Friends, don't get me wrong. By no means do I count myself as an expert in all of this, but I've got my eyes on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I am not turning back
Philippians 3:13-14 The Message Bible

First Love Ministries, Inc, of Perry, Georgia
Prayer Study 332

Thirty-six Things I Have Learned in the 36 Year History of First Love Ministries
1979-2015

A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.
Proverbs 1:5

1. **One of the most powerful forces on earth is Christian Love.** *And now abideth faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.* 1st Corinthians 13:13
2. **When you are walking in right standing with Jesus, you don't have to defend yourself.** *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.* Psalm 62:2
3. **A good indication that you are doing what the Lord wants is there is opposition.** *But it came to pass that when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabians and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward and that the breaches began to be closed, they were very angry and conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem and to hinder it. Nevertheless, we made our prayer unto our God and set a watch against them day and night because of them.* Nehemiah 4:7-9
4. **We are not God. The battle belongs to the Lord.** *...Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.* 2nd Chronicles 20:15b
5. **Often when you have a drop off in giving for the Lord's work or other unexplainable problems, it is an indication that there is sin in the camp, especially sexual sin and especially in the leadership.** *Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I command them, for they have even taken of the accursed thing and have also stolen and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff. Therefore, the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed. Neither will I be with you any*

more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Joshua 7:11-12

6. **Many people perform well and call it the anointing. Performance is self-motivated. Anointing comes from doing what the Father wants and is Spirit-motivated.** *Then answered Jesus and said unto them,* ***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever things he doeth, these also doeth the Son in the same manner."*** John 5:19
7. **Grace and mercy should be preached.** *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* Ephesians 4:29 *For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* Hebrews 4:14-16
8. **If you preach it, you better walk it or least tell the listeners that you are not there yet but striving to walk it.** *Even so hath the Lord ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.* 1st Corinthians 9:14
9. **The greatest need, besides coming to Christ and receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, in this generation is to know a father's love.** *Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.* Malachi 4:5-6
10. **The greatest protection for this generation is to be under godly authority.** *I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men, for kings and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.* 1st Timothy 2:1-2
11. **There is no big "I" and little "you" in Jesus.** *For there is no respect of persons with God.* Romans 2:11
12. **"Only one life, will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."** *The days of our years are three-score and ten, and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away…So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.* Psalm 90:10 &12

13. **The Gospel does not change for the culture.** *Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate…*2nd Corinthians 6:17a *And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* Romans 12:2
14. **No matter how mature we are, there is still more to God than we yet know.** *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!* Romans 11:33
15. **The Word works and is TRUE.** *Thy word is true from the beginning, and everyone of Thy righteous ordinances endureth forever.* Psalm 119:160
16. **Receive correction but don't receive negative reports, especially from unbelievers.** *Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way, and he that hateth reproof shall die.* Proverbs 15:10
17. **No one is too far gone or too bad or messed up for Jesus.** *And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let him that heareth say, "Come." And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* Revelation 22:17
18. **We usually don't like people because we really don't know them.** ***And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*** John 8:31 ***By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*** John 13:35
19. **When a person acts negatively towards another, he or she is usually hiding their own woundedness, and that woundedness can be healed through Christ.** *Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there?* Jeremiah 8:22a
20. **If you pray, things happen. If you don't, nothing happens.** *…yet ye have not, because ye ask not.* James 4:3
21. **Faith is the opposite of fear, and faith is the key to many victories.** *Above all, taking the shield of faith , with which ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.* Ephesians 6:16
22. **Things really do work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose.** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.* Romans 8:28
23. **The world is NOT my home.** *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.* Hebrews 11:16

24. **The greatest weapon against the kingdom of darkness is the baptism in the Holy Spirit.** ***But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you…*** Acts 1:8a
25. **You reap what you sow.** *Be not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.* Galatians 6:7
26. **It is His kindness that leads to repentance so we should show that kindness to others.** *Or despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?* Romans 2:4
27. **He really is able to do exceedingly, abundantly more than we ask or think according to the power that works in us.** *Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout the ages, world without end. Amen.* Ephesians 3:20-21
28. **Little is much if God is in it.** *And Jesus took the loaves and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were sitting down, and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, He said unto His disciples,* ***"Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing is lost."*** *Therefore, they gathered them together and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above that which they had eaten.* John 6:11-13
29. **If you feel like you are in Hell, keep walking and praise Him anyway.** *In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus, concerning you.* 1st Thessalonians 5:18
30. **There is a highly organized kingdom of darkness, but greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.** *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them* (spirits, especially spirits of antichrist), *because greater is He* (Jesus) *that is in you, than he* (Satan) *that is in the world.* 1st John 4:4
31. **Three sure ways to overcome Satan in this life are by the blood of Jesus which you receive when you are saved, by the Word of God, and by being willing to lay down your life for the Gospel.** *And they overcame him* (Satan) *by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* Revelation 12:11
32. **Jesus wants relationship with you even more than you want it with Him.** ***Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear***

my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me. Revelation 3:20

33. **Those who live lukewarm lives in Christ will lose their ability to hear the Holy Spirit.** ***I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth***. Revelation 3:15-16
34. **A good test of how strong is your relationship with Christ is how much you love people.** ***By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*** John 13:35 *Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth god. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.* 1st John 4:7-8
35. **He is coming soon, and our redemption draweth nigh.** ***And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*** Luke 21:27-28
36. **The greatest revelation the Church needs today is the revelation of how much God really loves us.**

There Is Nothing Greater Than Grace

What do you say to someone who feels like they've lost it all, over the edge with no one there to break their fall , and what do you say to someone who feels so unloved , giving themselves away a little bit everyday, just to be good enough, and what do you say to a hopeless soul who can't remember their way home, and everything is out of their control?

There is no valley. There is no darkness. There is no sorrow, greater than the grace of Jesus. There is no moment. There is no distance. There is no heartbreak, He can't take you through. So before you think that you're too lost to save, remember there is nothing greater than grace.

What do you say to someone whose life is on the line, and they're unsure what happens after their last breath in time ? What do you say to someone who has built a wall you can't break through, and it's so hard for them to hear the truth?

So don't lose hope. Don't let go . Don't give up! You are not alone. There is no valley. There is no darkness . There is no sorrow, greater than the grace of Jesus. There is no moment. There is no distance . There is no heartbreak He can't take you through. So before you think that you're too lost to save , remember there is nothing greater than grace.