



# LOVE LESSONS

*from The King.*

A SERIES ON MARRIAGE

The background of the image is a dense, repeating pattern of dark red roses. The roses are tightly packed and fill the entire frame, creating a rich, textured appearance. The lighting is somewhat dramatic, with highlights on the edges of the petals and deep shadows in the folds, giving the roses a three-dimensional quality. The overall color palette is a range of dark reds, from deep burgundy to almost black tones in the shadows.

The Greatest

# 1 John 4:19 NIV

We love because he first loved us.

- Our capacity to love comes from God loving us first.
- Our first love should be God and God alone.
- He loved us while we were still sinners.



# 1 John 4:7-8 NIV

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

# The Greatest

Antinomy- a contradiction of two equally valid truths.

- Jesus is fully man and fully God.
- The virgin birth of Christ.
- God is 3 persons in one person.
- God is sovereign and at the same time he gave us the freedom to choose.

## Matthew 22:34-40 NIV

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”



# Matthew 22:34-40 NIV

And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

- Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- Shema— to hear, “Hear oh Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord God...

# Love God With Our Life

- A faith filled, loving, and purpose driven life.
- Everything about life begins with God.
- Our lives become an offering to God.



## Joshua 22:5 NIV

But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the Lord gave you: to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to keep his commands, to hold fast to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your souls.

# Love God through obedience

1 John 5:3 NIV

In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.

# Thomas Kampis

“Instant obedience is the only type of obedience there is, delayed obedience is disobedience. Whoever strives to withdraw from obedience, withdraws from Grace.”



# Love God through it all.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

# Love God through it all.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

# Oxenham

Love ever gives, Forgives, outlives.  
And ever stands with open hands.  
And while it lives, it gives.  
For this is love's prerogative to give, and give, and give.



# RECAP

- Everything about life hangs on how we love God.
- We love God with our life.
- We love God through obedience.
- We love God through it all.



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