the bride). The Lord has spoken to us on many occasions instructing us to give praise and honor to our King. But this week He is emphasizing the relationship of courtship, love and intimacy that we should all be seeking with the bridegroom.

Again, He painted a picture that most of us could relate to when He recommended that we think back to our first love. He taught us that our first love is important because this is the person we loved before we became cynical about love. This is the love we experienced prior to the painful heartaches. He explained, **That is what was special about your first love; the part of love before hurt, before disillusionment.** But He then pointed out that this is where He differs from our human relationships. He said, **with Me, unlike your first love, I will never leave you. I will never be afraid of commitment.**

Hebrews 13:5 ... *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

He reminded us of the proof of His commitment when He said: **I have already demonstrated my commitment to you on the cross!**

The point the Lord is making here is that He can be counted on.

If we are to effectively communicate His love, His commitment, His passion for His children and for His Bride then we must keep this very same love, commitment and passion ever present in the forefront of our hearts and minds.

We, however, are to not become **too pushy and obsessive.** We don't want to **turn them off by being overbearing.** No, **turn them on by your complete faith and belief in Me.** That is what was special about your first love. Remind them that He said, **I will never leave you. I will never be afraid of commitment. This is the love I want you to demonstrate for all to see, a love of commitment, a love of obedience, a love of faith.**

Additional Words from the Lord

Here are some additional words the Lord shared with our group this week in regards to love, courtship, passion, giddiness and commitment:

02/29/12 MVA - You are loved; show this same love to others. I Am pouring My Love out to those with listening ears. Beauty, Life, Joy, and Love are awaiting those who walk in My purpose. Fulfillment yes.

03/01/12 MVA - As we move together in oneness you become a pure vessel fit for the Masters use. A cleansed Bride walking in purity. My Beloved. Deliver Joy, Hope, Happiness and Love. Be joyful reflect your God Jesus shine brightly.

03/01/12 DP – Your center focus on your God Jesus is very pleasing to Me. I have brought you to a place of peace, rejoice, new levels, new heights in Me you must go. My desire for you is far above what you could imagine, you must believe when I say this.

03/01/12 SN - Take heart, Take my heart to the world

03/02/12 MVA – Fellowship, do not neglect. I have connected for purpose share. Hearts turning continue to shine brightly. I Love you.

03/02/12 SN - Tell them I love them. Tell them to come to me. Tell them the time has come to be with me. Tell them you know me.

03/03/12 BN - Go fourth to my people. Tell them what you know, My truth.

03/03/12 SN - Take this not as a light thing, that we are together. You have come to me for a reason...a purpose. Let the light shine through you.

03/04/12 DP - Take pride in Me. Hearts prepared for My move, reach those sent to you. Pleasure in your God you have.

03/04/12 MVA - Work with others. Fellowship, bring together that which is shown.

03/04/12 SN - My people are waiting for me. They need comfort. You are to give it to them. You have to do it my way. First, you have to talk to the people. The people will listen to you if you do what I say.

03/05/12 MVA - I have amazing plan for your life. It requires complete focus and attention given your God Jesus. Keep focus on your God Jesus. Have a quality relationship with your God Jesus. Fellowship, don't neglect. Stay attentive, in tune with your God Jesus.

03/05/12 BN - Read and know My word so you may tell others.

03/05/12 SN - Tell them to look to Me. Focus on Me. Look at others in their face and tell them about me.

03/06/12 DP - Take My hand in marriage. Treasure Me in your heart.

03/06/12 MVA - Take part-all My beloved take part in refinement. All must be cleansed. Each area revealed another step taken. Walking with your God Jesus hand in hand. Beautiful.

Walking uprightly with your God Jesus is beautiful. Devotion, your devotion has been noted.

Fellowship - seek. Gift. There is strength in unity. There is strength united in Me Jesus.

Superb- the superb takes place united in Me Jesus. I AM gathering My chosen set apart for Me Jesus. There is power in oneness in Me Jesus. Unstoppable. Power unknown to the world revealed and imparted to My obedient chosen. Awestruck, will be the world. I AM a GOD of mercy and Power supreme. You have done well to look to your God Jesus for guidance. Seek and ye shall find. Stay attentive and focused. I Love you.

03/07/12 MVA - You get it very good. Your attitude is great; understanding your God Jesus with first an attitude of obedience; knowing I have an awesome plan for your life. Trust in your God Jesus. Have faith in your God Jesus. Right attitude. Praise your God Jesus. If only My called would fully trust Me in all, what blessings would follow. Look around and see the beauty of your Gods gifts to man. Days of accomplishment are upon us. Look to your God Jesus in all. See My purpose come to pass in your life. Precious jewel made and displayed. My purpose fulfilled in you, a light shining brightly into darkness, a helping hand to those in need, a

word of kindness to the struggling, a reflection of your God Jesus. Be this. Let My joy abound in you, fill you. Guardian. You are blessed My Beloved.

This week the Lord said, This is the love I want you to demonstrate for all to see, a love of commitment, a love of obedience, a love of faith. Be this and great things will happen! Amen.

May the Passion of the Lord shine through You and May the Lord Bless and Keep You as You Go Forth,
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