



love you through a way of remembering and processing your loving interactions with others. Also, you will learn how to overcome those times when you resist being loved by the Father or Jesus, or by others, because you feel unworthy of love.

## ❖ THE GETTING ALONG RETREAT ❖

*48 hours, usually Friday evening through Sunday afternoon; the First Loved Retreat is a prerequisite*

Sometimes, instead of loving one another, we harm one another. Instead of having **healing conversations**, we either hide in our fear or retaliate in our anger only causing further pain and distance in our relationships. The “Getting Along” curriculum uses biblical guidelines to train God’s people to prepare for and have healing conversations. Also, our painful interactions can reveal unhealed experiences of being wronged by others or wronging others that were never resolved. “Getting Along” offers a prayer model that helps heal those

painful memories through experiencing the Father’s and Jesus’ love directly and / or through a prayer team so that the memory no longer stirs up pain, fear, guilt, shame, anger, or the desire to retaliate.

### ❖ MAKE DISCIPLES ❖

Jesus said, *“The student (disciple) is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher”* (Luke 6:40). Jesus is still the teacher (by the Spirit) and every believer his disciple. His goal is still to make every disciple “like him,” which we believe primarily means to “love as he (and the Father) love.” Loving others this way is what Jesus said would identify us as his disciples (John 13:35).

**Our goal at FLM** is to play a role in partnering with Jesus and his Church to help “make” this kind of disciple, one who is **“rooted and established in love,”** daily “grasping” and “knowing” by the Spirit how wide and long and high and deep is the Father’s and Jesus’ love until they are filled to the measure of all the fullness of both! (Ephesians 3:17-19; 4:11-13).

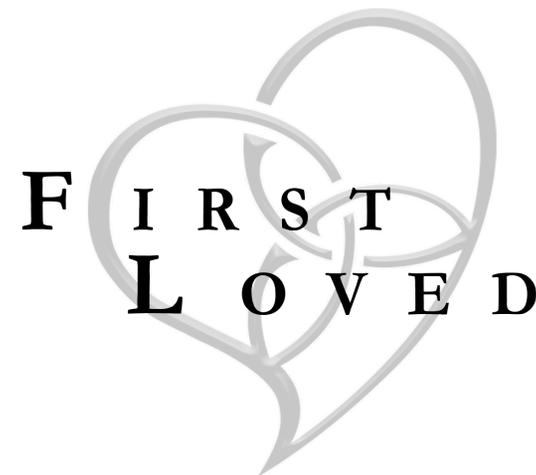
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*Pause for a moment and hear Jesus say this to you, his disciple:*

“A **‘NEW’ command** I give you, (insert your name): Love ‘others’ **AS I**—Jesus—have loved you” (John 13:34).

*WAIT. Please don’t move on yet. Take a deep breath and say it again **aloud and slowly**. But this time also hear it from the Father, because Jesus said that he and the Father are one (John 10:30).*

“A **‘NEW’ command** I give you, (insert your name): Love ‘others’ **AS I**—Jesus and the Father—have loved you” (John 13:34).





***“We love because  
He first loved us.”***

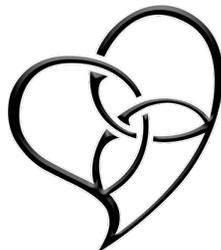
1 John 4:19

“Sooooo,” you might be asking, “What’s the big deal? What’s so ‘new’ about this command? How is it really different from ‘Love your neighbor?’”

**Imagine for a moment** that you are standing beside me (Mark Fee) and your best friend (or spouse) is standing beside you. I turn to you and say: “(Your name), please love your friend (or spouse) as I, Mark Fee, have loved you.”

What would you do? *Nothing!* You couldn’t. Until you experience me love you first in a tangible way, you cannot do what I asked. ***Likewise, only by experiencing Jesus and the Father love you first can you love “as he has loved you.”***

That is what makes the command “new” and special.



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# CHANGING LIVES TO LOVE AS LOVED

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God’s love up close and personal, as the disciples experienced through Jesus.



He didn’t say: “Read in the Bible how I and the Father loved, and then **try** to imitate that love.” Yet, it seems that this is the practice of most Christians.

Yes, growing our knowledge of how God loved in the Bible is important. But the Father and Jesus also want—*no, command*—us to love others in the ways they (Jesus, the Father) have loved us, just as the first disciples were loved (John 13:1).

## THE KEY QUESTION

**How do Jesus and the Father love us today?**

Well, how does anyone experience love from another person? Through words and actions! (1 John 3:18).

**Our passion at First Loved Ministries (FLM)** is to provide training to experience God’s love more deeply and remove barriers from receiving and sharing his love. Training takes place through various program options:

## THE FIRST

❖ **LOVED “TASTE”** ❖

*2-3 hour workshop, Saturday Seminar,  
and 2-day Weekend experiences*

**Workshops** can be part of a pre-existing program, such as a men’s or women’s retreat, leadership conference, etc. Mark provides an overview through Bible-based teaching and helps groups engage with the Lord and one another in a large group setting. The **Saturday Seminar** is a full day of being loved by God and one another, mainly focusing on hearing and being receptive to His love through personalized scripture. The 2-day **Weekend** is similar to the Saturday Seminar but with more group/practice time.

## THE FIRST

❖ **LOVED RETREAT** ❖

*48 hours, usually Friday evening  
through Sunday afternoon*

God’s love is experienced through times of worship, teaching, training in groups, and personal reflection. The retreat covers five of eight sessions of the “First Loved” curriculum. But what makes the retreat special and unique are **two exercises** you will learn and practice that truly empower you to be loved by the Father and Jesus. The “Loved by Verses” exercise helps you to experience the Father and Jesus love you daily and deeply through the Word; the “God Sighting” exercise helps you to experience presently the Father and Jesus