



Morning of Worship
Mother's Day

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► Outline

"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important. "Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." **Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)**

A. Our hearts relate to our wills and commitments.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

B. Our souls relate to our affections and emotions.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all this is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; **Psalm 103:1-13 (NASB)**

C. To love God with our minds means we learn to love with our intelligence and thoughts.

D. To love God with our strength means to love God with our muchness, or all our resources.

E. To love God means we love people.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." **John 13:34-35 (NLT)**

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What worship song gives you the most encouragement and hope?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes slowing down. Allow enough time for your mind to stop racing and your heart to experience a sense of calm. As you begin this week's lesson, ask God to reveal Himself to you in new and beautiful ways. Say yes in your spirit to all He has for you.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Mark 12:28-31.

1. How has Jesus transformed you?
2. How do you struggle with loving others? Whom can you be praying for this week? How can you move into a posture of love for them?

Read Psalm 103.

3. What's one area of your life you've been withholding from God? What steps can you take to trust God more?
4. How is your worship affected by your level of trust in God?
5. Is it hard for you to worship when you're going through a difficult circumstance? How can you change your heart and soul when faced with this situation?

Read Psalm 46.

6. What images do these verses bring to your mind?
7. What things in your life cause you to doubt God's greatness and power?
8. How can you use the reassurances in this psalm to help you stay strong in your faith?

Read John 13:34-35 and Romans 12:9.

9. How do you show love to those around you? What are ways you can show greater love?
10. We're called to love others and hate what's wrong. Share an example of how you've done this recently. Ask God to help you love others, even when their actions don't line up with God's word.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7.

11. What stands out to you in this passage? How can you apply these verses to your life?
12. How do you maintain hope and love in all circumstances?

Spiritual Practice

A spiritual practice is something we can do to help us live in and enjoy God's grace. Our hope is that these would become a regular part of your life, so that walking and talking with God is the most natural thing you do.

Worship is an integral part of our faith. Spend time each day worshipping God. Visit brookwoodchurch.org/spiritualpractice to listen to this week's worship playlist, then spend time in quiet with God.

Memory Verse

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Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Psalm 103:1-3 | Day 4: 1 John 4:7 |
| Day 2: John 13:34-35 | Day 5: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 |
| Day 3: Romans 12:9 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 21, we'll resume our series *Love God, Love People*. To prepare, read **Matthew 6:19-34**.

