

# Journey CHURCH

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## Christian – Session 8 Working It Out

### Discussion Questions

1. How center is *love for God* and *love for others* to your understanding of the Bible's message?
2. How central is *love for God* and *love for others* to the moral and ethical standards you apply to your life?
3. How have you already grown in understanding what love requires? How have your attitudes changed over time?
4. What part do our benefits play in the influence we have on other people?
5. What challenges are you likely to encounter if you truly seek to avoid hurting yourself, hurting others, and being mastered by anything?

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## Mileposts:

- The people who have influenced our lives most profoundly are those who have either significantly hurt us or significantly loved us. Their influence was not because of their beliefs.
- If we want to influence people and see transformation in their lives, we must love them profoundly.
- We must (1) do nothing that hurts us, (2) do nothing that hurts others, and (3) not be mastered by anything.

## Moving Forward:

Step back and consider your overall approach to decisions, relationships, activities, and responsibilities. As you grow in viewing *all* of these through the “filter” of loving God and loving others – what difference will it make? What expectations do you have? If it leads to difficulties, tension, and hardship, will you be ready and willing to keep pressing forward in this direction?

## Changing Your Mind

In this passage, Jesus answered a questioner by quoting from the Old Testament and showing again the supremacy of love.

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

*Matthew 22:37-40*