

READING PLAN: 30 DAYS IN THE WORD

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THIS DEVOTIONAL BELONGS TO

INTRODUCTION:

On a baseball team, there are a variety of positions that require different skill sets. The pitcher is known for an ability to throw the ball hard and accurately. The first baseman is normally known for their ability to hit the baseball with power. Outfielders are known for their speed to catch baseballs in the outfield. The best teams understand the beauty of the diversity of their talents, but they all have a unified mission: win the championship.

The Church contains a similar diversity of talents and unity of mission. The only difference is that the Church is not striving to win a temporary trophy. Rather, the Church is striving to see God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. In order to experience heaven on earth, we need to start treating one another like we will treat each other in heaven! In heaven, we will not slander one another. In heaven, we will not be jealous of one another. In heaven, we will not be an enemy of anyone. Therefore, we must start practicing heavenly behavior on earth today.

Over the next 30 days, we will study some of the "one anothers" found in the New Testament to better learn how to live on earth as we will in heaven.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

DAY ONE:

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

Devotional: Peter wrote this letter to encourage other brothers and sisters in Christ to remain steadfast in their faith. Earlier in the letter, he called all Christians to unity in the way they love and serve one another. In chapter 4 verse 8, Peter calls us again to love each other, adding that love covers a multitude of sins. Peter is not saying to overlook sin or sweep it under the rug. When he says “covers” in verse 8, he is referring to working toward forgiveness. Our sins were “covered” by Christ and the forgiveness extended to us through His work on the cross. Now, as we live as Christ followers, we are called to imitate Christ in the way we seek to love and “cover” the sins of those who offend us.

Questions:

- By offering forgiveness to others, how do we imitate Christ?
- How does remembering what Christ did for you on the cross motivate you to extend forgiveness to others?
- Actively remembering Christ throughout the day can increase your love and compassion toward others. How can you create rhythms of remembrance throughout your day?
- Who in your life are you struggling to forgive? Spend the next two minutes praying for them.

DAY TWO:

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

Mark 9:50

Devotional: In this passage, Jesus is encouraging His followers to be salty. In other words, He calls His people to live a life marked by righteousness and purity. In this passage, He emphasizes the consequences of causing another brother or sister to stumble and fall into sin. Instead, we are called to spur one another on towards godliness (Heb 10:24). When we chase after holiness in every aspect of our life, peace with one another is a direct result.

Questions:

- Jesus said, “Have salt among yourselves.” How can you encourage those around you to join you in working towards “saltiness”?
- What areas of your life need more “salt”?
- How does chasing holiness in every area of your life (your thoughts, your words, your time, etc.) lead to peace with others?

DAY THREE:

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

1 Peter 5:5

Devotional: In the last chapter of his epistle, Peter calls ALL believers, young and old, to clothe themselves in humility. It is important to understand what humility is and what it isn't. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less. Jesus calls all of His followers to be a people marked by humility, and He gave us the greatest example in His life, ministry and, ultimately, through His sacrifice for us on the cross. When we remember Christ's example of humility, we are compelled to lay our life down for others.

Questions:

- What are some ways you can intentionally put others before yourself today? Be on the lookout for opportunities God might give you to honor someone else!
- How does Jesus's life, death and resurrection give us the ability to be humble in the world today? What hope and power do we have that allows us to remain encouraged and encourage others?
- Preference kills humility. How are you inclined to put your preference before others?

DAY FOUR:

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.”

John 13:14

Devotional: We should show God’s same humble and sacrificial love to one another. In the time period of this Scripture, washing feet was the job of a lowly servant, so Jesus washing the disciples’ feet was shocking and, to some people, humiliating at that time. When Jesus did this, He displayed love and His purpose on this earth, to serve others. As Christians, we should humbly and joyfully serve one another. As demonstrated by the washing of feet, no job is beneath us. We should make it a priority to serve others everyday, whether it be doing a favor for a friend, helping someone in need, sacrificing your comfort or even washing someone’s feet!

Questions:

- Why is it important that we reflect God’s character by serving others?
- As a Christian, every action you take represents the Lord. How can you be more aware of the things you say and do, making sure that it is all honoring God?
- Look for a chance to go out of your way to serve someone today!

DAY FIVE:

If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Galatians 5:15

Devotional: Paul explains in verse 14 that the whole law is fulfilled when we love our neighbor. The theme of loving others the way Jesus loved us is emphasized many times throughout the Bible. However, the opposite of love is presented in verse 15. When we are not loving one another, we are “devouring each other” and will ultimately destroy each other. The type of person described in this verse is someone who acts out from a self-seeking heart. When selfish people come together, they will destroy one another because they are not serving one another. This is why the idea of loving one another is so clear in the Bible. The effects of not loving one another are evident in this verse: destruction. As you go throughout your day, think about ways you can serve other people to avoid devouring them.

Questions:

- How can you seek to serve others out of love today?
- Was there a time in your life where you served yourself instead of others? Pray for the Lord to change your heart to serve others instead of devouring them.

DAY SIX:

Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1 Peter 4:9

Devotional: In the Christian life, serving others is a crucial element of our faith. However, we often tend to view it as a chore or something we have to do rather than something we get to do. The good news is that we can change our perspective on this! We have to understand that it is truly a gift to be able to serve others. Not only does serving help others, it creates in us a more selfless nature and blesses us with a more fulfilling life. There are always opportunities to serve anywhere you go! Ask God to help you have a more willing heart to serve and to spot more opportunities where you can bless others with your work and time.

Questions:

- What are some of the excuses you find yourself using when given an opportunity to serve others?
- How can you work to change your perspective on serving others from a chore to a privilege?

DAY SEVEN:

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10

Devotional: In this scripture, Paul is describing what it means to be a self-sacrificing Christian. The love of God, as demonstrated by Jesus on the cross, is a great foundation for how we are to treat others. Romans 12:10 gives us more practical insight into the type of self-sacrificing love that we see from Jesus. We should never let status, position or any other factor dictate our love for others. Rather, we should seek to honor them through sacrificial love, service and devotion. When we show honor in these ways toward one another, we not only remind people of their value but reflect a love that is like God's love for us as His children.

Questions:

- Who does the Lord want you to honor as one another above yourself?
- Why is it so difficult to put others' interests before your own?
- How can you be better devoted to loving others in a way that reflects Christ?

DAY EIGHT:

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Romans 14:13

Devotional: In this passage, Paul is urging believers to no longer condemn one another but to instead live harmoniously with each other. When we judge or tear one another down, we end up hindering Christ's mission. Additionally, when we have less obstacles in our lives, it becomes much easier for us to run the race that God set for us. We should all fix our eyes on Christ and pursue unity because when we do, it's much easier for the Lord's love to be shown through us.

Questions:

- Is there anyone in your life who you find yourself often judging? Pray that the Lord would help you see him/her the way that the Lord sees them.
- How does knowing that we are all imperfect help us to stop passing judgment on one another?

DAY NINE:

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

Devotional: The church at Thessalonica was commended by Paul for their faith and love. In this verse, Paul wanted to reassure the believers in Thessalonica that they will always be with the Lord. When we think about Christ's return, one thing that we know for sure is that we can have hope. Christ will return, and, when He does, we will no longer experience pain and suffering like we do now.

Questions:

- How does the reality of Christ's return encourage you?
- How can you better encourage others with the hope of Christ and His return?
- Who does the Lord want you to encourage today?

DAY TEN:

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16

Devotional: In the book of Romans, Paul is writing to a group of Christian churches that consisted of both Jews and Gentiles, and one of the concerns that he heavily wanted to address was the idea of unity. In our world today, we are surrounded by people from various backgrounds, and this mix of cultures and ethnicities is the heart of God. As believers, we are called to be unified and live in harmony with one another regardless of our backgrounds. It's easy to let external titles, positions or other accolades affect the way we treat people, but the Lord calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves. In seeking to serve and love others in this sacrificial way free from pride and selfish ambition, we will begin to see true unity and harmony amongst believers.

Questions:

- Have you found yourself treating others of low position differently? If so, how can you care for them better?
- What are some practical ways that you can better live in harmony with others around you?

DAY ELEVEN:

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

Devotional: It can be easy to fall back into sin each and every day due to temptation. However, we should not take God's grace for granted and use it as an excuse to keep on sinning. God's design for our lives is best, and when we trust that the way He calls us to live is better, we will find ourselves much more fulfilled and happy in the long run. Instead of indulging in the flesh, we can seek to walk by the Spirit and experience a life with lasting joy and love as we follow God and serve others. Ultimately, the Lord's ways and plans for how we should live our life are better than ours, and if we believe that wholeheartedly, we will find lasting freedom.

Questions:

- Do you find yourself using your freedom as an opportunity to indulge in the flesh?
- What are some practical ways that you can better serve others humbly in love?

DAY TWELVE:

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Romans 15:7

Devotional: This word “accept” means to take one in or to welcome them, keeping in mind how Jesus took us in. It can be scary to talk to new people, especially to be a friend to someone that shows no interest or appreciation. Don’t worry, these attempts are never in vain. You never know when your welcoming attitude will brighten someone’s day or bring them closer to Jesus, and no matter what, taking others in brings praise to God. Many times, it’s easy to only connect with people who are just like us, people who believe in Christ. However, it’s important to remember that Jesus made connections with all peoples. As believers, we are called to love everyone as Christ loves us. Oftentimes, people who are lost need someone who authentically loves them as a creation of Christ. There is nothing more unifying and accepting than the unconditional love of Christ.

Questions:

- Do you have some things that are hard to accept about yourself? If so, what?
- How can we resemble God’s accepting character to people we interact with?

DAY THIRTEEN:

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16

Devotional: An important part of the Christian life is the gathering and encouragement of fellow believers. When you come together with the body of Christ, you have the ability to share, teach and minister to others because of the truth and message of Jesus. No matter what differences there may be or struggles you may be facing, there is unity to be found in the hope of the Gospel of Jesus! Sharing your faith and what God is doing in your life with other believers can help encourage and further their walks with God as well. Practicing this with others helps to build up gratitude and worship in your heart that you can continue to share with fellow believers!

Questions:

- How can you encourage a fellow believer today? Reach out to a brother or sister in Christ and share your gratitude with them!
- Take some time to reflect on what God is doing in your life lately. Think about what lessons the Lord might be teaching you now that you could one day share with someone else.

DAY FOURTEEN:

...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Devotional: Routines are hard to maintain. With work, family and fun, there are so many events to go to and schedules to follow. In the midst of modern life, it can be difficult to consistently gather with fellow believers. However, Scripture tells us that there is a reward in doing this. Meeting with and spending time together with brothers and sisters in Christ encourages us in our faith! Seeing and sharing the things that God is doing in each of our lives serves as a blessing to everyone involved, so don't give up on meeting together. Reach out and encourage someone today!

Questions:

- Who are some of the most encouraging people in your life right now? How often do you see them?
- When was the last time you shared with someone something that God has been teaching you?
- How has someone else encouraged you in faith lately?

DAY FIFTEEN:

...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:25

Devotional: Being a believer in Jesus means that you have a distinct belonging within the family of God and the body of Christ, the Church! Even though each person is different, we are called to have unity with fellow believers and show a special care and love towards one another. The Church is to be considered one body with one purpose: to glorify Christ and make His name known. In pursuit of this mission, concern for the welfare of one another is a paramount teaching of Jesus. Instead of focusing on the differences and divisions between us as people, we should rather unite under the kingship of Jesus as we all strive to love each other like Christ first loved us. Try today to recognize the importance of every member in the body of Christ. Ask God to help you care for others with genuine love and concern, striving for unity and harmony.

Questions:

- When is a time you have seen or felt the unity of the body of Christ?
- How can you show someone in your life that you care for them today? Go out of your way to exemplify Christ-like love!
- Who is someone you know that strives for unity?

DAY SIXTEEN:

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it.

James 4:11

Devotional: We live in a broken world that is filled with relational conflict. We experience conflict with our children, spouses, neighbors, co-workers and supervisors. In the heat of the moment, we are tempted to raise our voices, grow angry and slander the other person. However, if we are going to live as if James 4:11 is true, then we will guard our mouths from slandering others. We are commanded not to slander, but rather use our words to build up, love and encourage others.

Questions:

- Take some time to meditate on the following reflective question...what do your words reveal about your heart?
- Is there anyone in your life that you need to ask forgiveness from for speaking poorly about them?

DAY SEVENTEEN:

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Devotional: Jesus often spoke and taught about how we, as His followers, are supposed to treat fellow believers. While of course we should have a steadfast love of God, we are commanded to have a love for people too. Jesus says that by caring well for one another we can honor God. This is a very simple and practical way for us to live out our faith. That doesn't mean it's easy though! Carrying someone's burdens can be hard and trying, especially when you are going through struggles of your own. That's why it is so important for all of us, as the body of Christ and the family of God, to care for and love one another. In doing this, we will encourage and empower our brothers and sisters in the faith.

Questions:

- What burdens are you carrying right now?
- Who is someone you know that is burdened? How can you help care for them in this time?
- Loving others can be hard! Pray for strength to be able to care well for people while staying rooted in Christ.

DAY EIGHTEEN:

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Devotional: As followers of Christ, we are called to be kind and compassionate to one another. However, we are not just called to be kind and compassionate, but also are called to forgive. We have already received the greatest forgiveness that we could ever receive through Jesus' death for our sins on the cross, and this should propel us to have hearts that are quick to forgive. We were undeserving of forgiveness, yet Christ was kind and compassionate and died for us. This Scripture reminds us that we should seek to extend that same grace and mercy to others by being kind and compassionate in our interactions.

Questions:

- Is there anyone in your life who you need to forgive? Pray that the Lord would give you the courage and strength to forgive them.
- How can you practically be more compassionate to others at home, work and life in general?

DAY NINETEEN:

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

1 Peter 3:8

Devotional: We must be like-minded with Christ and in unity with people. This verse begins with “finally,” which means Peter is finalizing his thoughts, and he calls us to unity and love among one another. But how are we like-minded with Christ? By reading the Word of God. We can’t be like-minded with someone if we don’t know them. By reading the Word of God, we discover the mind of Jesus and His character. Since we are all children of God we must be in unity with one another even if we are not all the same. It is encouraging that we all have different gifts and roles, yet our job is always to love one another. Sometimes it might be hard to like someone that you don’t get along with, but our job is to love them how Christ loves us, regardless of our mistakes, and to always show compassion to one another.

Questions:

- Everyone goes through struggle, sin and hard times, but Jesus still offers us compassion and love. How can you work to show love and compassion to someone this week?
- Everything in our culture tries to divide people and pit one another against each other. Spend some time in prayer asking God for understanding and compassion towards those that may be different than you.

DAY TWENTY:

...speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord

Ephesians 5:19

Devotional: Your words should edify and encourage others, expressing praise and worship to God. Our speech is powerful and has the ability to build up others, but it also has the power to tear others down, so we should be cautious with our words. In Colossians 4:6, Paul tells us our speech should always be gracious and seasoned with salt. We are commissioned to use our voices to encourage, praise, uplift and inspire. If we are filled with the Spirit, we will have a desire to worship God and encourage others, and the more time we spend with God, the more our speech will be changed and filled with praise.

Questions:

- How are you using your speech for good? Are there any areas in your speech that you struggle with?
- What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
- We are reminded in James 1:19 that we should be “slow to speak.” Practice doing this today and see how it impacts the words you choose to use.

DAY TWENTY-ONE:

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

Devotional: Paul tells us in this verse that we are to practice mutual submission and to consider others needs. Romans 12:10 tells us to “outdo one another in showing honor.” In any type of relationship, we should seek to serve the other person to the best of our ability. Christ has shown us how to love one another by the way He loves us. Jesus shows us the greatest love by dying for our sins on the cross. We should model this type of sacrificial love in the way we serve others. Let the love Jesus has for you change your life, including your relationships.

Questions:

- What are some specific ways you can consider other people’s needs? Some examples are to reach out to a friend for coffee, or send an encouraging text.
- Looking back, has there been a time where you have not looked to the best interest of someone? Take time to pray for that person and seek to “outdo one another in showing honor” this week.

DAY TWENTY-TWO:

“This is my command: Love each other.”

John 15:17

Devotional: Jesus is giving instructions to His disciples in this passage. Jesus explains to His disciples that His love should guide them to love others. The disciples were probably thinking Jesus would give them specific instructions for how to operate in the world, but instead, He commands them to love each other. Love should be the guide in their lives. This is one of Jesus' commands, it is not an option. As Christians, our lives should be marked by love for others. As you go throughout your day, look for ways you can love others the way Jesus loves us.

Questions:

- Have you looked to Jesus' love as an example for your life? Who can you show Jesus' love to this week?
- Has there been a time in your life where you have not let love guide you? What are some things you can change in your life to let love for others guide your life?

DAY TWENTY-THREE:

Do not lie to each other since you have taken off your old self with its practices

Colossians 3:9

Devotional: It's easier to lie than any of us would like to admit – about small things and big things alike. It might be the small lies that work their way into our lives more often than the big ones. However minor these might seem, our attitude towards them can reveal a profound reality: we often behave as though we have not taken off our old self, that we are bent on holding onto the parts of us which we ought to treat as dead. As Christians, we are a community that pursues and values honesty with ourselves, others and the Lord.

Questions:

- What is the most difficult area of your life to be truthful in?
- What step can you take today to live honestly and openly with fellow believers?

DAY TWENTY-FOUR:

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds

Hebrews 10:24

Devotional: In the book of Hebrews, the author is encouraging the people of God to stay anchored to hope, regardless of uncertain circumstances and persecution. One of the main ways the people of God stay anchored to the hope we have in Christ is through gathering together and encouraging each other to persevere. Community for the Christ follower is not optional, it is necessary! Encouraging others and being encouraged by others is a necessary part of “holding fast” to Christ.

Questions:

- What personally spurs you on to loving others and good deeds?
- What was the last thing you did to encourage someone?
- Why is community necessary for the believer? How does the enemy try to keep us in isolation, away from other believers?

DAY TWENTY-FIVE:

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

Devotional: It is easy to fool ourselves. We do it all the time, and sometimes more than once a day. How? By buying into the lie of self-sufficiency. God created us to exist as a community, not as isolated individuals. This is also true of the church: we cannot afford to operate without each other – we are so weak on our own. So, how do we operate as a body, refusing to isolate and deceive ourselves? By encouraging one another daily with our words and actions, challenging each other to pursue Christ, and by worshiping God together both in Spirit and in Truth.

Questions:

- In what ways do you operate as though you are self-sufficient?
- How can you encourage someone with your words today?

DAY TWENTY-SIX:

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 5:26

Devotional: Paul tells us earlier in Galatians 5 that there is fruit that comes when we walk in the Spirit. Then, in verse 26 he tells us to refrain from pride and jealousy. Oftentimes, when something good happens in someone else's life, it can be hard to celebrate with them and instead ask "why didn't this happen to me?" The reality is, we are called to rejoice with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15). God does not play favorites or love some people more than others. He has a plan and purpose for each of our lives, even if we do not see it in the present. Know that you serve a God who loves you, sees you and has always been faithful, even if it is hard to see in the moment.

Questions:

- What are some ways you have seen the Lord's faithfulness in past seasons of your life?
- Is there an area of your life where you struggle with pride and jealousy? Pray that the Lord would guard your heart against these things and instead bear the fruit of the Spirit.
- Who can you celebrate in this season? Ask God to help you love others the way He loves them.

DAY TWENTY-SEVEN:

Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:9

Devotional: Grumbling does not promote love and unity. Consider a husband or wife who constantly grumbles about their spouse. Or an employee who grumbles about their boss. Most likely the one who grumbles will be filled with a critical spirit that does not assume the best, is not servant-hearted and is not loving. The fruits of a grumbling heart do not align with the fruits of the spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Questions:

- Look back at a time when someone was unfair to you. What was your response? Now applying this verse, how could you change your response next time?
- Unfortunately, it is common for employees to grumble about their supervisors and spouses to grumble about one another. Take some time to think about how the workplace and your marriage can be improved if you eliminate grumbling.
- One of the greatest remedies to grumbling is gratitude. Write down three to five things you are grateful for about the person that you normally grumble about.

DAY TWENTY-EIGHT:

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Devotional: Foster an atmosphere of honesty and vulnerability within the body of Christ, encouraging one another to confess sins, pray for each other's healing and witness the powerful effectiveness of righteous prayers. The Lord created us to be in community with one another, furthermore, facilitating an environment where confession becomes a regular practice. Sometimes we may not always have the greatest community, but the Lord gives us an opportunity to seek it or start it ourselves. At times, it is so easy to sit back and keep our sin struggles to ourselves and make ourselves seem fine on the outside. However, the Lord calls us to a higher standard of vulnerability that will ultimately start the process of healing. The practice of praying for others should be routine, as we create more and more meaningful relationships with fellow believers and those who are lost. Earlier in James, verse 13 states "Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise." As believers, we are called to not only encourage others, but pray for them in their times of trouble because prayer is powerful and effective

Questions:

- Do you have a community that you can be vulnerable with? If not, what steps can you take to find that community?
- How can you remind yourself to pray for others? How will you keep track of the prayer requests of others?

DAY TWENTY-NINE:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves,

Philippians 2:3

Devotional: In today's day and age, it is common to have a desire to be the best at whatever we do. We often strive for success and achievement even at the expense of others. However, Philippians 2:3 speaks directly against this way of living. Paul says that instead of thinking of ourselves as above others, we are called to live a life of humility. In a culture full of self-promotion and self-gain, living a life marked by putting others first sets Christians apart. When we remember Jesus' example of humility and sacrifice, we are motivated to love others in the same way.

Questions:

- How can you put someone ahead of yourself today?
- Do you have any selfish ambition or vain conceit in your life? Confess that to the Lord and ask that He would help you to love others well.
- How can you practice having more humility today than you did yesterday?

DAY THIRTY:

“By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

John 13:35

Devotional: As disciples of Christ, our love for others should set us apart from the world. We are called not just to love others but to love them as Christ loves us: sacrificially and full of grace. This should make us look differently than the people around us. Love should be the intention from which all actions flow. Love isn't just a warm feeling we get in our hearts, it is an action and it sometimes requires discipline and self-control. Today, ask God to give you the opportunity to model that, in showing love to someone else; a coworker, friend, family member or even a stranger!

Questions:

- What qualities of Christ-like love do you exemplify? How can you work to grow those qualities more starting today?
- Do people see a difference in how you treat/love others? Think about ways you can set yourself apart in the name of Jesus today.

THANK YOU for taking this journey with us. Our hope and prayer is that your relationship with and understanding of The Living God has been strengthened through this study.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



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