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## DAY 127: A PROSTITUTE'S LIFE IS SAVED

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

**JOSHUA 2:1-18, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):** 2 THEN JOSHUA SECRETLY SENT OUT TWO SPIES FROM THE ISRAELITE CAMP AT ACACIA GROVE. HE INSTRUCTED THEM, "SCOUT OUT THE LAND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER, ESPECIALLY AROUND JERICHO." SO THE TWO MEN SET OUT AND CAME TO THE HOUSE OF A PROSTITUTE NAMED RAHAB AND STAYED THERE THAT NIGHT. 2 BUT SOMEONE TOLD THE KING OF JERICHO, "SOME ISRAELITES HAVE COME HERE TONIGHT TO SPY OUT THE LAND." 3 SO THE KING OF JERICHO SENT ORDERS TO RAHAB: "BRING OUT THE MEN WHO HAVE COME INTO YOUR HOUSE, FOR THEY HAVE COME HERE TO SPY OUT THE WHOLE LAND." 4 RAHAB HAD HIDDEN THE TWO MEN, BUT SHE REPLIED, "YES, THE MEN WERE HERE EARLIER, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE FROM. 5 THEY LEFT THE TOWN AT DUSK, AS THE GATES WERE ABOUT TO CLOSE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY

WENT. IF YOU HURRY, YOU CAN PROBABLY CATCH UP WITH THEM." 6 (ACTUALLY, SHE HAD TAKEN THEM UP TO THE ROOF AND HIDDEN THEM BENEATH BUNDLES OF FLAX SHE HAD LAID OUT.) 7 SO THE KING'S MEN WENT LOOKING FOR THE SPIES ALONG THE ROAD LEADING TO THE SHALLOW CROSSINGS OF THE JORDAN RIVER. AND AS SOON AS THE KING'S MEN HAD LEFT, THE GATE OF JERICHO WAS SHUT. 8 BEFORE THE SPIES WENT TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT, RAHAB WENT UP ON THE ROOF TO TALK WITH THEM. 9 "I KNOW THE LORD HAS GIVEN YOU THIS LAND," SHE TOLD THEM. "WE ARE ALL AFRAID OF YOU. EVERYONE IN THE LAND IS LIVING IN TERROR. 10 FOR WE HAVE HEARD HOW THE LORD MADE A DRY PATH FOR YOU THROUGH THE RED SEA WHEN YOU LEFT EGYPT. AND WE KNOW WHAT YOU DID TO SIHON AND OG, THE TWO AMORITE KINGS EAST OF THE JORDAN RIVER, WHOSE PEOPLE YOU COMPLETELY DESTROYED. 11 NO WONDER OUR HEARTS HAVE MELTED IN FEAR! NO ONE HAS THE COURAGE TO FIGHT AFTER HEARING SUCH THINGS. FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS THE SUPREME GOD OF THE HEAVENS ABOVE AND THE EARTH BELOW. 12 "NOW SWEAR TO ME BY THE LORD THAT YOU WILL BE KIND TO ME AND MY FAMILY SINCE I HAVE HELPED YOU. GIVE ME SOME GUARANTEE THAT 13 WHEN JERICHO IS CONQUERED, YOU WILL LET ME LIVE, ALONG WITH MY FATHER AND MOTHER, MY BROTHERS AND

SISTERS, AND ALL THEIR FAMILIES.” 14 “WE OFFER OUR OWN LIVES AS A GUARANTEE FOR YOUR SAFETY,” THE MEN AGREED. “IF YOU DON’T BETRAY US, WE WILL KEEP OUR PROMISE AND BE KIND TO YOU WHEN THE LORD GIVES US THE LAND.” 15 THEN, SINCE RAHAB’S HOUSE WAS BUILT INTO THE TOWN WALL, SHE LET THEM DOWN BY A ROPE THROUGH THE WINDOW. 16 “ESCAPE TO THE HILL COUNTRY,” SHE TOLD THEM. “HIDE THERE FOR THREE DAYS FROM THE MEN SEARCHING FOR YOU. THEN, WHEN THEY HAVE RETURNED, YOU CAN GO ON YOUR WAY.” 17 BEFORE THEY LEFT, THE MEN TOLD HER, “WE WILL BE BOUND BY THE OATH WE HAVE TAKEN ONLY IF YOU FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS. 18 WHEN WE COME INTO THE LAND, YOU MUST LEAVE THIS SCARLET ROPE HANGING FROM THE WINDOW THROUGH WHICH YOU LET US DOWN. AND ALL YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS—YOUR FATHER, MOTHER, BROTHERS, AND ALL YOUR RELATIVES—MUST BE HERE INSIDE THE HOUSE.

**HEBREWS 11:31, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):** IT WAS BY FAITH THAT RAHAB THE PROSTITUTE WAS NOT DESTROYED WITH THE PEOPLE IN HER CITY WHO REFUSED TO OBEY GOD. FOR SHE HAD GIVEN A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO THE SPIES.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

YOU JUST READ THE STORY ABOUT RAHAB AND THE SPIES. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE STORY? \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT GOD TAUGHT YOU THROUGH THIS STORY? \_\_\_\_\_

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EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN RAHAB’S CITY WAS KILLED EXCEPT FOR HER AND HER FAMILY. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD PROTECTED AND SAVED A PROSTITUTE AND HER FAMILY? \_\_\_\_\_

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# DAY 128: A DEMON POSSESSED MAN SET FREE

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

MARK 5:1-20, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES CROSSED LAKE GALILEE AND CAME TO SHORE NEAR THE TOWN OF GERASA. 2 WHEN HE WAS GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT, A MAN WITH AN EVIL SPIRIT QUICKLY RAN TO HIM 3 FROM THE GRAVEYARD WHERE HE HAD BEEN LIVING. NO ONE WAS ABLE TO TIE THE MAN UP ANYMORE, NOT EVEN WITH A CHAIN. 4 HE HAD OFTEN BEEN PUT IN CHAINS AND LEG IRONS, BUT HE BROKE THE CHAINS AND SMASHED THE LEG IRONS. NO ONE COULD CONTROL HIM. 5 NIGHT AND DAY HE WAS IN THE GRAVEYARD OR ON THE HILLS, YELLING AND CUTTING HIMSELF WITH STONES. 6 WHEN THE MAN SAW JESUS IN THE DISTANCE, HE RAN UP TO HIM AND KNELT DOWN. 7 HE SHOUTED, "JESUS, SON OF GOD IN HEAVEN, WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME? PROMISE ME IN GOD'S NAME THAT YOU WON'T TORTURE ME!" 8 THE MAN SAID THIS BECAUSE JESUS HAD ALREADY TOLD THE EVIL SPIRIT TO COME OUT OF HIM. 9 JESUS ASKED, "WHAT IS YOUR NAME?" THE MAN ANSWERED, "MY NAME IS LOTS, BECAUSE I HAVE 'LOTS' OF EVIL SPIRITS." 10 HE THEN BEGGED JESUS NOT TO SEND THEM AWAY. 11 OVER ON THE HILLSIDE A LARGE HERD OF PIGS WAS FEEDING. 12 SO THE EVIL SPIRITS BEGGED JESUS, "SEND US INTO THOSE PIGS! LET US GO INTO THEM." 13 JESUS LET THEM GO, AND THEY WENT OUT OF THE MAN AND INTO THE PIGS. THE WHOLE HERD OF ABOUT TWO THOUSAND PIGS RUSHED DOWN THE STEEP BANK INTO THE LAKE AND DROWNED. 14 THE MEN TAKING CARE OF THE PIGS RAN TO THE TOWN AND THE FARMS TO SPREAD THE NEWS. THEN THE PEOPLE CAME OUT TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED. 15 WHEN THEY CAME TO JESUS, THEY SAW THE MAN WHO HAD ONCE BEEN FULL OF DEMONS. HE WAS SITTING THERE WITH HIS CLOTHES ON AND

IN HIS RIGHT MIND, AND THEY WERE TERRIFIED. 16 EVERYONE WHO HAD SEEN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TOLD ABOUT THE MAN AND THE PIGS. 17 THEN THE PEOPLE STARTED BEGGING JESUS TO LEAVE THEIR PART OF THE COUNTRY. 18 WHEN JESUS WAS GETTING INTO THE BOAT, THE MAN BEGGED TO GO WITH HIM. 19 BUT JESUS WOULD NOT LET HIM. INSTEAD, HE SAID, "GO HOME TO YOUR FAMILY AND TELL THEM HOW MUCH THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND HOW GOOD HE HAS BEEN TO YOU." 20 THE MAN WENT AWAY INTO THE REGION NEAR THE TEN CITIES KNOWN AS DECAPOLIS AND BEGAN TELLING EVERYONE HOW MUCH JESUS HAD DONE FOR HIM. EVERYONE WHO HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS AMAZED.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF TODAY'S STORY? \_\_\_\_\_  
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WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU LEARNED FROM TODAY'S STORY? \_\_\_\_\_  
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JESUS TOLD THE DEMON POSSESSED MAN TO TELL OTHERS WHAT GOD HAD DONE FOR HIM AND HOW GOD HAD BEEN GOOD TO HIM. IF JESUS TOLD YOU TO DO THE SAME THING, WHAT WOULD YOU TELL OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR YOU? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# DAY 129: JESUS IS IN THE BOAT

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

MATTHEW 14:22-33, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 22 IMMEDIATELY JESUS TOLD HIS FOLLOWERS TO GET INTO THE BOAT AND GO AHEAD OF HIM ACROSS THE LAKE. HE STAYED THERE TO SEND THE PEOPLE HOME. 23 AFTER HE HAD SENT THEM AWAY, HE WENT BY HIMSELF UP INTO THE HILLS TO PRAY. IT WAS LATE, AND JESUS WAS THERE ALONE. 24 BY THIS TIME, THE BOAT WAS ALREADY FAR AWAY FROM LAND. IT WAS BEING HIT BY WAVES, BECAUSE THE WIND WAS BLOWING AGAINST IT. 25 BETWEEN THREE AND SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, JESUS CAME TO THEM, WALKING ON THE WATER. 26 WHEN HIS FOLLOWERS SAW HIM WALKING ON THE WATER, THEY WERE AFRAID. THEY SAID, "IT'S A GHOST!" AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR. 27 BUT JESUS QUICKLY SPOKE TO THEM, "HAVE COURAGE! IT IS I. DO NOT BE AFRAID." 28 PETER SAID, "LORD, IF IT IS REALLY YOU, THEN COMMAND ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER." 29 JESUS SAID, "COME." AND PETER LEFT THE BOAT AND WALKED ON THE WATER TO JESUS. 30 BUT WHEN PETER SAW THE WIND AND THE WAVES, HE BECAME AFRAID AND BEGAN TO SINK. HE SHOUTED, "LORD, SAVE ME!" 31 IMMEDIATELY JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT PETER. JESUS SAID, "YOUR FAITH IS SMALL. WHY DID YOU DOUBT?" 32 AFTER THEY GOT INTO

THE BOAT, THE WIND BECAME CALM. 33 THEN THOSE WHO WERE IN THE BOAT WORSHIPED JESUS AND SAID, "TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!"

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

PETER STARTED TO SINK BECAUSE HE TOOK HIS FOCUS OFF OF JESUS. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN MAKE YOU TAKE YOUR FOCUS OFF OF JESUS? \_\_\_\_\_

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JESUS TOLD PETER THAT HIS FAITH WAS SMALL. IS YOUR FAITH IN GOD SOMETIMES SMALL? IN WHAT PARTS OF YOUR LIFE DOES YOUR FAITH NEED TO GROW? \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU THINK GOD IS ALWAYS WITH YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT? \_\_\_\_\_

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# DAY 130: THE DEVIL THOUGHT HE WON

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

ACTS 10:38-43, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 38 YOU KNOW ABOUT JESUS FROM NAZARETH, THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER. YOU KNOW HOW JESUS WENT EVERYWHERE DOING GOOD AND HEALING THOSE WHO WERE RULED BY THE DEVIL, BECAUSE GOD WAS WITH HIM. 39 WE SAW WHAT JESUS DID IN JUDEA AND IN JERUSALEM, BUT THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM KILLED HIM BY HANGING HIM ON A CROSS. 40 YET, ON THE THIRD DAY, GOD RAISED JESUS TO LIFE AND CAUSED HIM TO BE SEEN, 41 NOT BY ALL THE PEOPLE, BUT ONLY BY THE WITNESSES GOD HAD ALREADY CHOSEN. AND WE ARE THOSE WITNESSES WHO ATE AND DRANK WITH HIM AFTER HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD. 42 HE TOLD US TO PREACH TO THE PEOPLE AND TO TELL THEM THAT HE IS THE ONE WHOM GOD CHOSE TO BE THE JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. 43 ALL THE PROPHETS SAY IT IS TRUE THAT ALL WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS WILL BE FORGIVEN OF THEIR SINS THROUGH JESUS' NAME."

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

JESUS HEALED THOSE WHO WERE RULED BY THE DEVIL. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE RULED BY THE DEVIL? \_\_\_\_\_

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HOW DO YOU THINK THE DEVIL FELT WHEN JESUS WAS KILLED? \_\_\_\_\_

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HOW DO YOU THINK THE DEVIL FELT AFTER GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

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# DAY 131: WHILE WE WERE SINNERS, GOD LOVED US

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

ROMANS 5:6-11, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 6 WHEN WE WERE UNABLE TO HELP OURSELVES, AT THE RIGHT TIME, CHRIST DIED FOR US, ALTHOUGH WE WERE LIVING AGAINST GOD. 7 VERY FEW PEOPLE WILL DIE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE. ALTHOUGH PERHAPS FOR A GOOD PERSON SOMEONE MIGHT POSSIBLY DIE. 8 BUT GOD SHOWS HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US IN THIS WAY: CHRIST DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS. 9 SO THROUGH CHRIST WE WILL SURELY BE SAVED FROM GOD'S ANGER, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT WITH GOD BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST'S DEATH. 10 WHILE WE WERE GOD'S ENEMIES, HE MADE US HIS FRIENDS THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON. SURELY, NOW THAT WE ARE HIS FRIENDS, HE WILL SAVE US THROUGH HIS SON'S LIFE. 11 AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT NOW WE ARE ALSO VERY HAPPY IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THROUGH HIM WE ARE NOW GOD'S FRIENDS AGAIN.

NOW ANSWER THIS QUESTION ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

DO YOU THINK GOD STILL LOVES YOU WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD LOVES US. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD LOVES US?

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ENEMY OF GOD? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FRIEND OF GOD?

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# DAY 132: GOD IS LOVE

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

1 JOHN 4:16, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): 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.

PSALM 117:1-2, LIVING BIBLE (TLB): PRAISE THE LORD, ALL NATIONS EVERYWHERE. PRAISE HIM, ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. 2 FOR HE LOVES US VERY DEARLY, AND HIS TRUTH ENDURES. PRAISE THE LORD.

ISAIAH 49:15-16A, THE MESSAGE (MSG): "CAN A MOTHER FORGET THE INFANT AT HER BREAST, WALK AWAY FROM THE BABY SHE BORE? BUT EVEN IF MOTHERS FORGET, I'D NEVER FORGET YOU—NEVER. LOOK, I'VE WRITTEN YOUR NAMES ON THE BACKS OF MY HANDS.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS TRUE LOVE? \_\_\_\_\_  
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DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT? \_\_\_\_\_  
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HOW DO YOU SHOW SOMEONE THAT YOU REALLY LOVE THEM? \_\_\_\_\_  
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# DAY 133: GOD'S LOVE SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEARTS

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

LAMENTATIONS 3:21-24, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): 21 THEN I REMEMBER SOMETHING THAT FILLS ME WITH HOPE. 22 THE LORD'S KINDNESS NEVER FAILS! IF HE HAD NOT BEEN MERCIFUL, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. 23 THE LORD CAN ALWAYS BE TRUSTED TO SHOW MERCY EACH MORNING. 24 DEEP IN MY HEART I SAY, "THE LORD IS ALL I NEED; I CAN DEPEND ON HIM!"

ROMANS 5:5, NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV): NOW HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT, BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED OUT IN OUR HEARTS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.

COLOSSIANS 3:14, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): EVEN MORE THAN ALL THIS, CLOTHE YOURSELF IN LOVE. LOVE IS WHAT HOLDS YOU ALL TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY.

1 JOHN 4:19, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): WE LOVE EACH OTHER BECAUSE HE LOVED US FIRST.

NOW ANSWERS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BIBLE MEANS WHEN IT TELLS US TO "CLOTHE YOURSELF IN LOVE?"

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WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR US TO LOVE OTHERS? \_\_\_\_\_

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THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU, HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? \_\_\_\_\_

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