

LOVING  
GOD



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We are commanded to love God.

Mark 12:30 (p 1169)

Paul compares the relationship of Christ  
and the church as a BRIDE and GROOM

Ephesians 5:32 (p 1347)

- LOVE FIRST -

- LOVE GROWS -

- LOVE DEEPENS -



# LOVE FIRST

Love in the beginning

“Falling in love”

Vibrant – Romantic – Naïve

Marriages can end when first love dies

First love for God is where devotion grows

1 John 5:1-3 (p 1401)





# LOVE GROWS

Love must grow into a relationship

True love is found in understanding one  
another

1 Peter 3:7 and 3:1 (p 1392)

Love for God must grow daily

Ephesians 5:27-29 (p 1347)

Talking and listening to God daily

1 John 2:3-6 (p 1398)



# LOVE DEEPENS

When our relationship with God begins  
with first love and grows –

LOVE WILL DEEPEN

Love must dwell in the heart

It begins with the word

John 5:16-42 (p 1226)

Cling to God

Deuteronomy 30:20 (p 238)



Draw near to God and He will  
draw near to you. Cleanse your  
hands, you sinners; and purify  
your hearts, you double-minded.

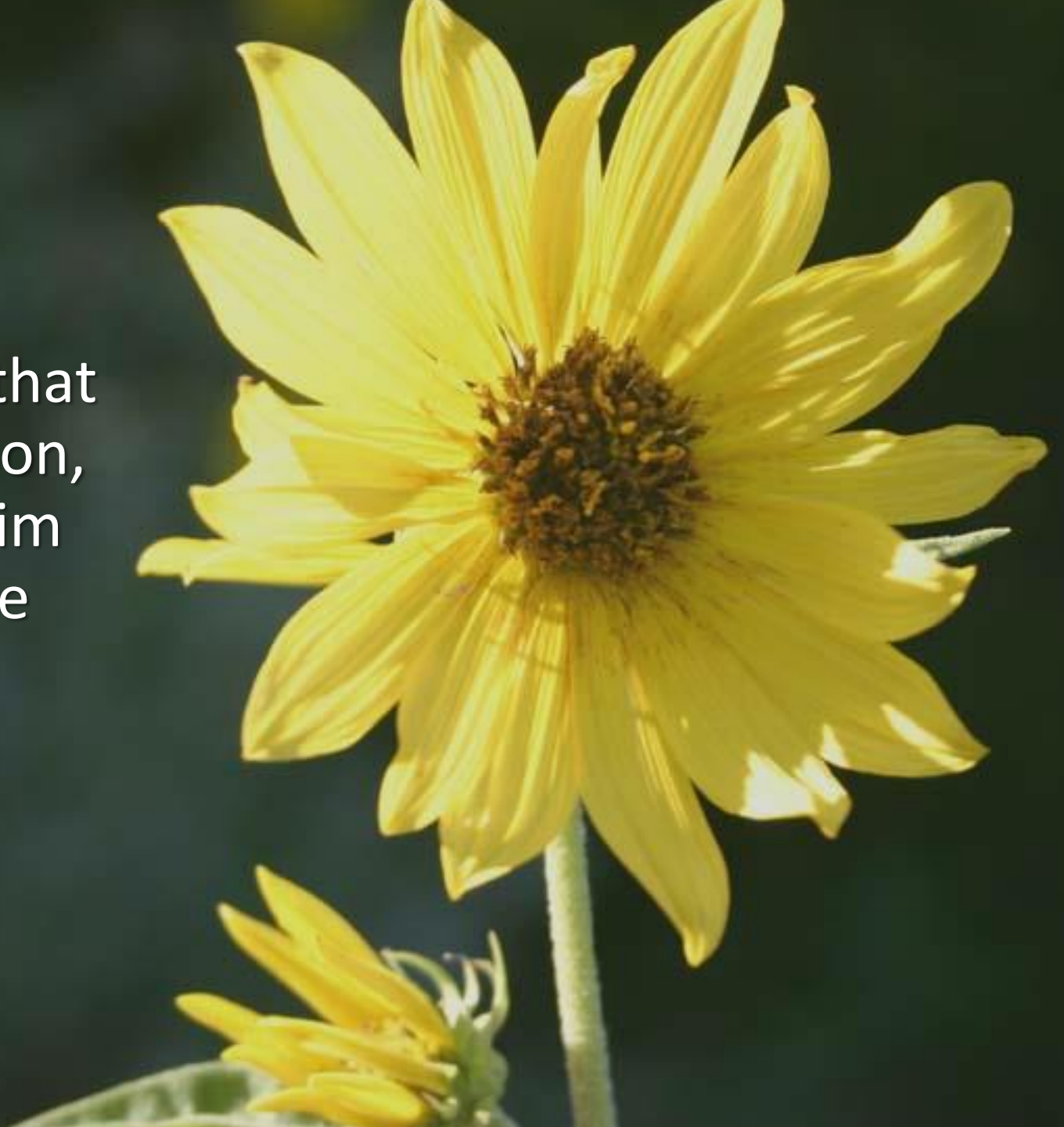
James 4:8 (p 1388)





For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have  
everlasting life.

**John 3:16**



If you love Me, keep My  
commandments.

**John 14:15**

He who believes and is baptized  
will be saved; but he who does not  
believe will be condemned.

**Mark 16:16**

