

“From the Heart”
Series: LIFE ON LOAN
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Introduction:

If you're a Christian (Christ-follower) and you're not serving anywhere... WHY?

If you're a Christ follower and you are serving somewhere... WHY?

1. A life on loan has a heart from God

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

*Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must **love** the LORD your God with all your **heart**, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

- This is **THE** story
- I need to **listen** to this story
- This needs to be **my** life story
- It's a **love** story

2. A life on loan has heart for God

Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- I love God because God loves me
- I love me because God loves me
- I love others because I love me
- I love others because I love God

3. A life on loan has the heart of God

Psalm 37:3-4

Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires.

- God’s desires become my desires
- It’s a desire to initiate
- It’s a desire to sacrifice
- It’s a desire to continue

Romans 13:8-10

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law.