

**Volume 2 – Day 19: Love God More
Than Your Most Significant Other**

Most of us pursue God avidly in a very conscious and purposeful way. Unfortunately, in so doing, we are limiting God by our preconceived notions of what we believe Him to be and think He wants us to be doing. This is truly immature. If you look at your relationship with your spouse or your most significant other, you will realize that a lot of your actions or attitudes toward that individual are way below the conscious level. You just do them as a matter of course, as a matter of affection, as a matter of kindness to them in ways that you don't even think about.

But with God, you may tend to put Him always in this conscious mode where you are doing this and that for Him. If you approached your most significant others with that same attitude and that same way of doing things, your relationships would deteriorate and end up broken. God wants a relationship with you wherein you are so fully in love with Him, energized by Him and delighted to be in His presence that you don't even think about the things that you're doing for Him. You simply do what you have come to know that He desires.

Your actions are a by-product of your feelings for others. “Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can’t know him if you don’t love. ... This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.”—1 John 4:8-10 MSG

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan