

# Will My First Love Be My Last?

## Questions

“Preparing yourself to meet Jesus is a higher priority than loving your spouse and family or maintaining and managing your career. It’s even of greater personal importance than reaching your world with the gospel. I realize that may not sound quite right upon first reading. But take a moment and contemplate this truth. It’s not that evangelism is not important. It very much is. But of greater importance is the condition of our hearts and lives at the moment the Son of God appears. What good is our evangelism if our hearts are not pure and prepared for Him?”

~ Jeff Kinley, *Uncovering the Secrets of Bible Prophecy*

- 1) What was it like the moment Jesus saved you? (1 Peter 1:3-5) Was your life radically changed when you placed your faith in Him, or did it change slowly over time? (2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20)
- 2) What are some ways that the you and Jesus now differ from the you and Jesus then? What do you **know** about Him now that you didn’t when you first began your walk with Him? (Romans 6:22, Colossians 3:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Peter 3:18)
- 3) Our salvation has a beginning, a middle, and an any-minute-now end (1 John 3:2). We know that this perishable and mortal body will be changed “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” (1 Corinthians 15:52-53)
  - a. Can you even imagine what it will be like when you see Jesus face to face?
  - b. In that instant when He appears, in what condition do you want your heart? (1 John 2:28)
- 4) In Jeremiah 2:2, God describes Judah’s “first love” for Him.
  - a. What was your early walk with God like?
  - b. Can you recall other seasons when your heart has especially been on fire for your Savior?
- 5) Ultimately, God doesn’t want our service; He wants us, our *whole* heart. And He knows our whole heart and who and what it’s beating for (Deuteronomy 6:5). How can David’s prayer in Psalm 51:10-13 help us as we prepare our hearts for the Lord’s return?

Questions to ponder with Jesus:

- Does my heart beat for You as wildly as it once did?
- Are YOU my passion?
- Am I seeking You with my all?
- Is there any unconfessed sin that is a barrier between me and You?
- Will my last love for You be greater than my first?
- Am I longing and ready to meet You, my Bridegroom, face to face?

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.” (1 Corinthians 13:12)

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” (Revelation 19:7)

How do you want your love story this side of eternity with Jesus to end? What do you want the title of that final chapter to be?