

# It's All About Jesus

“Mastering the Most Important Thing in the World”, Matthew 22:34-40  
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When asked what is the most important commandment in the Bible, Jesus' answer is pro-active, not prohibitional. *Deuteronomy 6:4-5 NIV; Leviticus 19:18 NIV*

## I. **Tell People That You Love Them!**

It's just hard to overestimate the importance of hearing the words: I love you.

### **How to show love:**

1. Make it standard operating procedure.
2. Look for memorable ways to say it.

## II. **Put Your Love in Writing.**

Children never throw away a hand-written note from their parents.

When you express your love to a spouse or a child in a hand-written note...  
it's theirs forever.

## III. **Exercise Loving Touch.**

If you study the life of Jesus, you'll discover that He would often show compassion through appropriate touch.

“A child can learn a lot about the nature of God by watching loving parents just do what comes natural.” - Dr. Donald Joy

Even if this is uncomfortable for you, climb out of your comfort zone for the sake of the people you love.

## IV. **Small Acts of Kindness.**

Gifts, flowers and calls all say, "While I was away...I was thinking about you!"

## V. **Enter into the Life of the People You Love.** *Romans 12:15 NIV*

In a loving community you laugh with those who are laughing, and weep with those who weeping.

Love means you show up for things!

Showing your love to the people you love is the most important thing you can do in 2017.

## Ministry Opportunities

For the full list of upcoming events, visit [CompassionChristian.com/events](http://CompassionChristian.com/events).

### Welcome to Compassion Lunch

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15**

#### Upstairs Lobby

If you're new here, come to this lunch. You'll meet some of the pastors, hear about the vision, mission and values of our church, and find out how to become a member. Lunch will be provided. Help us anticipate numbers by signing up in advance at [Connecting Point](http://Connecting Point) or [CompassionChristian.com](http://CompassionChristian.com).

### Spiritual Growth Classes

**6:15 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 18 - March 8**

#### Lighthouse Building across the street

Connect more deeply with Christ and lead others to do the same. These classes focus on building a life-changing relationship with God, creating healthier relationships with others, and discovering how to use your unique gifts to serve Jesus with joy and passion.

### Journey Serve Day

**8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21**

#### The Journey Field behind The Link

We need to prepare The Journey set for storage until 2018. Join us for a serve day to disassemble the sets and organize props, costumes and supplies. Bring gloves and tools. Come all day or just for a few hours. Lunch will be provided.

### Financial Peace University

**6:45 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 - April 5 | Room 203, Main Building**

**8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Feb. 5 - April 9 | Room 211, Adult Ministry Center**

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in one of these nine-week, DVD-based courses taught by Dave Ramsey. The courses are appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Sign up and purchase your course materials at [CompassionChristian.com](http://CompassionChristian.com) by Sunday, Jan. 22.

### 2016 Giving Statements

Your 2016 giving statement will be available to view in your online account by Friday, Jan. 13. We'll also send you an email with a link to your statement by Tuesday, Jan. 17. Please verify that we have your correct email address on file before that date by logging into your account at [CompassionChristian.com](http://CompassionChristian.com).