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THE CALL TO WHOLEHEARTED LOVE: TO BE EQUALLY YOKED TO JESUS IN LOVE

37 You shall love the LORD ... with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. (Mt. 22:37-38)

God's ultimate eternal purpose for creation is to provide a family for Himself that includes faithful children for Himself and an equally yoked Bride for Jesus as His eternal companion. God promised to give Jesus an inheritance consisting of a people whom He fully possesses in love.

8 I [the Father] will give You [Jesus] the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Ps. 2:8)

1. Mandatory obedience: God will cause all creation to obey Jesus (Phil. 2:9-11).
2. Voluntary love: God will raise up people who voluntarily choose to love Him.

Equally yoked in love: God wants us to love Him with all of our heart and mind, because He loves us with all of His heart and mind. Jesus wants us to love Him in the way He loves us. He will supernaturally empower us to love Him this way. It takes "God to love God." The anointing to receive God's love and to return it to Him is the greatest gift the Spirit imparts to us.

There is an anointing to receive God's love and give love...

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