

A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised high towards a dramatic sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue on the left to a bright, golden yellow on the right, with wispy clouds and some light streaks. The person is wearing a dark, short-sleeved shirt with thin horizontal stripes. The overall mood is one of triumph or reaching for a goal.

The *Overcoming* Life

Revelation allows you to set
your present moment, in all of
its uncertainties, in light of the
unseen realities of the future!

Revelation allows you to set your present moment, in all of its uncertainties, against the unseen realities of the present.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ...

To him who overcomes...

“Be *faithful*...”

What is the current condition of
my spiritual life?

Affections for Christ:

How we lose them,
and how we regain them.

The messages are a combination of...

Royal Edict

Prophetic Oracle

Church = *Ecclesia*

*A called out group entrusted with
royal business.*

Jesus is the true eternal king gathering his people to conduct the royal business, the worship of Almighty God, for the sake of implementing his wishes through the city.

If Jesus were to write you
a letter, what would it say?



Second only to prayer, it is the investment of volunteers that make our church what it is today.



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Jesus-

*You have forsaken your first
LOVE.*

Expressions of love for Christ
and love for Christ are
not the same thing.

LOVE

Affections

Actions



LOVE

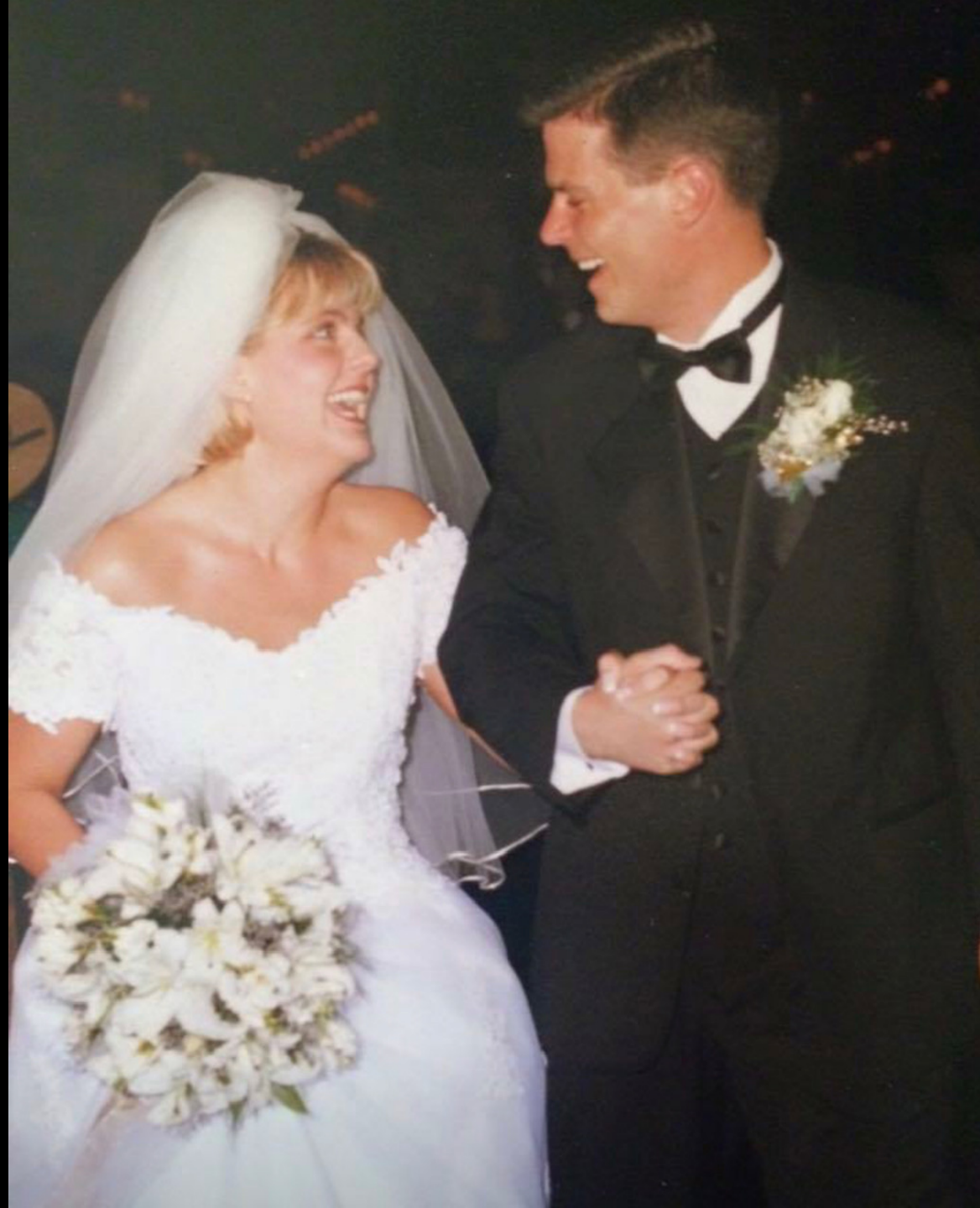
Affections

Actions



John-

*Your full life of being a
Christian has replaced your
love for Christ!*



*When we come to Christ he
gives us Christianity, not to
replace our love for him, but
to fuel our love for him!*

Why is this

IMPORTANT?

LOVE = *Agape*

A sacrificial love given to one who does not deserve it.

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, **to bring you to God.**”

1 Peter 3:18

LOVE

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“Keep yourselves in the love of God...”

Jude 1:21

“Remember the height from which you have fallen...”

“...do this in remembrance of me.”

Not a life for Christ, but
with Christ!

Does this heighten my affections
for Christ or lessen my affection
for Christ?

“Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. ”

Acts 19:18-18

Am I will to allow confession
to shatter any false image of
perfection?

Is this

Worth it?

“Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

Rev. 2:7