

Rev 2:4

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Remember the movie Top Gun with Tom using as his pick up line in a bar singing the song, “*You Lost That Loving Feeling*”? Sorry, you probably have that song stuck in your head now.

But if you think about it, how many times have you prayed to the Lord that you want to restore your relationship with Him or that you need that loving feeling back that you lost with Him?

Maybe in your relationship with your spouse or girl/boyfriend you may feel you have lost that loving feeling. All those little tingly feelings you would have when you would hear their voice are just not there anymore. The pitter patter of your heart just beats steadily, with no increase in your heart rate at all when they are around.

So, have you really lost that loving feeling?

Well, according to today’s devotional verse, Jesus does not tell the church of Ephesus that they lost that loving feeling, but rather that *that you have left your first love.*

In other words, we could say that the loving feeling is never lost, but rather that you just walked away (*left*) from it.

So what do you do? It’s pretty simple, when you walk away from something that you know you shouldn’t have, isn’t the obvious answer to turn around and walk back?

† **Rev 2:5a** *Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works.*

If Jesus says that *you have left*, it means that He is still standing there, waiting for you to turn around and come back. The living bible puts verse 5 like this:

† *Think about those times of your first love (how different now!) and turn back to me again and work as you did before* **Rev 2:5a (Living)**

This should be what you are doing in your relationship with the Lord if you have left Him, and in reality you know that you need to come back.

It’s also wise words if you are having problems in your marriage where you feel it has gone flat, and dry, and dull; *Think about those times of your first love (how different now!)*

The end of the year is around the corner, and some of you may be thinking that the first of the year you will start reading your bible everyday and praying more and do all these things to get back that loving feeling for the Lord.

Well, if you really want that love and relationship back with the Lord, don’t wait another week to do it, do it now.

Would you really say that you will start having a better relationship with your spouse in a few weeks instead of fixing it now?

Don't wait until tomorrow or the first of the year to renew your relationship with the Lord or your spouse, because tomorrow may never come.

Also remember that today is yesterday's tomorrow, so tomorrow is here right now.

† **James 4:13-14** *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.*