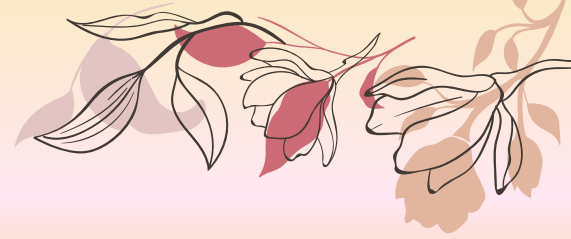




Passion for GOD

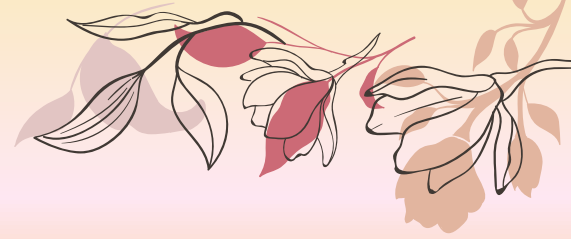
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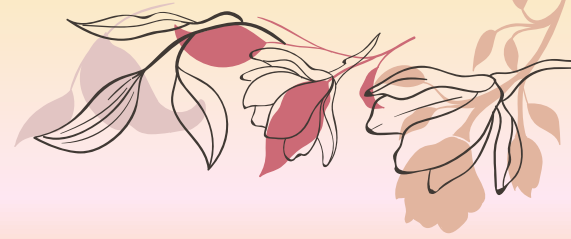
28) One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

Mark 12:28-34



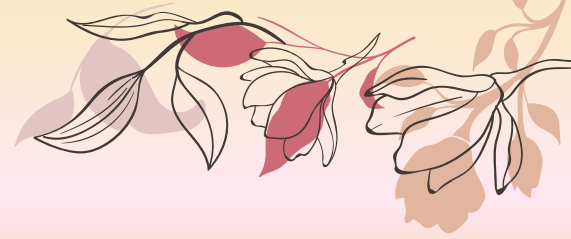
**29) The most important one,
“answered Jesus, is this:
“Hear O Israel: The Lord our
God, the Lord is one.**

Mark 12:28-34



**³⁰ Love the Lord your God
with all your heart and
with all your soul and with
all your mind and with all
your strength.’**

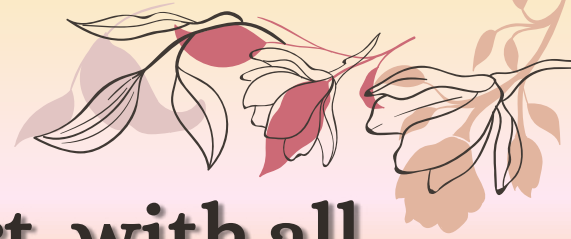
Mark 12:28-34



(31) The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

32) Well said, teacher, the man replied ‘You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

Mark 12:28-34



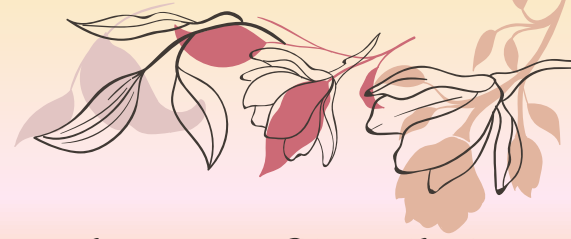
33) To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34) When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from there no one dared to ask him any more questions.



Love is indispensable.

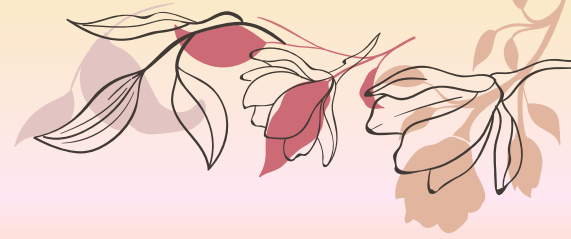
**THERE IS HOPE, THERE IS
FAITH, THERE IS LOVE. BUT
THE GREATEST OF these is
LOVE (1 Cor. 13:13).**

Mark 11:15-18; 28



(15) On reaching Jerusalem, perhaps few days after his triumphant entry, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. (16) and would not allow anyone to carry merchandize through the temple courts. (17) And as he taught them, he said, “Is it not written: My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

Mark 11:15-18; 28




(18)The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, FOR THEY FEARED HIM, BECAUSE THE WHOLE CROWD WAS AMAZED AT HIS TEACHING. (V28) The scribes and chief priests ask Him, “By what authority are you doing these things, they asked. “And who gave you authority to do this?”



01 – *The Priority of God*

Mark 12:29/Deut. 6:4


**“Hear (Shema) O Israel: The
Lord our God, the Lord is
one.”**





01 – *The Priority of God*

Exodus 20:1-3 - And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”





There is no assembly of gods.

- **no sharing of power**
- **not accountable to any gods**
- **There is no knowledge or power that is outside of Him.**





*The New Testament Setting is
characterized by:*

Paganism – Greek mythology

The Romans have emperor worship and emperor cult. They worship them even after death.

Superstitions – astrology, use of magical formulas, consultation of horoscope, palm reading, fortune-telling



01 – *The Priority of God*

Mark 12:29/Deut. 6:5

**“Hear O Israel: The Lord our
God, the Lord is one.”**





02 – The Passion to Love God

Mark 12:30/Deut. 6:5

**“30) Love The Lord Your God With All Your
Heart And With All Your Soul And With All
Your Mind And With All Your Strength.”**





02 – *The Passion to Love God*

How are they to love God?

Heart

soul

- **mind**

- **Strength**

- **“WITH YOUR WHOLE BEING”**





LOVE (Heb) “HESED”

- Not an emotional response to beauty, merit or kindness
- Internal not external (from within)
- loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, steadfastness






“To the faithful, you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless.” 2 Samuel 22:26






03 – The Passion to Love People

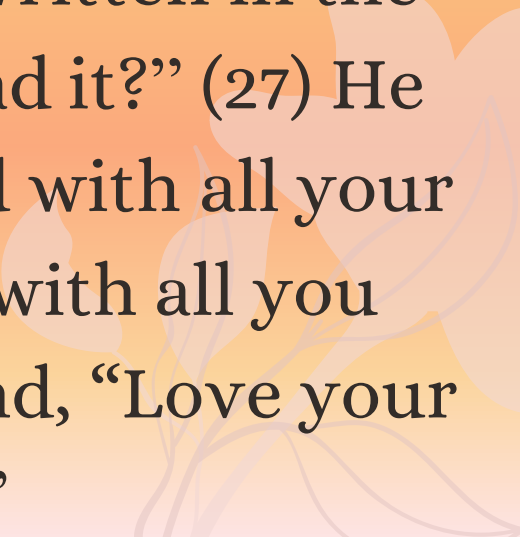
**(31) The second is this:
Love your neighbor as yourself.
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(Leviticus 19:18)**






Luke 10:25-37

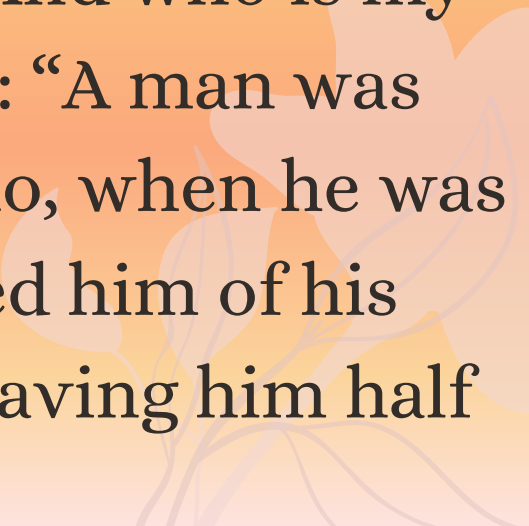
(25) “On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (26) What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” (27) He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you strength and with all you mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”






Luke 10:25-37

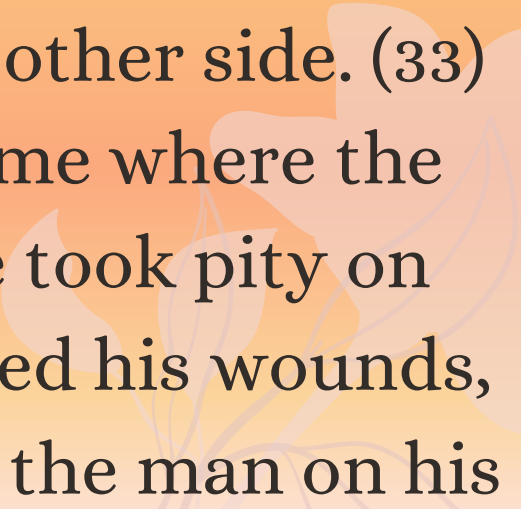
(28) “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” (29) But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” (30) In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.






Luke 10:25-37

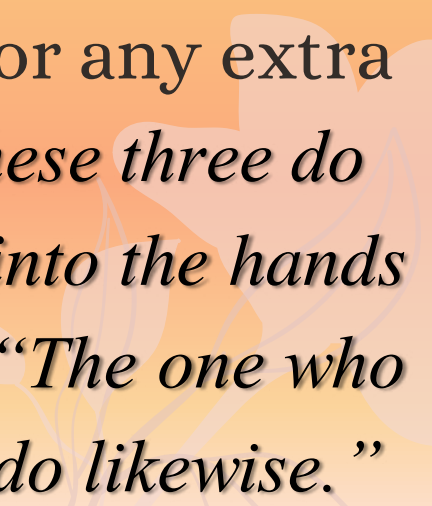
(31) A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. (32) So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. (33) But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. (34) He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his





Luke 10:25-37

Own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35) The next day he took out two denarri and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.” (36) *“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”* ³⁷ *The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*





1 John 4:19-21

(19) “We love God because he first loved us. (20) Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. (21) And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”



Psalm 139:1-6; 13-17

(1) You have searched me, Lord, and you know me, (2) You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (3) You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (4) Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. (5) You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. (6) Such knowledge is too lofty for me, too lofty for me to attain.



Psalm 139:1-6; 13-17

(13) For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (14) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (15) My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth (16) Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me are written in your book before one of them came to be. (17) How precious are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!



**God showed His love for us
in that Christ died for us.**



Do you have passion for God?

Is He the only God you have in your life?

Do you love Him from the depths of your being?

Are you loyal to Him?

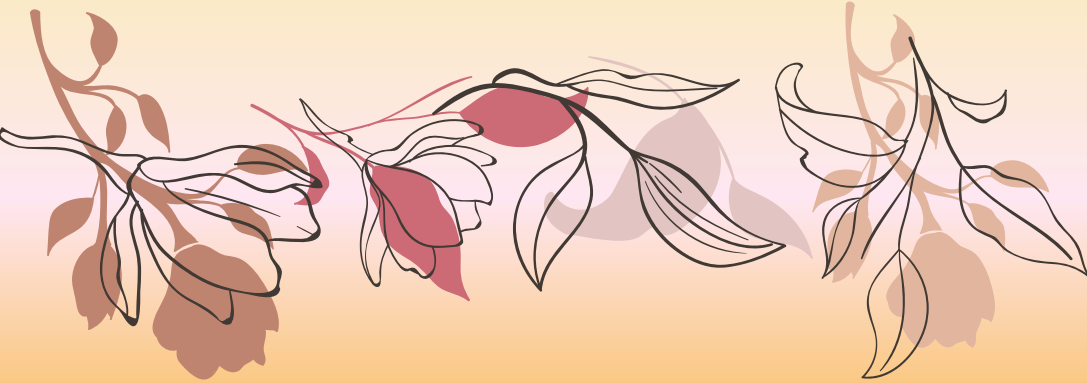
Are you faithful to Him?

Are you kind to Him?

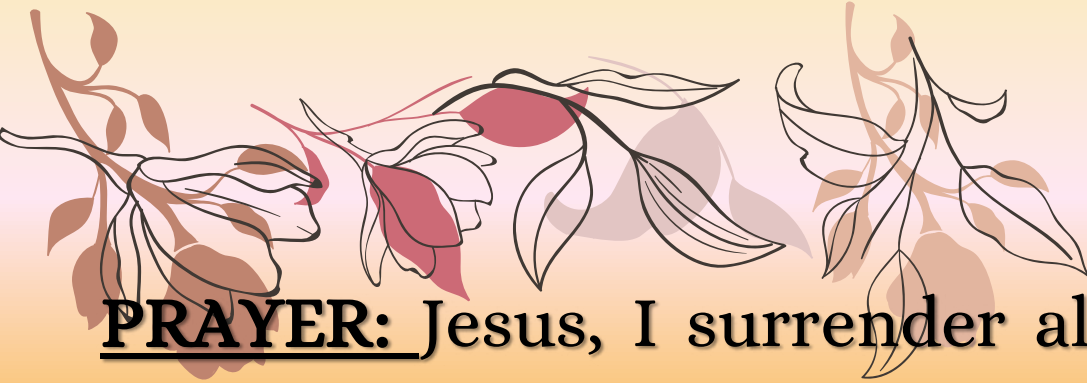
Do you love yourself?

Do you love your neighbor the same way you love yourself?





34) When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from there no one dared to ask him any more questions



PRAYER: Jesus, I surrender all: my heart, my mind, my strength, my soul, my whole being. I remove any gods I have in my life today. Forgive me. Cleanse me and wash me. Make me a servant of your LOVE. May my passion be You and just You. I give you my heart. All of it. Come into my life. Holy Spirit, put fire in my heart and soul. Use me as you please. In Jesus Name!

Amen!