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Crestwood  
Church

## Message Notes

### THE DARE TO BE GREAT CHALLENGE:

A Great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Great Commandments  
and the Great Commission done with Great Compassion  
will grow a Great \_\_\_\_\_ (and a great Christian).

### The Great Commandments:

<sup>34</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again.  
<sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup>Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses? <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, **'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'**  
<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: **'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** <sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."  
- Matthew 22:34-40

*"We love, because He first loved us."* – 1 John 4:19

### HOW DO I KEEP THE GREAT COMMANDMENT?

- TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
... I GIVE HIM MY \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart..."*  
- Matthew 22:37

*"But do not let your heart turn away from the LORD  
to worship other gods."* - Deuteronomy 11:16

**Idolatry:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Exodus 20:4-6 Romans 1:25)

*"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you:  
Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating,  
going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place  
it before God as an offering. Embracing what God  
does for you is the best thing you can do for him."  
- Romans 12:1*

- **TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY \_\_\_\_\_ ...**  
**... I GIVE HIM MY \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“You must love the Lord your God with...all your soul...”*  
 - Matthew 22:37

*“If you love me, obey my commandments... Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”*  
 - John 14:15, 21

**My Faith Goals for 2017:**  
 (i.e. baptism, growth group, give regularly, attend, read thru the bible, pray daily, etc.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”* - Matthew 6:33

- **TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY \_\_\_\_\_ ...**  
**... I GIVE HIM MY \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“You must love the Lord your God with...all your mind.”*  
 - Matthew 22:37

*“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”*  
 - Psalm 119:105

*“Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”*  
 - Philippians 4:8

**Memory Verse:**

*Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’  
<sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment.”*  
 - Matthew 22:37-38

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...**

- Memorize Matthew 22:37-38.
- Get started on the following faith goal ASAP:  
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