

**MY STORY — 5**  
**I DECIDED TO LOVE**

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*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...*  
**Hebrews 12.2**

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<sup>28</sup> *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”*

<sup>29</sup> *“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

<sup>30</sup> *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’*

<sup>31</sup> *The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” **Mk 12.28-31***

*Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*

*Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”*  
**John 14.23-24**

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*  
**1 John 3.16**

*“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”*  
**Romans 12.9-10**

- **WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO WANT?**

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- **WHAT STEP OF FAITH DO YOU NEED TO TAKE?**

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*“Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others”*  
**1 Peter 4.10**

**Talk It Over**

- Think of the ways you show love to others each day. What is the motivation behind your love?
- How has loving others blessed your life?
- Who are the people in your life who need your love and support or need you to celebrate with them today?
- In what area(s) might God be prompting you to serve?