

2020
GENERATION OF
LIGHT YOUTH
DEVOTIONAL
WEEK 20

DAY 134: WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE

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 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 4 LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS, IT DOES NOT BRAG, AND IT IS NOT PROUD. 5 LOVE IS NOT RUDE, IS NOT SELFISH, AND DOES NOT GET UPSET WITH OTHERS. LOVE DOES NOT COUNT UP WRONGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE. 6 LOVE TAKES NO PLEASURE IN EVIL BUT REJOICES OVER THE TRUTH. 7 LOVE PATIENTLY ACCEPTS ALL THINGS. IT ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, AND ALWAYS ENDURES. 8 LOVE NEVER ENDS.

EPHESIANS 4:32, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): BE KIND AND LOVING TO EACH OTHER, AND FORGIVE EACH OTHER JUST AS GOD FORGAVE YOU IN CHRIST.

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 ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU ARE GOOD AT SHOWING LOVE TO OTHERS? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU NEED TO GROW IN SHOWING LOVE TO OTHERS? _____

A BIG PART OF LOVING OTHERS IS FORGIVING THEM, BUT FORGIVING PEOPLE IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS HARD SOMETIMES TO FORGIVE? _____

DAY 135: WE WERE MADE WITH 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:

ISAIAH 64:8, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): AND YET, O LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER. WE ARE THE CLAY, AND YOU ARE THE POTTER. WE ALL ARE FORMED BY YOUR HAND.

MATTHEW 10:30-31, THE PASSION TRANSLATION (TPT): SO DON'T WORRY. FOR YOUR FATHER CARES DEEPLY ABOUT EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL OF YOUR LIFE.

MATTHEW 10:30-31, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): AND THE VERY HAIRS ON YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. 31 SO DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE MORE VALUABLE TO GOD THAN A WHOLE FLOCK OF SPARROWS.

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.

GOD MADE EACH OF US. WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU LIKE ABOUT HOW GOD MADE YOU? _____

GOD KNOWS HOW MANY HAIRS ARE ON OUR HEADS. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THAT, HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? _____

GOD CARES ABOUT EVEN THE SMALLEST THINGS IN OUR LIVES. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS (BIG OR SMALL) THAT MATTER VERY MUCH TO YOU? _____

DAY 136: JESUS SHOWED HIS FATHER'S 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:

JOHN 1:18, LIVING BIBLE (TLB): NO ONE HAS EVER ACTUALLY SEEN GOD, BUT, OF COURSE, HIS ONLY SON HAS, FOR HE IS THE COMPANION OF THE FATHER AND HAS TOLD US ALL ABOUT HIM.

JOHN 14:7-11, LIVING BIBLE (TLB): 7 IF YOU HAD KNOWN WHO I AM, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHO MY FATHER IS. FROM NOW ON YOU KNOW HIM—AND HAVE SEEN HIM!" 8 PHILIP SAID, "SIR, SHOW US THE FATHER AND WE WILL BE SATISFIED." 9 JESUS REPLIED, "DON'T YOU EVEN YET KNOW WHO I AM, PHILIP, EVEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME I HAVE BEEN WITH YOU? ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER! SO WHY ARE YOU ASKING TO SEE HIM? 10 DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME? THE WORDS I SAY ARE NOT MY OWN BUT ARE FROM MY FATHER WHO LIVES IN ME. AND HE DOES HIS WORK THROUGH ME. 11 JUST BELIEVE IT—THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME. OR ELSE BELIEVE IT BECAUSE OF THE MIGHTY MIRACLES YOU HAVE SEEN ME DO.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2, THE MESSAGE (MSG): 1-2 WATCH WHAT GOD DOES, AND THEN YOU DO IT, LIKE CHILDREN WHO LEARN PROPER BEHAVIOR FROM THEIR PARENTS. MOSTLY WHAT GOD DOES IS LOVE YOU. KEEP COMPANY WITH HIM AND LEARN A LIFE OF LOVE. OBSERVE HOW CHRIST LOVED US. HIS LOVE WAS NOT CAUTIOUS BUT EXTRAVAGANT. HE DIDN'T LOVE IN ORDER TO GET SOMETHING FROM US BUT TO GIVE EVERYTHING OF HIMSELF TO US. LOVE LIKE THAT.

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.

THERE IS A SAYING: "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON." WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS? _____

WE NEED TO COPY GOD, ESPECIALLY IN THE WAY WE LOVE OTHERS. WHAT IS SOMETHING GOD HAS TAUGHT YOU ABOUT LOVING OTHERS? _____

IF WE WANT TO COPY SOMEONE, WE NEED TO KNOW THAT PERSON VERY WELL. HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW GOD? WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER? _____

DAY 137: LOVE STRANGERS

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:

DEUTERONOMY 10:17-19, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 17 THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD OF ALL GODS AND LORD OF ALL LORDS. HE IS THE GREAT GOD, WHO IS STRONG AND WONDERFUL. HE DOES NOT TAKE SIDES, AND HE WILL NOT BE TALKED INTO DOING EVIL. 18 HE HELPS ORPHANS AND WIDOWS, AND HE LOVES FOREIGNERS AND GIVES THEM FOOD AND CLOTHES. 19 YOU ALSO MUST LOVE FOREIGNERS, BECAUSE YOU WERE FOREIGNERS IN EGYPT.

PSALM 146:7-8, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 7 HE DOES WHAT IS FAIR FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WRONGED. HE GIVES FOOD TO THE HUNGRY. THE LORD SETS THE PRISONERS FREE. 8 THE LORD GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND. THE LORD LIFTS UP PEOPLE WHO ARE IN TROUBLE. THE LORD LOVES THOSE WHO DO RIGHT.

ZECHARIAH 7:8-9, LIVING BIBLE (TLB): 8-9 THEN THIS MESSAGE FROM THE LORD CAME TO ZECHARIAH. "TELL THEM TO BE HONEST AND FAIR—AND NOT TO TAKE BRIBES—AND TO BE MERCIFUL AND KIND TO EVERYONE.

ACTS 10:34, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): THEN PETER REPLIED, "I SEE VERY CLEARLY THAT GOD SHOWS NO FAVORITISM.

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.

WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO LOVE OTHERS, EVEN STRANGERS WE DON'T KNOW? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU CAN SHOW KINDNESS TO STRANGERS? _____

IF GOD LOVES US ALL THE SAME AND DOESN'T PICK FAVOURITES, THEN HOW SHOULD WE TREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT YET CHRISTIANS? _____

DAY 138: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

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:

LUKE 6:35-36 NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 35 BUT LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM, AND LEND TO THEM WITHOUT HOPING TO GET ANYTHING BACK. THEN YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT REWARD, AND YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, BECAUSE HE IS KIND EVEN TO PEOPLE WHO ARE UNGRATEFUL AND FULL OF SIN. 36 SHOW MERCY, JUST AS YOUR FATHER SHOWS MERCY.

MATTHEW 5:43-48 NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 43 "YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMIES.' 44 BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HURT YOU. 45 IF YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL BE TRUE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. HE CAUSES THE SUN TO RISE ON GOOD PEOPLE AND ON EVIL PEOPLE, AND HE SENDS RAIN TO THOSE WHO DO RIGHT AND TO THOSE WHO DO WRONG. 46 IF YOU LOVE ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU, YOU WILL GET NO REWARD. EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DO THAT. 47 AND IF YOU ARE NICE ONLY TO YOUR FRIENDS, YOU ARE NO BETTER THAN OTHER PEOPLE. EVEN THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD ARE NICE TO THEIR FRIENDS. 48 SO YOU MUST BE PERFECT, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT.

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 HAVE ANY ENEMIES OR PEOPLE YOU DON'T LIKE? IF YOU DO, HOW DID THEY BECOME YOUR ENEMY? _____

THE BIBLE TELLS US TO PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES. IF YOU MADE THE CHOICE TO PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMY, WHAT WOULD YOUR PRAYER FOR THEM SOUND LIKE? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD COMMANDS US TO LOVE AND PRAY FOR OUR ENEMIES? _____

DAY 139: GOD STILL LOVES US WHEN WE REBEL

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:

NEHEMIAH 9:17, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): THEY REFUSED TO LISTEN; THEY FORGOT THE MIRACLES YOU DID FOR THEM. SO THEY BECAME STUBBORN AND TURNED AGAINST YOU, CHOOSING A LEADER TO TAKE THEM BACK TO SLAVERY. BUT YOU ARE A FORGIVING GOD. YOU ARE KIND AND FULL OF MERCY. YOU DO NOT BECOME ANGRY QUICKLY, AND YOU HAVE GREAT LOVE. SO YOU DID NOT LEAVE THEM.

PSALM 51:1-2, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME BECAUSE YOU ARE LOVING. BECAUSE YOU ARE ALWAYS READY TO BE MERCIFUL, WIPE OUT ALL MY WRONGS. 2 WASH AWAY ALL MY GUILT AND MAKE ME CLEAN AGAIN.

COLOSSIANS 2:14, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): HE CANCELED THE RECORD OF THE CHARGES AGAINST US AND TOOK IT AWAY BY NAILING IT TO THE CROSS.

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.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE GOD WOULD NOT FORGIVE YOU FOR SOMETHING WRONG YOU HAD DONE? WHY DID YOU FEEL THAT WAY? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD STILL LOVES US EVEN WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES? _____

WHEN YOU ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE FORGIVES YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DAY 140: GOD LOVES PRODIGALS

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:

LUKE 15:11-24 NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 11 THEN JESUS SAID, "A MAN HAD TWO SONS. 12 THE YOUNGER SON SAID TO HIS FATHER, 'GIVE ME MY SHARE OF THE PROPERTY.' SO THE FATHER DIVIDED THE PROPERTY BETWEEN HIS TWO SONS. 13 THEN THE YOUNGER SON GATHERED UP ALL THAT WAS HIS AND TRAVELED FAR AWAY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. THERE HE WASTED HIS MONEY IN FOOLISH LIVING. 14 AFTER HE HAD SPENT EVERYTHING, A TIME CAME WHEN THERE WAS NO FOOD ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY, AND THE SON WAS POOR AND HUNGRY. 15 SO HE GOT A JOB WITH ONE OF THE CITIZENS THERE WHO SENT THE SON INTO THE FIELDS TO FEED PIGS. 16 THE SON WAS SO HUNGRY THAT HE WANTED TO EAT THE PODS THE PIGS WERE EATING, BUT NO ONE GAVE HIM ANYTHING. 17 WHEN HE REALIZED WHAT HE WAS DOING, HE THOUGHT, 'ALL OF MY FATHER'S SERVANTS HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD. BUT I AM HERE, ALMOST DYING WITH HUNGER. 18 I WILL LEAVE AND RETURN TO MY FATHER AND SAY TO HIM, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD AND AGAINST YOU. 19 I AM NO LONGER WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON, BUT LET ME BE LIKE ONE OF YOUR SERVANTS.'" 20 SO THE SON LEFT AND WENT TO HIS FATHER. "WHILE THE SON WAS STILL A LONG WAY OFF, HIS FATHER SAW HIM AND FELT SORRY FOR HIS SON. SO THE FATHER RAN TO HIM AND HUGGED AND KISSED HIM. 21 THE SON SAID, 'FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD AND AGAINST YOU. I AM NO LONGER

WORTHY TO BE CALLED YOUR SON.' 22 BUT THE FATHER SAID TO HIS SERVANTS, 'HURRY! BRING THE BEST CLOTHES AND PUT THEM ON HIM. ALSO, PUT A RING ON HIS FINGER AND SANDALS ON HIS FEET. 23 AND GET OUR FAT CALF AND KILL IT SO WE CAN HAVE A FEAST AND CELEBRATE. 24 MY SON WAS DEAD, BUT NOW HE IS ALIVE AGAIN! HE WAS LOST, BUT NOW HE IS FOUND!' SO THEY BEGAN TO CELEBRATE.

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.

TODAY YOU READ THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF THE STORY?

IF YOU WERE THIS SON'S FATHER, HOW WOULD YOU TREAT YOUR SON WHEN HE RETURNED HOME?

DO YOU THINK THE PRODIGAL SON DESERVED THE PARTY THAT WAS GIVEN BY HIS FATHER WHEN HE CAME BACK HOME? WHY DO YOU THINK THE FATHER GAVE A PARTY FOR HIS SON EVEN THOUGH THE SON WASTED ALL HIS MONEY? _____

