

## Made Alive: To Love God

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Text: John 21:1-23

Love for God is to be all consuming. Deut. 6:4-5; Mt. 22:36-40

Loving God is the best thing we can do. Deut. 10:12-14

Loving God is to be more than words. 1 John 3:18

Love fails when it disobeys. John 14:21; Deut. 13:1-4

### OPERATION LOVE :: HEART TRANSPLANT

We love because God FIRST LOVED us. -- 1 John 4:19

**Learning to love God with our NEW heart** - John 21:1-23

Story of how we LEARN TO LOVE because HE FIRST loved us

### Old Way of Loving:

Earn it or prove it; blow it; earn it or prove it; loss of intimacy

### New Way of Loving:

Breakfast with Jesus; restoration; desire to sacrifice; response mode

## Food for Thought for the week of September 20, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read John 21

1. Can you remember a time when you sinned and your failure caused you to want to go back to your old life? What and/or who drew you back to Jesus?

2. Read Deuteronomy 6:5 & Matthew 22:36-37. What is the greatest commandment?

3. What should be the result of our love for Jesus?

4. Read John 14:15-17. How can we know that we love God, even when we fall short as Peter did? In His Grace, who does God provide for us as our Helper?

**Application:** Obedience is the proof of our love for God. Have you been resisting doing something that you know God is asking of you? Just like Peter, what choice do you first have to make in your heart? This week, are you willing to obey God and do one thing He is asking?

### Further reading:

John 14:15-17; 2 Corinthians 5:14; Philippians 1:9 & 2:12-14; 1 John 3:18

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