

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

February: Back to Love

Week 1: Finding our first love

Introduction

“First” usually means that all others came afterwards. First means earliest on record, a milestone event, something that its position can never be replaced. As they say, “you get only one chance to make a first impression”. First usually lives in the past because everything is subject to time. Without a time machine, there is simply no way to have that **amazing first** experience again in the present – of surprise, discovery, *love*. So we rely on nostalgia to store our first **happy** memories away in an imaginary cupboard labelled “the good old days”. The only way we can experience our first is by going into that imaginary cupboard because, again, everything is subject to time. Everything. And everyone.

Really?

What if there was something, **Someone**, not subject to time? Someone with whom you could have *that* first experience all over again, if you were willing to find that Person. Would you do it?

Pilot text

[Jer 2:2-3a \[NLT\]](#) “Go and shout this message to Jerusalem. This is what the LORD says: “I remember how eager you were to please me as a young bride long ago, how you loved me and followed me even through the barren wilderness. In those days Israel was holy to the Lord, the first of his children.”

- Share your experience of your first (human) love
- How about when you first committed your life to the Lord Jesus?
- What does love mean to you?
- Thinking back to our pilot scripture **[Jer 2:2-3a](#)**, what characteristics do we see that define “first love”?
- Take home actions
 - Self-audit: What has changed in you since the time you first committed your life to the Lord, and now? What do you need to go back to doing?