## Rave You Geff Your Pirsf Gove?



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Dear believer, have you moved? Has your relationship with Christ slowly and gradually lost its warmth and beauty and freshness? Have you lost the joy of your salvation (Psalm 51:12)? Is your relationship with Christ being neglected and ignored? Have other loves come in that have crowded out your "first love"? Let us return to those first works: loving Him, pleasing Him, walking with Him, thanking Him, rejoicing in Him, trusting Him, delighting in Him.

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