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Echo Summer Series: Rediscover | “Rediscover Your Love For God”

Matthew 22:37 (NKJV)

Summer Series Scripture: Isaiah 43:19 NKJV

Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

Matthew 22:37 NKJV

37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

Introduction: The Call to Rediscover

In a world where distractions are abundant and devotion is diluted, the greatest challenge for believers today is not just to know God but to love him fully. Rediscovering your love for God is not just a spiritual necessity it's a life-altering priority.

Just like any relationship, our love for God can grow cold if we're not intentional about keeping the fire burning.

I. The Command to Love God Fully

Matthew 22:37 reminds us that loving God is not a suggestion; it's a command. Jesus doesn't say the it is convenient. He says with ALL your heart, soul and mind. That's a total commitment, not a casual connection.

In Jewish tradition, this command echoes the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:5), a daily declaration of devotion.

For the Israelites, this wasn't a verse to minimize it was a lifestyle to embody. But how often do we treat it as a checkbox instead of a covenant.

II. The Drift from Devotion

The Reality of Distraction

We live in a culture of divided attention. Notifications, obligations, and temptations pull us in every direction except towards God.

Revelation 2:4

Historical Insight

“The church’s greatest danger isn’t persecution it’s complacency” - Bishop G.E. Patterson

Relatable Example

It’s like having a phone with 1% battery life but spending all your time scrolling instead of plugging it in.

III. The Path to Rediscovery

Step 1: Reignite Your Heart

Loving God starts with the heart. What you treasure reveals what you love.

Step 2: Renew Your Soul

Your soul is the seat of your emotions and will. To love God with your soul means surrendering your desires to His.

Step 3: Refocus Your Mind

Your mind is the battlefield where you love for God is won or lost.

IV. The Fruit of Full Love

Transformation in Your Life

When you love God fully it changes how you live. Your decisions, relationships and priorities begin to reflect His heart.

John 14:15 (NKJV)

15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. Impact on Others

A life fully devoted to God becomes a light that draws others to Him. Your love for God is contagious.

Closing: A Call to Rediscover Your First Love

As we come to the close of today’s message, let me remind you of this truth: rediscovering your love for God is not just a moment—it’s a movement. It’s a daily decision to turn your heart, soul, and mind back to the One who first loved you.

Matthew 22:37 is not just a verse to memorize; it's a call to action. It's an invitation to live a life of total devotion, where every part of you—your heart, your soul, and your mind—is aligned with God's purpose.

Maybe today, you feel like your love for God has grown cold. Maybe distractions, disappointments, or even complacency have crept in. But here's the good news: God is still doing a new thing. Just as Isaiah 43:19 declares, He is making a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. He's ready to reignite your heart, renew your soul, and refocus your mind.

So, as we leave this place, let's not just hear the Word—let's live it. Let's love God with everything we have, holding nothing back. Let's be a people who rediscover our first love and let that love transform us, our families, and our communities.

Let's pray:

"Father, we come before You with open hearts, asking You to reignite our love for You. Help us to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind. Remove the distractions, heal the wounds, and renew our devotion. May our lives reflect Your love and draw others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Go this week and live out the love you've rediscovered. Let it shine brightly, because a heart fully devoted to God is a light the world desperately needs.