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Dt. 6:5 “*Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*” (NIV)

Known to the Hebrews as the *Shema* which means *to hear*, this is the basic confession of faith connected with the practical follow through. The verse before reminds the people of Who God is: **v.4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.** (NIV)

What the LORD wants more than anything is our complete love. This is the kind of love He has for us. Thus, He asks us to love with our all. **John 4:19** *We love because He first loved us.* (NIV) The LORD is not demanding our time, our talents, or our tithe, for He knows that if He has our heart, soul and strength, then everything else will come into line. **Mt. 6:33** *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* (NIV) I wonder what it would really be like to love the LORD like He loves us. Would it change our attitudes? Would it change our actions? Would people see something in us that they haven't seen before? I believe they would. I believe they would see Jesus in us. And you know what that would do? **John 12:32** “*And I, when I Am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.*” (NIV)

Dear Father, help us to love like You love. Help us not to hold anything back, but with full commitment, run the race that is set out for us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus; the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Help us LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen