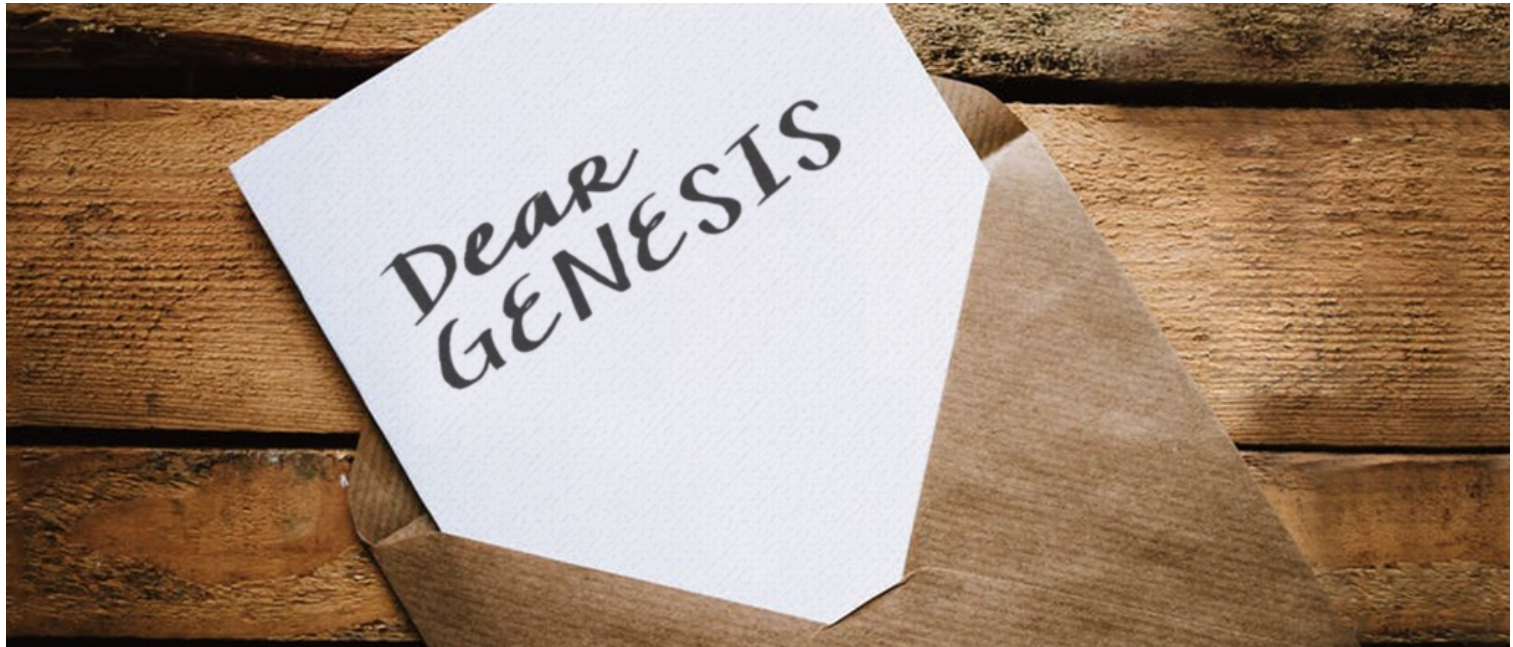


## OUR FIRST LOVE



"What does Jesus have to say to GENESIS? We will journey through Jesus' letters found in Revelation to discover afresh His Heart for His church."

- **Michael Davis**

## SERMON SUMMARY

We've grown up in an individualistic culture. Often, our first thought, when reading Scripture or listening to messages is 'how should I apply this to my life?' The letters that Jesus sends to the churches in Revelation call them and all of us to think first and foremost about 'how this should apply to ALL of us'?

Jesus begins His letter to the church in Ephesus with a tremendous encouragement and acknowledgment of all the good they were doing. But as they would quickly learn, 'we can do all the right things but miss the main thing.'

Somewhere along the way, the church had forsaken Jesus, their first love. There was a shift away from doing all they did out of love for Jesus, thus they

did not 'lose' their first love, they forgot who their first love was.

Jesus invites the church to return to Him their first love so that they might continue to experience the power of His presence and experience both now and through eternity all that God has for His people.

## MAIN POINTS

1. We can do all of the right things and still miss the main thing
2. Remember your first love
3. Repent from what pulled away
4. Return to what you did at first

## VERSES

[Revelation 2:1-7](#)

## TEXT QUESTIONS

1. What do we learn about Jesus, namely who He is in Revelation 2:1-2?
2. How does Jesus encourage the church in Ephesus? (v.3)
3. How does Jesus challenge the church in Ephesus? (v.4)
4. Jesus invites the church to 'remember, repent, and return.' There is a stern warning if they do not (the church shuts down) and an incredible promise for those that do (paradise of God). How is Jesus invitation a look back to Genesis and a look forward to what God is preparing for us in Heaven?

# SERMON QUESTIONS

1. How has growing up in an individualistic culture shaped you and how you understand walking with God?

2. What examples do you have of doing 'right things' at the neglect of missing the 'main thing'?

3. Why is there often a disconnect between our 'head' and 'heart'? What can we do to bridge them together?

4. Has GENESIS forsaken its First Love? How would we best know how to answer that question?

5. Have you forsaken your First Love? A few questions to help indicate heart condition:

- What do you think about most?
- What do you talk most about?
- What do you get most angry and/or anxious about?
- What do you spend your energy, resources, finances on?

6. What were you like when you first understood God's love for you? What things did you do when you first became a follower of Jesus?

7. What are the things, situations, people or circumstances that took you away from your first love? What do you need to repent of in order to return to Jesus, our first love?

8. What do you want to see God do with GENESIS?

**"YOUR WALK WITH GOD IMPACTS OUR WALK WITH GOD."**

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