

## Day 2

Read: Luke 10:25-28 and Matthew 22:34-40

Here we have two versions of the same event or two different events, with the same emphasis. Love God, and love people. As we look at our purpose, if these things aren't somehow at the centre, as right as our purpose might feel, we have missed the point all together. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one". This call that was made before the command was given, was hear and obey. We can hear the command, but unless we go and live it, we are, as James said, deceiving ourselves. We feel like great Christians, because we heard what was said, but the hearing for a Hebrew included obeying. Are you loving God with all your heart, that is, all your volition and your will? Your soul – do you love Him with your physical being? Does what you do with your body reflect your love for Him? Your strength: your capacity, your potential, everything that you have the ability to generate – is it your future plan to love Him with everything as well as your present plan? As we pursue our purpose, loving God is everything. [Click here for the contemplative prayer](#), or read on. Pray through Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 4:18. "O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and to enjoy You, for Christ's sake." St. Ambrose of Milan, 337-397 AD