

**January 1st, First Love**  
**Part 1 in the series 'First Things First'**

What were some things from last Sunday's message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Do you enjoy making New Year's resolutions? Do you have any for this year?

"Live life to the fullest" is a common resolution. What do you think is meant by "life to the fullest"?

**Read John 10:10**

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

What do you think Jesus means by having life to the full?

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

Why does Paul say love is the most important thing?

Can the same goal have both selfish and loving motives?

Jim said many of our goals can be reframed or sanctified by looking at them through the grid of love. How can you tell the difference between reframing a goal and merely justifying an ungodly goal?

When you identify an unloving characteristic (for example, envy or boasting) in your life, what are some practical steps you can take to bring yourself back into alignment with God?