

**A Fresh Start Sermon Series**  
**“Getting a Fresh Purpose”****Matthew 22:34-40****Summary**

Are you looking for a purpose in life? Are you looking for a challenge? Are you looking for something to invest yourself into? If so, then introduce yourself to the greatest person, the greatest mission, and the greatest challenge ever given to mankind as you hear the words uttered by a carpenter finding himself approaching the last hours of his life! Find out more today!

**Objective**

The main objective of this sermon is to introduce each person the overriding purpose that Jesus Christ has commanded us to live for. This message will do this by exploring the meaning of the Great Commandment and how we can live this out in a practical way in our lives today.

**Four Ingredients of God’s Fresh Purpose****Ingredient #1 – All Consuming Love – Love God With My Heart**

- **1 John 4:19** – We love because he first loved us.
- **1 Peter 2:24-25** – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- **Key Point** – The key point here will focus on the basic understanding of loving God with all of our heart. We will explore what it means to love God with an “All Consuming Love” which will encompass our entire, whole being. We are moved to love God with our entirety because of the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for our salvation.

**Ingredient #2 – All Consuming Activity – Love God With My Soul**

- **Deut. 6:6-9** – <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.
- **Key Point** – The key point here will focus on the basic understanding of loving God with all of our soul. The word soul can also be correctly translated as “life” and carries with it the idea that we are to love God with every activity of our life even to the point of laying our lives down for His glory.

**Ingredient #3 – All Consuming Devotion – Love God With My Mind**

- **John 14:21** – Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”
- **Key Point** – The key point here will focus on the basic understanding of loving God with all of our mind. Matthew uses this terminology correspond to the term “might” which carries the meaning of loving God with our intellect and our strength.

### **Ingredient #4 – All Consuming Sacrifice – Love My Neighbor**

- **1 John 3:16** – This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
- **Key Point** – The key point here will focus on the basic understanding of loving our neighbor as ourselves. This key point will focus on the simple fact that God has called us to love Him which in turn means that we will love, care for, and attend to the needs of our neighbors. This is the mark of a sacrificial servant of Christ.

#### **Questions to Consider**

1. What does it mean for you to love God with ALL of your heart, mind, and soul?
2. How will you pursue God this week? What is your plan?

#### **Memory Verse**

**Matthew 7:24** – “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

#### **Challenge**

Continue making your personal and family spiritual growth plan for 2008. List your mission, goals, and the core passage that will describe your focus for the year.



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