

"First Love"

Revelation 2:1-7, Acts 19:1-23 (references)  
part 2

Today: What is thing called "First Love"??  
definition: "the full acceptance of God's  
unconditional love by a broken and contrite  
soul; a spiritual event"

"Double down"; "personal justifiers"; Jeremiah  
6:15 (ref)

First Love....guilt, shame, embarrassment,  
conviction, Romans 3:11-12,13 "all have  
sinned", "all guilty", "no one does right"

Good News!! Psalm 34:18, Psalm 51:17, James  
4:6 (references)

First Love...brokenness before God!  
Awe, Specialness, Majesty, Power

GetBroken/Stay Broken Before God

1. Death of loved one
2. Loss of something
3. Financial stress

4. Legal system

5. Lifestyle, addictions, besetting sins

Regain/Maintain First Love: 3 Scriptural Topics

1. He Started A Good Work In You!

Philippians 1:6 (The Message) "There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it, and bring it to a flourishing finish on the day Christ Jesus appears."

(a) Christian life so unbalanced (b) Spiritually arrogant (c) Stay on the Potter's Wheel!

-He started it and He will finish it

2. He Chastises His Children!

Hebrews 12:6,11(The Message) "It's the child He loves that He disciplines"; "At the time, discipline isn't much fun. It always feels like it's going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it is the well trained who find themselves mature in the relationship with God"

-not an act of Satan, of demons, of fleshly people

-Hebrews 12:10 "we will share in His holiness"

-Paul, 2 Corinthians 12:7-12 (ref) "thorn in the flesh"; "take pleasure in reproaches, needs, persecutions, distresses for Christ sake...when weak I am strong"

-1 Peter 5:10 "suffered....perfected"

### 3. He Makes Things Work Out!

Romans 8:28 The Living Bible "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God, and are called according to His purpose for them"

James 1:2-4 " Dear brothers and sisters, whenever trouble comes your way, let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So, let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything"

Revelation 2:5 "remember from where you have fallen"; "repent"; "do the first works"

First Love...."Brokenness Before God"