

FINDING OUR FIRST LOVE
REVELATION 2:1-7

Introduction - "Do you love me?"

I. THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

A. Its context

1. Location
2. Buildings
3. Leaders

B. Its strengths

1. Hard work
• *I Corinthians 15:10; II Timothy 2:6; John 9:4*
2. Perseverance
• *II Timothy 2:4*
3. Passion for truth
• *II John 9-11*

C. Its fatal flaw

- *I Thessalonians 1:3; I Corinthians 13:1-3; II Corinthians 11:2,3*
- *Matthew 24:12-14; Jeremiah 2:2*

II. THE STEPS TO RECOVERY

A. Remember

B. Repent

C. Repeat

1. Give time
2. Focus attention
3. Communicate
4. Do things that say "I love you"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
AUGUST 11-18

Follow-throughs

The passages this week describe ministry motivated by love. To what extent is love the basis for your service to the Lord? How can you cultivate greater passion in your love for the Lord?

In what areas is the Lord calling you to "remember . . . repent . . . repeat?"

Monday	Luke 7:36-50
Tuesday	John 13:31-38
Wednesday	I John 4:7-21
Thursday	I Corinthians 13:1-13
Friday	II Corinthians 5:11-21
Saturday	I Thessalonians 2:1-16

Warm-up

Sunday Revelation 2:8-11

What are the things that could have made the people at Smyrna afraid?

What are the things that make you afraid? What reassurances does the Lord give to the people of this church?