The Central Love Command
Loving God

Matt 22:34-40 (NLT)
[34] But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. [35] One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: [36] "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" [37] Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Loving God means …

One. Loving God means having a right _____ .

Ezekiel 36:26 NLT "And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart."

Everyone's _____ is aligned to something or someone!

Deut. 30:6 NLT "The LORD your God will cleanse your heart and the hearts of all your descendants so that you will love him with all your heart and soul, and so you may live!

Loving God with all our heart is our _____ .

If we're going to love God with all our _____… all our _____ needs to _____ to Him!

Two. Loving God means _____ Him.

Deut 11:22 NLT "Be careful to obey all the commands I give you; show love to the LORD your God by walking in his ways and clinging to him"

Loving God _____ that we are completely _____ to Him.

How _____ does my obedience go?

Three. Loving God means _____ Him.

Exodus 20:5a NLT "You must never worship or bow down to [other gods], for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god!"

Worship really is the _____ / _____ of _____ God!

Building our relationship with God means we have to make it a _____!

Are there _____ that we need to make in order to grow closer to God?

Are there _____ in my life that need to be torn down?

My Next Step …
Am I ready to give God my _____ , my _____ , and my _____?