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GENERATION OF

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DEVOTIONAL

WEEK 22

DAY 148: KNOWING GOD HELPS US LOVE OTHERS

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 4:7-11, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): 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.

JOHN 13:34-35, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): 34 SO NOW I AM GIVING YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE EACH OTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU SHOULD LOVE EACH OTHER. 35 YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES."

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.

IT IS NATURAL TO ACT AND TALK LIKE SOMEONE WHO WE MAY SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH. WHO IS SOMEONE YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH? WHAT KIND OF THINGS HAS THIS PERSON INFLUENCED YOU TO DO? _____

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT YOU LOVE? HOW TO SHOW THAT PERSON THAT YOU LOVE THEM? _____

WHO IS SOMEONE THAT YOU HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME LOVING? HOW CAN YOU SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO THAT PERSON? _____

DAY 149: GOD STILL LOVES US IN BAD TIMES

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:

GENESIS 39:20-23, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): 20 SO HE TOOK JOSEPH AND THREW HIM INTO THE PRISON WHERE THE KING'S PRISONERS WERE HELD, AND THERE HE REMAINED. 21 BUT THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH IN THE PRISON AND SHOWED HIM HIS FAITHFUL LOVE. AND THE LORD MADE JOSEPH A FAVORITE WITH THE PRISON WARDEN. 22 BEFORE LONG, THE WARDEN PUT JOSEPH IN CHARGE OF ALL THE OTHER PRISONERS AND OVER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE PRISON. 23 THE WARDEN HAD NO MORE WORRIES, BECAUSE JOSEPH TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING. THE LORD WAS WITH HIM AND CAUSED EVERYTHING HE DID TO SUCCEED.

PSALM 31:19, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): HOW GREAT IS YOUR GOODNESS THAT YOU HAVE STORED UP FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU, THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO TRUST YOU. YOU DO THIS FOR ALL TO SEE.

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.

MANY PEOPLE IN CHURCH SAY, "GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD." DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IS TRUE? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

THINK OF A BAD THING THAT HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE. CAN YOU REMEMBER A WAY THAT GOD SHOWED YOU HIS LOVE DURING THAT TIME? _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WE ARE BLESSED WHEN WE FEAR GOD. TO FEAR GOD IS TO SHOW GOD RESPECT. HOW CAN YOU SHOW GOD THAT YOU RESPECT HIM? _____

DAY 150: GOD LOVES TO HEAL 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:

MATTHEW 14:14, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): JESUS SAW THE HUGE CROWD AS HE STEPPED FROM THE BOAT, AND HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.

1 PETER 2:24, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): HE PERSONALLY CARRIED OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS SO THAT WE CAN BE DEAD TO SIN AND LIVE FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. BY HIS WOUNDS YOU ARE HEALED.

ACTS 10:38, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 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.

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 WAS A COMPASSIONATE PERSON. WHEN SOMEONE IS COMPASSIONATE, IT MEANS THAT THEY LOVE SOMEONE SO MUCH, THEY FEEL THEY MUST DO SOMETHING TO HELP THEM. COMPASSION IS LOVE IN ACTION. HAVE YOU EVER FELT COMPASSION FOR SOMEONE ELSE? WHO WAS IT AND WHAT DID YOU DO TO HELP THEM? _____

THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT BY THE WOUNDS JESUS RECEIVED WHEN HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR US, OUR BODIES CAN RECEIVE HEALING WHEN WE ARE SICK. BY JESUS' WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS? _____

WE CAN SHOW GOD'S LOVE TO OTHERS BY PRAYING FOR PEOPLE TO BE HEALED IF THEY ARE SICK. IF A SICK PERSON ASKED YOU TO PRAY FOR THEM, HOW WOULD YOU PRAY FOR THEM? _____

DAY 151: GOD CORRECTS US IN 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:

PROVERBS 3:11-12, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

11 MY CHILD, DO NOT REJECT THE LORD'S DISCIPLINE, AND DON'T GET ANGRY WHEN HE CORRECTS YOU. 12 THE LORD CORRECTS THOSE HE LOVES, JUST AS PARENTS CORRECT THE CHILD THEY DELIGHT IN.

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 DOES DISCIPLINE MEAN TO YOU? _____

DISCIPLINE IS NOT FUN FOR ANYONE, BUT IT CAN TEACH US SOME IMPORTANT LESSONS. WHAT ARE SOME GOOD LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM BEING DISCIPLINED? _____

IMAGINE A CHILD WHO GROWS UP WHO IS NEVER DISCIPLINED. THIS CHILD IS NEVER TAUGHT WHAT IS WRONG AND WHAT IS RIGHT. PLEASE SHARE WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU THINK THAT CHILD WILL GROW UP TO BE. _____

DAY 152: GOD LOVES TO FORGIVE

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 1:9, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS, BECAUSE WE CAN TRUST GOD TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT. HE WILL CLEANSE US FROM ALL THE WRONGS WE HAVE DONE.

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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "CONFESS YOUR SINS" TO GOD? _____

IMAGINE THAT YOU ASKED SOMEONE TO FORGIVE YOU FOR SOMETHING WRONG YOU HAD DONE TO THEM. BUT THIS PERSON SAYS THEY DO NOT WANT TO FORGIVE YOU. HOW WOULD THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? _____

DO YOU SOMETIMES STILL FEEL BAD OR GUILTY EVEN AFTER YOU ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU? WHY DO YOU FEEL THAT WAY? _____

DAY 153: LOVE IS STRONG

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 13:7-8, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

7 LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. 8 PROPHECY AND SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN LANGUAGES AND SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE WILL BECOME USELESS. BUT LOVE WILL LAST FOREVER!

2 TIMOTHY 1:7, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT THAT MAKES US AFRAID BUT A SPIRIT OF POWER AND LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

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.

CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW LOVE NEVER GIVES UP? _____

CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW LOVE NEVER LOSES FAITH? _____

GOD HAS GIVEN EACH OF US A SPIRIT OF LOVE. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO HAVE A SPIRIT OF LOVE? _____

DAY 154: GOD'S LOVE MAKES FEAR RUN AWAY

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 4:17-19, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

17 THIS IS HOW LOVE IS MADE PERFECT IN US: THAT WE CAN BE WITHOUT FEAR ON THE DAY GOD JUDGES US, BECAUSE IN THIS WORLD WE ARE LIKE HIM. 18 WHERE GOD'S LOVE IS, THERE IS NO FEAR, BECAUSE GOD'S PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR. IT IS PUNISHMENT THAT MAKES A PERSON FEAR, SO LOVE IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN THE PERSON WHO FEARS. 19 WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED US.

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 APPRECIATE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK SOME PEOPLE ARE AFRAID OF GOD? _____

ARE YOU AFRAID OF GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

