

JULY 18, 2016



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

PSALM 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 OR 19:8, 9, 10, 11

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

LUKE 10:25-37

REFLECTION

"Love the Lord, your God, with *all* your heart, with *all* your being, with *all* your strength, and with *all* your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27; emphasis added).

How do three letters make such a difference? The word "all" implies everything. This everything isn't difficult to understand; yet it's not easy to allow it in our lives. You put your all into winning a game, understanding a homework assignment, listening to a friend when they are in need, or working to achieve anything you want to personally succeed. How do we give our *all* to God? God makes us each unique gifts, so how we learn to love and communicate with God will be special based upon our tools. The word *all* also means we need to make sure the entire container of our our lives (heart, being, mind, soul) are empty enough to be filled with God's love. If we are constantly filling our lives with things that don't matter and don't bring us closer to God, how can we possibly love God with our all?



"SEARCH MY HEART"

HILLSONG UNITED

[www.youtube.com/
watch?v=1mqKT21HqqQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mqKT21HqqQ)

ACTION

Find someone you admire who is well organized. Ask to talk about what makes him or her be that way. See if you can learn something from this person. Ask for advice in becoming a stronger and more open version of yourself so you have time to give your *all* to God just as much as to everything else that you love.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- In what way can the thing you love the most allow you to better communicate with God with all your heart, mind, and soul?
- Do you really want to give your all to God? Are you ready to accept what that means in how you might have to change your life or the things you do?