



## LIFE IN 2020

### Part 6: “I Can’t Help Falling In Love With Me”

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*“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”*

**Mark 12:30-31** (NLT)

### IF I WANT TO BE “IN LOVE” WITH WHO I AM, I HAVE TO...

#### 1. ...STOP TRYING TO BE SOMEONE I’M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE

*“Don’t worry about a thing,’ David told him. ‘I’ll take care of this Philistine!’ ‘Don’t be ridiculous!’ Saul replied. ‘How can a kid like you fight with a man like him? You are only a boy, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!’ But David persisted...Saul finally consented, ‘All right, go ahead,’ he said, ‘and may the Lord be with you!’*

1.

*Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. **'I can hardly move!'** he exclaimed, and took them off again. Then he picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his shepherd's bag and, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, started across to Goliath. Goliath walked out toward David with his shield-bearer ahead of him, sneering in contempt at this nice little red-cheeked boy!"*

**1 Samuel 17:32-42 (TLB)**

**2. ...START EMBRACING WHO I WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE**

*"One day someone began an argument with John's disciples, telling them that Jesus' baptism was best. So they came to John and said, 'Master, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River—the one you said was the Messiah—he is baptizing too, and everybody is going over there instead of coming here to us.' John replied, 'God in heaven appoints each man's work. My work is to prepare the way for that man so that everyone will go to him. You yourselves know how plainly I told you that I am not the Messiah. I am here to prepare the way for him—that is all.*

**2.**

*The crowds will naturally go to the main attraction—the bride will go where the bridegroom is!*

*A bridegroom's friends rejoice with him. I am the Bridegroom's friend, and I am filled with joy at his success. He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."*

**John 3:25-30** (TLB)

*"You were taught to leave your old self. This means that you must stop living the evil way you lived before. That old self gets worse and worse, because people are fooled by the evil they want to do. You must be made new in your hearts and in your thinking. Be that new person who was made to be like God, truly good and pleasing to him."*

**Ephesians 4:22-24** (ERV)

### **3. ...KEEP LOVING PEOPLE LIKE I NEED TO BE**

*"So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers."*

**John 13:34-35** (TPT)

*"Most important of all, love each other deeply, because love makes you willing to forgive many sins."*

**1 Peter 4:8** (ERV)