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EMBRACING GOD'S
FORGIVENESS IN OUR LIVES

A LOVEGODGREATLY BIBLE STUDY BOOK & JOURNAL

Welcome

WE ARE GLAD you have decided to join us in this Bible study! First of all, please know that you have been prayed for! It is not a coincidence you are participating in this study.

Our prayer for you is simple: that you will grow closer to our Lord as you dig into His Word each and every day! As you develop the discipline of being in God's Word on a daily basis, our prayer is that you will fall in love with Him even more as you spend time reading from the Bible.

Each day before you read the assigned scripture(s), pray and ask God to help you understand it. Invite Him to speak to you through His Word. Then listen. It's His job to speak to you, and it's your job to listen and obey.

Take time to read the verses over and over again. We are told in Proverbs to search and you will find: "Search for it like silver, and hunt for it like hidden treasure. Then you will understand" (Prov. 2:4-5 NCV).

We are thrilled to provide these different resources for you as you participate in our online Bible study:

- *You Are Forgiven* Study Book
- Reading Plan
- Weekly Blog Posts (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays)
- Weekly Memory Verses
- Weekly Monday Videos
- Weekly Challenges
- Online Community: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LoveGodGreatly.com
- Hashtags: #LoveGodGreatly

All of us here at Love God Greatly can't wait for you to get started, and we hope to see you at the finish line. Endure, persevere, press on—and don't give up! Finish well what you are beginning today. We will be here every step of the way, cheering you on! We are in this together. Fight to rise early, to push back the stress of the day, to sit alone and spend time in God's Word! Let's see what God has in store for you in this study! Journey with us as we learn to love God greatly with our lives!

Angela

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Our Community

LOVE GOD GREATLY (LGG) is a beautiful community of women who use a variety of technology platforms to keep each other accountable in God's Word.

We start with a simple Bible reading plan, but it doesn't stop there.

Some women gather in homes and churches locally, while others connect online with women across the globe. Whatever the method, we lovingly lock arms and unite for this purpose: to love God greatly with our lives.

In today's fast-paced technology-driven world, it would be easy to study God's Word in an isolated environment that lacks encouragement or support, but that isn't the intention here at Love God Greatly. God created us to live in community with Him and with those around us.

We need each other, and we live life better together.

Because of this, would you consider reaching out and doing this study with someone?

All of us have women in our lives who need friendship, accountability, and have the desire to dive into God's Word on a deeper level. Rest assured we'll be studying right alongside you—learning with you, cheering for you, enjoying sweet fellowship, and smiling from ear to ear as we watch God unite women together—intentionally connecting hearts and minds for His glory.

It's pretty unreal, this opportunity we have to grow not only closer to God through this study but also to each other. So here's the challenge: call your mom, your sister, your grandma, the girl across the street, or the college friend across the country. Gather a group of girls from your church or workplace, or meet in a coffee shop with friends you have always wished you knew better. Utilize the beauty of connecting online for inspiration and accountability, and take opportunities to meet in person when you can.

Arm-in-arm and hand-in-hand, let's do this thing...together.

How to Soap

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU.

We really want you to know that.

We're proud of you for making the commitment to be in God's Word, to be reading it each day and applying it to your life, the beautiful life our Lord has given you.

In this study we offer you a study journal to accompany the verses we are reading. This journal is designed to help you interact with God's Word and learn to dig deeper, encouraging you to slow down and reflect on what God is saying to you that day.

At Love God Greatly, we use the SOAP Bible study method. Before beginning, let's take a moment to define this method and share why we recommend using it during your quiet time.

Why SOAP It?

It's one thing to simply read Scripture. But when you interact with it, intentionally slowing down to really reflect on it, suddenly words start popping off the page. The SOAP method allows you to dig deeper into Scripture and see more than you would if you simply read the verses and then went on your merry way. Please take the time to SOAP through our Bible studies and see for yourself how much more you get from your daily reading. You'll be amazed.

What Does SOAP Mean?

S stands for **Scripture**. Physically write out the verses. You'll be amazed at what God will reveal to you just by taking the time to slow down and write out what you are reading!

O stands for **observation**. What do you see in the verses that you're reading? Who is the intended audience? Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?

A stands for **application**. This is when God's Word becomes personal. What is God saying to you today? How can you apply what you just read to your own personal life? What changes do you need to make? Is there action you need to take?

P stands for **prayer**. Pray God's Word back to Him. Spend time thanking Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. If He has revealed some sin that is in your life, confess. And remember, He loves you dearly.

Follow This Example

Scripture: Read and write out Colossians 1:5–8.

“The faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which

you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit” (NIV).

Observation: Write what stands out to you.

When you combine faith and love, you get hope. We must remember that our hope is in heaven; it is yet to come. The gospel is the Word of truth. The gospel is continually bearing fruit and growing from the first day to the last. It just takes one person to change a whole community...Epaphras.

Application: Apply this scripture to your own life.

God used one man, Epaphras, to change a whole town. I was reminded that we are simply called to tell others about Christ; it’s God’s job to spread the gospel, to grow it, and have it bear fruit. I felt today’s verses were almost directly spoken to Love God Greatly women: “The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.”

It’s so fun when God’s Word comes alive and encourages us in our current situation! My passionate desire is that all the women involved in our LGG Bible study will understand God’s grace and have a thirst for His Word. I was moved by this quote from my Bible commentary today: “God’s Word is not just for our information, it is for our transformation.”

Prayer: Pray over this.

Dear Lord, please help me to be an “Epaphras,” to tell others about You and then leave the results in Your loving hands. Please help me to understand and apply personally what I have read today to my life, thereby becoming more and more like You each and every day. Help me to live a life that bears the fruit of faith and love, anchoring my hope in heaven, not here on earth. Help me to remember that the best is yet to come!

SOAP It Up

Remember, the most important ingredients in the SOAP method are your interaction with God’s Word and your application of His Word to your life:

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. (Ps. 1:1–3, NIV)

Soap Reading Plan

		Read	SOAP
WEEK 1	Monday	Isaiah 59:1-5	Isaiah 59:2
	Tuesday	Ephesians 2:1-3, 12	Ephesians 2:12
	Wednesday	John 8:31-34	John 8:34
	Thursday	Jeremiah 17:9	Jeremiah 17:9
	Friday	Romans 7:18-19	Romans 7:18
	Response Day		
WEEK 2	Monday	Ephesians 1:3-7	Ephesians 1:7
	Tuesday	John 3:16-21	John 3:16
	Wednesday	Luke 13:1-5	Luke 13:5
	Thursday	John 1:26-30	John 1:29
	Friday	2 Chronicles 7:12-16	2 Chronicles 7:14
	Response Day		
WEEK 3	Monday	1 John 1:5-9	1 John 1:9
	Tuesday	Micah 7:18-19	Micah 7:19
	Wednesday	Hebrews 9:23-28	Hebrews 9:28
	Thursday	Psalms 103:11-13	Psalms 103:12
	Friday	Isaiah 38:17-19	Isaiah 38:17
	Response Day		
WEEK 4	Monday	2 Corinthians 5	2 Corinthians 5:17
	Tuesday	Romans 12:1-2	Romans 12:2
	Wednesday	Romans 6:1-10	Romans 6:6
	Thursday	Colossians 3:1-17	Colossians 3:1-3
	Friday	1 John 5:1-4	1 John 5:4
	Response Day		
WEEK 5	Monday	Colossians 3:12-14	Colossians 3:13
	Tuesday	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 18:21-22
	Wednesday	Romans 12:17-21	Romans 12:21
	Thursday	Mark 11:20-25	Mark 11:25
	Friday	Matthew 6:9-13	Matthew 6:12-13
	Response Day		
WEEK 6	Monday	Psalms 103	Psalms 103:10-11
	Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	1 Corinthians 15:57
	Wednesday	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 17:15-16
	Thursday	Psalms 118:20-24	Psalms 118:21
	Friday	Ephesians 5:20	Ephesians 5:20
	Response Day		
WEEK 7	Monday	1 Corinthians 13:4-13	1 Corinthians 13:4-5
	Tuesday	1 John 4:7-11	1 John 4:7
	Wednesday	John 13:34-35	John 13:34
	Thursday	Isaiah 61:10-11	Isaiah 61:10
	Friday	Habakkuk 3:17-19	Habakkuk 3:18-19
	Response Day		
WEEK 8	Monday	2 Corinthians 5:18-19	2 Corinthians 5:18-19
	Tuesday	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 28:19-20
	Wednesday	Isaiah 52:6-8	Isaiah 52:7
	Thursday	Romans 10:10-15	Romans 10:14-15
	Friday	Matthew 9:35-38	Matthew 9:37-38
	Response Day		

Goals

WE BELIEVE it's important to write out goals for this study. Take some time now and write three goals you would like to focus on as you begin to rise each day and dig into God's Word. Make sure and refer back to these goals throughout the next eight weeks to help you stay focused. You can do it!

My goals are:

1.

2.

3.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Introduction to You Are Forgiven

DO YOU OWN A cross necklace or have a decorative cross hanging somewhere in your home? I do. Many of us wear crosses around our necks, on our ears, or as rings on our fingers. Maybe you have a cross tattoo. I have a set of candles with crosses on them. The cross has become not only a symbol of the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ but also a mainstream symbol of religion and simple spirituality.

For too many, all these crosses carry a superficial sentiment. It doesn't move us like it should. Even the decorative cross hanging in my living room does not move me to tears because of Christ's sacrifice or my guilt. It should. But I bought it at Hobby Lobby because it looked pretty. It is easy to forget what the cross is truly all about.

And on the other end of this spectrum are those who have placed too much emphasis on the cross as an object. Throughout history many have sought out pieces of the "true" cross of Christ. Way back in AD 326 the Empress Helena (the mother of Constantine) began to search for Christ's tomb and the place of Golgotha. As the story goes, Helena ended up finding three crosses, which she believed to have been the cross of Christ as well as those used to execute the two thieves who hung next to Jesus. Like those who miss the significance of the cross in light of its popular artistic merit, so some have missed its significance by looking for the wood it was made of.

How was Helena going to figure out which one of the three crosses actually held the body of Jesus? A couple different stories are recorded. One says there was a prominent woman in the city who was terminally ill. One by one the crosses were brought to her. The first two crosses did nothing, but when the nearly dead woman touched the third cross she was instantly healed.¹

Throughout the years many have made pilgrimages to see, touch, and kiss an alleged part of the "real cross" in order to be healed and receive blessing. Sadly, many have turned the cross into an idol, believing that the wooden cross beams had special powers. The instrument of torture, for many, became something to trust in apart from Jesus Christ.

But the cross is not a trinket we can put on and take off. Nor is it just an example of suffering and obedience. It is not a relic filled with healing power. It is not merely a beautiful piece of decoration. The cross is not a talisman that will bring us good luck and blessings.

The truth is, whether or not the cross on which Jesus died still exists is irrelevant. A piece of wood holds no power. The cross was a device of torture on which the Son of God secured for us the eternal forgiveness of God the Father: "God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all our sins. He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross" (Col. 2:13–14 NCV).

The cross itself is not our hope. What Jesus did on the cross is what saves all who believe. On the cross Jesus made satisfaction of God's wrath.

On the cross Jesus made payment of our ransom. On the cross Jesus was punished for our sins.

¹ Jan Willem Drijvers, *Helena Augusta*, Brill Academic Publishers, October 1, 1991. [Leiden]

On the cross Jesus destroyed the power of sin and the curse of death.

And on the cross Jesus ensured forgiveness for those who believe in Him.

This is what our study is all about: how Jesus obtained for us the forgiveness of sins by his death.

In this study we will examine many of the different facets of forgiveness. Why do we need it? How do we get it? What is the extent of our forgiveness, and how should it change us?

The cross is precious because on it our Savior poured out His life for us. We received pardon and the power to forgive others. Forgiveness is our treasure, but we can't hang forgiveness on our walls or drape it around our necks. Instead, we use the cross as a reminder of the beautiful gift of forgiveness Christ gave to us.

Week 1

Week 1 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for your family members.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"Your iniquities have made a
separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from
you so that he does not hear".*

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ISAIAH 59:2

Scripture for Week 1

MONDAY

ISAIAH 59:1-5 (ESV)

⁵⁹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

² but your iniquities have made a separation
between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden his face from you
so that he does not hear.

³ For your hands are defiled with blood
and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies;
your tongue mutters wickedness.

⁴ No one enters suit justly;
no one goes to law honestly;
they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies,
they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

⁵ They hatch adders' eggs;
they weave the spider's web;
he who eats their eggs dies,
and from one that is crushed a viper is hatched.

TUESDAY

EPHESIANS 2:1-3 (ESV)

² And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

EPHESIANS 2:12 (ESV)

¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

WEDNESDAY

JOHN 8:31-34 (ESV)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

THURSDAY

JEREMIAH 17:9 (ESV)

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

FRIDAY

ROMANS 7:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Monday

READ: Isaiah 59:1-5

SOAP: Isaiah 59:2

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

-Visit our website today for the corresponding blog post!-

Tuesday

READ: Ephesians 2:1-3, 12

SOAP: Ephesians 2:12

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: John 8:31-34

SOAP: John 8:34

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: Jeremiah 17:9

SOAP: Jeremiah 17:9

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: Romans 7:18-19

SOAP: Romans 7:18

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. Define for yourself the difference between imputed sin and inherited sin, and consider why both of these aspects of our sin make Jesus' ultimate sacrifice necessary.
2. What "good works" do you do in an attempt to atone for the sin in your life?
3. Prayerfully ask God if there is someone you need to forgive, someone from whom you have previously withheld your forgiveness?
4. Has someone ever hurt you or a loved one so badly that you wished them ill? What do you think Jesus would want you to do with those feelings?
5. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your ability to forgive?

My Response

Week 2

Week 2 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for your country.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"In him we have redemption through his
blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance
with the riches of God's grace".*

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EPHESIANS 1:7

Scripture for Week 2

MONDAY

EPHESIANS 1:3-7 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

TUESDAY

JOHN 3:16-21 (ESV)

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

WEDNESDAY

LUKE 13:1-5 (ESV)

¹³ There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

THURSDAY

JOHN 1:26-30 (ESV)

²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,
²⁷ even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” ²⁸ These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’

FRIDAY

2 CHRONICLES 7:12-16 (ESV)

¹² Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. ¹³ When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. ¹⁶ For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

Monday

READ: Ephesians 1:3-7

SOAP: Ephesians 1:7

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Tuesday

READ: John 3:16-21

SOAP: John 3:16

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: Luke 13:1-5

SOAP: Luke 13:5

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: John 1:26-30

SOAP: John 1:29

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: 2 Chronicles 7:12-16

SOAP: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. What unhealthy actions or attitudes about your sin do you continue to pursue, despite the fact that they lead to the same undesirable consequences?
2. What is your first response when someone holds you accountable for your sin?
3. Are you quick to confess your sins to Jesus, or do you try to justify or excuse them?
4. Understanding there is no sin too great for Jesus to forgive, lay a yet-unconfessed sin at the feet of Jesus, believing He has the power and the desire to forgive you.
5. How does experiencing God's grace give hope and purpose to your future?

My Response

Week 3

Week 3 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for your friends.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far
does he remove our transgressions from us".*

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PSALM 103:12

Scripture for Week 3

MONDAY

1 JOHN 1:5-9 (ESV)

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

TUESDAY

MICAH 7:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

WEDNESDAY

HEBREWS 9:23-28 (ESV)

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

THURSDAY

PSALM 103:11-13 (ESV)

- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

FRIDAY

ISAIAH 38:17-19 (ESV)

- ¹⁷ Behold, it was for my welfare
that I had great bitterness;
but in love you have delivered my life
from the pit of destruction,
for you have cast all my sins
behind your back.
¹⁸ For Sheol does not thank you;
death does not praise you;
those who go down to the pit do not hope
for your faithfulness.
¹⁹ The living, the living, he thanks you,
as I do this day;
the father makes known to the children
your faithfulness.

Monday

READ: 1 John 1:5-9

SOAP: 1 John 1:9

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Tuesday

READ: Micah 7:18-19

SOAP: Micah 7:19

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: Hebrews 9:23-28

SOAP: Hebrews 9:28

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: Psalm 103:11-13

SOAP: Psalm 103:12

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: Isaiah 38:17-19

SOAP: Isaiah 38:17

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. Think about what sin seems to trip you up the most. How does it make you feel that the infinite mercy and grace of Jesus continually covers those confessed sins? Thank Him today for His faithfulness to forgive you for those reoccurring sins.

2. Are there those in your life you need to forgive? What keeps you from forgiving them as God has forgiven you?

3. Have you accepted the deep love that God has for you? If you have a hard time accepting that love, pray and ask Him to allow your heart to openly accept His unconditional love.

4. Knowing that God understands everything about you, yet continues to love and bless you even when you are your worst self, what is your response to that depth of love?

5. Ask God to teach you how to keep “short account” with Him, that is, confessing your sins quickly and accepting the forgiveness He so graciously offers.

My Response

Week 4

Week 4 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for your church.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is
a new creation. The old has passed away;
behold, the new has come".*

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Scripture for Week 4

MONDAY

2 CORINTHIANS 5 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

TUESDAY

ROMANS 12:1-2 (ESV)

¹² I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

WEDNESDAY

ROMANS 6:1-10 (ESV)

⁶ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

Scripture for Week 4

THURSDAY

COLOSSIANS 3:1-17 (ESV)

³ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

FRIDAY

1 JOHN 5:1-4 (ESV)

⁵ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Monday

READ: 2 Corinthians 5

SOAP: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Tuesday

READ: Romans 12:1-2

SOAP: Romans 12:2

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: Romans 6:1-10

SOAP: Romans 6:6

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: Colossians 3:1-17

SOAP: Colossians 3:1-3

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: 1 John 5:1-4

SOAP: 1 John 5:4

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. As a new creation in Christ, praise God for the many blessings that you now possess.
2. Think about Jesus' willingness to take the punishment for the sins you've committed. Tell Him how this makes you feel, giving Him the gratitude and praise He deserves.
3. Is there someone in your life whom you need to forgive? Pray to be obedient in this area.
4. Thank God for restoring a relationship with someone that you believed was beyond redemption.
5. Praise God for the gift of forgiveness, and pray to always keep "short accounts" with God, which is, confessing your sins quickly and receiving the forgiveness He graciously offers.

My Response

Week 5

Week 5 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for missionaries.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"Do not be overcome by evil.
but overcome evil with good".*

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ROMANS 12:21

Scripture for Week 5

MONDAY

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

TUESDAY

MATTHEW 18:21-35 (ESV)

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

WEDNESDAY

ROMANS 12:17-21 (ESV)

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

THURSDAY

MARK 11:20-25 (ESV)

²⁰ As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ And Peter remembered and said to him, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.”
²² And Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. ²³ Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

FRIDAY

MATTHEW 6:9-13 (ESV)

⁹ Pray then like this:
“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Monday

READ: Colossians 3:12-14

SOAP: Colossians 3:13

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Tuesday

READ: Matthew 18:21-35

SOAP: Matthew 18:21-22

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: Romans 12:17-21

SOAP: Romans 12:21

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: Mark 11:20-25

SOAP: Mark 11:25

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: Matthew 6:9-13

SOAP: Matthew 6:12-13

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. Has someone you know asked and received God's forgiveness that you didn't feel deserved to be forgiven?
2. Think of a time when a self-righteous attitude made you think you were more virtuous than someone else. What did God do to show you your own sinful attitude?
3. Have you witnessed someone forgive another to the degree that it humbled and broke you, showing you your own self-centeredness and pride?
4. Do you struggle accepting the absolute, unshakable reality of the depth of God's love for you? If so, pray that God would allow you to receive His love with joy.
5. Have you ever had a Corrie ten Boom experience, whereby you hesitated to extend forgiveness to someone, but once you stepped out in obedience God met you there and gave you the ability to truly forgive?

My Response

Week 6

Week 6 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time praying for you.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

Scripture for Week 6

MONDAY

PSALM 103 (ESV)

Of David.

¹⁰³ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

²² Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Scripture for Week 6

TUESDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57 (ESV)

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAY

LUKE 17:11-19 (ESV)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

THURSDAY

PSALM 118:20-24 (ESV)

- ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

FRIDAY

EPHESIANS 5:20 (ESV)

- ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Monday

READ: Psalm 103

SOAP: Psalm 103:10-11

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Tuesday

READ: 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

SOAP: 1 Corinthians 15:57

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Tuesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Wednesday

READ: Luke 17:11-19

SOAP: Luke 17:15-16

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Wednesday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Thursday

READ: Psalm 118:20-24

SOAP: Psalm 118:21

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Thursday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

Friday

READ: Ephesians 5:20

SOAP: Ephesians 5:20

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Friday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Reflection Questions

1. At what times are you tempted to doubt your calling and purpose? What do you do during these occasions to be transformed by the renewing of your mind?
2. Has there been those who have blessed you in some way but you've neglected to show your gratitude? Before the week passes, communicate your feelings to them, sharing how God used them to be a blessing to you.
3. List ten things about your relationship with Jesus you are grateful for, and thank Him for them.
4. Is there someone you need to ask for forgiveness? Pray that God would prepare your heart as you seek to live in peace with God and people.
5. Have you been holding anger against God? If so, confess your sin to Him and ask Him to enable you to learn to be content in every situation.

My Response

Week 7

Week 7 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time turning your fears into prayers.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

"I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels".

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ISAIAH 61:10

Scripture for Week 7

MONDAY

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-13 (ESV)

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

TUESDAY

1 JOHN 4:7-11 (ESV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

WEDNESDAY

JOHN 13:34-35 (ESV)

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

THURSDAY

ISAIAH 61:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

FRIDAY

HABAKKUK 3:17-19 (ESV)

¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.
To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Monday

READ: 1 Corinthians 13:4-13

SOAP: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Scripture - Write out the **Scripture** passage for the day.

Observations - Write down 1 or 2 **observations** from the passage.

Monday

Applications - Write down 1 or 2 **applications** from the passage.

Pray - Write out a **prayer** over what you learned from today's passage.

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Wednesday

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SOAP: John 13:34

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Thursday

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SOAP: Isaiah 61:10

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Friday

READ: Habakkuk 3:17-19

SOAP: Habakkuk 3:18-19

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Reflection Questions

1. How does your life reflect the love and joy of your salvation?
2. Take time to reflect and journal how your love for Jesus and the forgiveness you have received from Him have influenced someone else.
3. How have you been blessed by striving to live a life of holiness and purity?
4. In what ways is the life of Jesus manifested in your body?
5. Spend time in God's Word and prayerfully ask Him to give you a renewed sense of awe at the wonder of your forgiveness and life in Christ.

My Response

Week 8

Week 8 Challenge (Note: You can find this listed in our Monday blog post):

Prayer focus for this week: Spend time thanking God for how he is working in your life.

Praying

Praise

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the
feet of him who brings good news. who
publishes peace. who brings good news of
happiness. who publishes salvation. who says
to Zion. 'Your God reigns'".*

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ISAIAH 52:7

Scripture for Week 8

MONDAY

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

TUESDAY

MATTHEW 28:16-20 (ESV)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

WEDNESDAY

ISAIAH 52:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ Therefore my people shall know my name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here I am.”

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

THURSDAY

ROMANS 10:10-15 (ESV)

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

FRIDAY

MATTHEW 9:35-38 (ESV)

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Monday

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

SOAP: 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

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Wednesday

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SOAP: Isaiah 52:7

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SOAP: Romans 10:14-15

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SOAP: Matthew 9:37-38

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Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever felt like damaged goods? Confess those feelings to God, and then read Hebrews 9:11–13. Prayerfully ask God to allow you to relinquish your shame and guilt so you may serve Him, the Living God.

2. What actions do you continue to perform in order to be “good enough” to earn your salvation?

3. Prayerfully ask God to lead you to someone who needs to hear about the love of God. How might you tell that person about what Jesus has done for you?

4. What does God’s grace and mercy mean to you?

5. You have been granted freedom in Christ! Choose today to walk out of your self-imposed prison, leaving your guilt and shame behind to serve the living God with a renewed heart!

My Response

How Can You Know That You Are Forgiven?

MANY NIGHTS WERE spent praying and writing this book (and then praying some more, begging Jesus for the words), and we believe that there's no better time to share from God's Word about what it really means to be forgiven.

We wanted a book that was real and raw – one that would let women know that they are not alone in the struggles of this life. The truth is, the team of women who contributed to this book sacrificed some serious guts and vulnerability in sharing their stories. Why would they do that? *Because Jesus is worthy.* Our prayer is that through these pages you'll be stunned by Jesus and His grace - either for the first time, or all over again - and that this truth will transform each of us so radically that it spills over into the hurting world around us.

But maybe you've read these pages and you still question whether God has really forgiven you.

We implore you - don't wait another day to embrace the love and forgiveness that Jesus has for you. How can you do that?

Know these truths from God's Word...

God loves you.

Even when you're feeling unworthy and like the world is stacked against you, God loves you - *yes, you* - and He has created you for great purpose.

God's Word says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Our sin separates us from God.

We are all sinners by nature and by choice, and because of this we are separated from God, who is holy.

God's Word says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Jesus died so that you might have life.

The consequence of sin is death, but your story doesn't have to end there! God's free gift of salvation is available to us because Jesus took the penalty for our sin when He died on the cross.

God's Word says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23); "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus lives!

Death could not hold Him, and three days after His body was placed in the tomb Jesus rose again, defeating sin and death forever! He lives today in heaven and is preparing a place in eternity for all who believe in Him.

God's Word says, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:2-3).

Yes, you can KNOW that you are forgiven.

Accept Jesus as the only way to salvation...

Accepting Jesus as your Savior is not about what you can do, but rather about having faith in what Jesus has already done. It takes recognizing that you are a sinner, believing that Jesus died for your sins, and asking for forgiveness by placing your full trust in Jesus's work on the cross on your behalf.

God's Word says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

Practically, what does that look like? With a sincere heart, you can pray a simple prayer like this:

*God.
I know that I am a sinner.
I don't want to live another day without embracing
the love and forgiveness that You have for me.
I ask for Your forgiveness.
I believe that You died for my sins and rose from the dead.
I surrender all that I am and ask You to be Lord of my life.
Help me to turn from my sin and follow You.
Teach me what it means to walk in freedom as I live under Your grace.
and help me to grow in Your ways as I seek to know You more.
Amen.*

If you just prayed this prayer (or something similar in your own words), would you email us at info@lovegodgreatly.com? We'd love to help get you started on this exciting journey as a child of God!