## **First Things First**

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35, NIV)

Christians are not known by their politics, by their musical styles, by their miracles, or by their cultural preferences. Christians are known by their love. God doesn't require hard or extraordinary things from us. He doesn't measure us by our intelligence, our talents. or our grand accomplishments. He asks us to love those around us, not just in word but in action. Someday, that's how we'll all be judged (Matthew 25:31-46). Next to loving God, life's highest calling, greatest challenge, and deepest joy is loving others as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40). As you set your priorities and goals, keep first things first.

> Imagine what your life would be like if your every desire, every thought, and every action flowed from love for God.

## Hymn: Lord, You Are Love

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