

# Love God

**AWARENESS** Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does love mean to you? How would you define it? Or, if you think there are multiple definitions of love, what are the different meanings?
- How would you say you currently show your love for God?



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**READ** [Matthew 22:34-40](#)

**REFLECTION** After listening, consider the following questions:

- When you think about laws, do you find yourself thinking more about restrictions or freedoms? Why do you think host Scott Hoezee says God's law leads to flourishing? How is it different than government laws?
- Why is *showing* our love for God important for our faith?
- What does it mean to you that God desires your love, that he invites you to love him and be in relationship with him? How is this different than if he had created us to serve and obey him, but did not include love or relationship in the equation?
- Are there different ways to love God with your heart vs. with your soul vs. with your mind? In what ways do you love God with your whole being?

**RELATED PASSAGES** for further study

[Deuteronomy 6:1-12](#), [Romans 5:6-8](#), [1 John 4:7-12](#)

## CONCLUSION

Read and reflect on Paul's prayer found in [Ephesians 3:14-19](#):

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Consider how Paul's prayer helps us love God and keep the greatest commandment. Write down or share your thoughts.

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