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"Don't Forget Who First Loved You!" I John 4:7-9, 19-21

Identifying who loved us first has a significant distinction than whom we loved first. God, from the outset without any reservation or hesitation on His part, loved each of us while we were in our mother's womb, before we knew our own name, and even more while we were yet sinners, God sacrificed Himself for us demonstrating a love that is beyond compare. Scripture says what greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. When we identify such an act of love, we then are compelled to recognize that love and therefore, respectfully living and pledging an allegiance of loyalty, commitment and dedication to the one who has demonstrated their love to us. Love such as this is bound in sacrificial offering, and that is exactly what God has done for each of us. The question is, what is your response regarding the sacrifice of the one who first loved you. The response ought to be reciprocal, it ought to be sacrificial on your part as well. We want to hold on to all of what we have and selfishly keep our lives for ourselves, but if indeed we want to be Christians, followers of Christ, we too have to surrender all that we have to Him. Let us remember these words oh, how I love Jesus, oh, how I love Jesus, oh how I love Jesus, because He first loved me. Surrender all to Him and see and receive the bountiful blessings He gives in return.

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