

**Series: "GROWING PAINS"**  
**Part 1: "WHEN YOU'VE LOST THAT LOVIN' FEELING"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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*"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*

Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV)

**The Problem So Significant it can Ruin the Church:**

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**Where do you need to grow in love for God and others?**

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**Three Reasons Why Lack of Love is such a Big Deal**

**1. Love is the most \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>37</sup> "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest*

*commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

**2. Knowledge without love leads to \_\_\_\_\_**

*...knowledge puffs up while love builds up.*

1 Corinthians 8:1b (NIV)

**3. Lack of love destroys our \_\_\_\_\_**

*<sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

John 13:35 (NLT)

**Three Actions to Resurrect Our Love for God and Others**

*<sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.*

Revelation 2:5a (NIV)

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ what you have been \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**3. \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Sermon Notes**

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