



40 DAYS OF
REDEEMING
LOVE LENTEN READINGS
THROUGH 1 JOHN

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Our 2019-20 annual theme this year is Kingdom Vision, and while we've been exploring a lot about God's kingdom reigning here on earth, through the bible and how it impacts us today—it's been really encouraging seeing brothers and sisters passionately live out their faith as citizens of His Kingdom. It's great to witness God reign in their lives on a day to day basis.

We've found that one key way of ensuring that, is through spending time daily with God. Through reading His word, we know God speaks directly to us, meeting us wherever we are, and speaks truth into our souls.

We'd love for you to join us this Lent 2020, leading up to Easter, in 40-days of Redeeming Love, exploring the words written in the book of 1st John. Each week is divided into set passages, and we will come back together each Sunday and hear a sermon based on the same passage.

We'd encourage you to daily ask God to help you have His Kingdom Vision, ask Him to show you and to teach you more about his redeeming love for you, your family (or your household) and for your wider community.

Everyday there are prompts which you have the option of following. We pray God will use His word to breathe truth and redeeming love into your life, family and community. We pray you will be blessed and encouraged!

Feel free to inform your lifegroup leader or someone on the pastoral team if you've had any special moments or encounters during this lenten season—it's always encouraging and inspiring to hear testimonies from brothers and sisters being touched by God's redeeming love!

How to use this book

While there are many methods out there on how to spend time with God in His word, here are some tips to help you get the most out of reading scripture in this lenten reading book during the next 40 days.

1. Find a quiet spot that you know you won't fall asleep in, maybe have plenty of light to help you focus better on the words and as you let God speak to you.
2. Before you start reading the set scripture, pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal either something new, or an old truth you need reminding about.
3. Spend some time reading and be open to the Holy Spirit's leading. There is space on each page to jot or draw things! Also extra space at the back of the book too!

Week number and dates for your information

Scripture reference: feel free to read another translation of the same passage on any other day! We chose NLT version to encourage our younger families to get involved

WEEK 2 // 02.03.20 - 08.03.20
1 John 2:1-14

2 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father: It is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they love him in God should love their lives as Jesus did.

A New Commandment

7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment to love one another is the same message you heard before. 8 Yet it is also new: Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. 9 If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but has a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. 10 Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. 11 But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.

12 I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus.

13 I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one.

14 I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.

Mon 02.03 // Today's focus: your community
Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Tues 03.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God
Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Wed 04.03 // Today's focus: your family
Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

The bible passage is printed out so you are free to use a pen and annotate all over the passage!

There are daily prompts which you have the option to use to help guide you. Otherwise you can just do the daily focus and creatively see where God leads you.

Thurs 05.03 // Today's focus: your community
Read this week's scripture. Reflect on a verse in the Lord that resonated on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community. Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Fri 06.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God
Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sat 07.03 // Today's focus: your family
Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jump out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action; pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 08.03 // Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up on cases you missed a day. This space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message which is based on this week's Lent passage.

Everyday, there is space in the box for you to write or draw anything

Sundays are Grace Days so you can catch up on any missed days. There's also space for the Sunday Sermon notes!

1 John 1:1-10

Introduction

1 We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. 2 This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.

Living in the Light

5 This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. 6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

Wed 26.02 // Today's focus: committing the next 40 days to God

Do a quick read-through of the whole book of 1 John, without doing a comprehensive study. Note down in this space what the key things the Holy Spirit prompts in your heart. Spend some time praying into that, while also pray and commit the next 40 days to God.

Thurs 27.02 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Fri 28.02 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that.

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Sat 29.02 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 01.03 // *Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.*

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3 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

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because you are strong.

God’s word lives in your hearts,
and you have won your battle with the evil one.

Mon 02.03 // Today's focus: your community

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Tues 03.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that.
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Wed 04.03 // Today's focus: your family

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that.
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Thurs 05.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Fri 06.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

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Sat 07.03 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 08.03 //

Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.

1 John 2:15-27

Do Not Love This World

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Warning about Antichrists

18 Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come. 19 These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.

20 But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth. 21 So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies. 22 And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. 23 Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

24 So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. 25 And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us.

26 I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. 27 But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

Mon 09.03 // Today's focus: your community

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that.
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Tues 10.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

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Wed 11.03 // Today's focus: your family

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that.
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Thurs 12.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

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Fri 13.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sat 14.03 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 15.03 // *Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.*

1 John 2:28–3:10

Living as Children of God

28 And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.

29 Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.

3 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. 2 Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. 3 And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. 5 And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. 6 Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.

7 Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous.

8 But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 9 Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. 10 So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

Mon 16.03 // Today's focus: your community

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that.
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Tues 17.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

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Wed 18.03 // Today's focus: your family

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that.
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Thurs 19.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Fri 20.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sat 21.03 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 22.03 //

Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.

Love One Another

11 This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 12 We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. 13 So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

14 If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.

15 Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

18 Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 19 Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. 20 Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

21 Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. 22 And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

Discerning False Prophets

4 Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. 2 This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. 3 But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

4 But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 5 Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. 6 But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

Mon 23.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Tues 24.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Wed 25.03 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Thurs 26.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

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Fri 27.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sat 28.03 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 29.03 // *Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.*

1 John 4:7-21

Loving One Another

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.

13 And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. 14 Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

18 Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. 19 We love each other because he loved us first.

20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? 21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

Mon 30.03 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Tues 31.03 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Wed 01.04 // Today's focus: your family

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Thurs 02.04 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

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Fri 03.04 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week.

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Sat 04.04 // Today's focus: your family

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Sun 05.04 //

Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.

Faith in the Son of God

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. 2 We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5 And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

6 And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. 7 So we have these three witnesses— 8 the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. 9 Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. 10 All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.

11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Conclusion

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life. 14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

16 If you see a fellow believer sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life. But there is a sin that leads to death, and I am not saying you should pray for those who commit it. 17 All wicked actions are sin, but not every sin leads to death.

18 We know that God's children do not make a practice of sinning, for God's Son holds them securely, and the evil one cannot touch them. 19 We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

21 Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

Mon 06.04 // Today's focus: your community

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to reveal to you a word, theme or image in today's reading that best describes today's focus. Pray into that.
Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.*

Tues 07.04 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to demonstrate to you how he has such redeeming love for you through the passage. Pray into that.
Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.*

Wed 08.04 // Today's focus: your family

*Read this week's scripture. Ask God to show you a verse in today's passage that challenges you on how to love your family better. Pray into that.
Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.*

Thurs 09.04 // Today's focus: your community

Read this week's scripture. Note down a verse the Lord has revealed on how you can better demonstrate God's love within your community.

Ask God for an opportunity to demonstrate that. Spend some time in prayer.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Fri 10.04 // Today's focus: your relationship with God

Read this week's scripture. Pray that God would show you something in which you can be thankful for. Spend some time giving thanks to God for that redeeming love presented to you this past week.

Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sat 11.04 // Today's focus: your family

Read this week's scripture. With a pen highlight any verbs, adjectives and nouns that jumps out to you. Ask God to reveal to you how you can better love your family through action, pray for family members with those adjectives, and ask God to show you and your family more about those nouns. Feel free to write or draw anything in this space below.

Sun 12.04 //

Grace Day: you can use this day to catch up in case you missed a day. The space below can also be used to take notes from today's sermon message.

Extra Notes

