

Israel was commanded to worship the Lord God, the only true one, for there is only one God. They were called to love the Lord God with "all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might," a Hebraic

way of pronouncing to love God completely. This same command was given to the disciples of Jesus in *Matthew 22:37* and also in *Mark 12:30*. How are we to LOVE God completely?

First, to LOOK upon God's BEAUTY.

"One thing I have asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

Second, to OBEY God's WORD.

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).

Third, to VALUE God's LOVE.

"We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Fourth, to EXALT God's NAME

"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable" (Psalm 145:1-3).

Discipleship at home begins with the love for God completely, accompanied by taking to heart God's words in obedience. You shall then teach them diligently to your children, in every possible opportunity, actively and intentionally, at home and elsewhere. Remind and model your love for God.✱

CLINGING TO GOD AS WE GROW TOGETHER

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In my devotion last Monday, the Lord reminded me through Psalm 63:7-8:

"For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me."

David wrote these words while he was in the wilderness of Judah. Separated from Jerusalem, he longed for God. Even in difficulty, remembering God's faithfulness moved him to joyful praise and steadfast devotion.

David declared, "My soul clings to you," but also confessed, "Your right hand upholds me." He pursued God, yet his security rested not upon the strength of his grasp but upon God's sustaining hand. Worship and prayer are therefore more than activities we add to our lives. They express our dependence upon the God who has faithfully helped us and continues to hold us fast.

This weekend, Linda and I are in Singapore with twenty-three NextGen leaders attending IDMC Conference 2026, "Let Incense Arise." It has been a blessing to witness them share this experience—listening to the messages, traveling, praying, worshiping, learning, and enjoying fellowship together.

We pray that this shared experience will strengthen their unity and help seal God's messages within their hearts. The conference has affirmed that our church is on the right track in investing in the next generation. Beyond providing activities, we desire

to meet their spiritual needs and provide the ministry structures they need to keep pursuing our mission together.

As we prepare for Vision 2037, we want a generation that follows Jesus, helps others follow Him, and leads from deep worship and prayer. Structures and programs have their place but cannot replace dependence upon God. Our young leaders must cling to Christ through His Word, worship, prayer, obedience, and life-giving relationships, confident that His right hand will sustain them.

Please pray that these truths will shape their character, relationships, and ministry and that their growing unity will strengthen our church. May they resist comparison, honor one another, serve humbly, deepen their love for Jesus, and raise more faithful disciplemakers.

It is our prayer that they will continue discipling the younger people entrusted to them, who will in turn disciple others who will do the same. This is a worthy investment we make as a church. Prayerfully, it will impact our homes, relationships, businesses, schools, and communities and eventually help transform our nation—one growing disciple of Christ at a time.

This Sunday also marks the beginning of our Family Month celebration. Throughout September, let us ask God to strengthen marriages, draw parents and children closer, restore strained relationships, and help every

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