

JUNE 28

## “FIRST LOVE IS NOT NECESSARILY COMPLICATED, BUT YOU NEVER REALLY FORGET IT.”

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### **READ**

*Revelation 2:1-7*

First love is not necessarily complicated love, but you never really forget it. After I first truly gave my heart to Jesus, there were long nights of staying up and studying Scripture, long prayer vigils in the house or in the woods. Sandra and I were evangelists in Ohio. We'd stay in our little apartment all day and drive to preach at night. Near the apartment was a big, old, dead tree. Many days I would walk there with my Bible, get under that tree, lean back against that broad trunk and cry. I couldn't get over the fact that Jesus not only saved me, but called me to preach — that He loved me enough to give me all that. That's first love. You can't forget the feelings, the atmosphere or the environment. But oh, how easy it is to get away from it. Some of you are so determined. You won't miss a church service. You can't skip a devotion. Anything you can do that's Christian, you do it. But are you enjoying it? When our passion is not Jesus, there is no spark, and our efforts are misdirected. When we get our first love back, we realize we don't need or want anything but Jesus.

### **PRAY**

Lord, I repent for moving away from You, leaving my first love. Help me to look with thrilled anticipation at Your return. May my heart beat only for You.

*From August 23, 2009*