

ABIDE

JOHN 15:1-11



...THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL

- JOURNAL NO. 1 -



Sunday Mornings 9AM and 11AM
Flathead High School
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Dear Veneration Family,

This journey we are embarking upon together was birthed from a deep desire to experience the fulness of joy that Jesus promises. A joy that is unshakeable for those who will abide in Him. Over the course of the last year, I discovered a yearning in my soul for this joy He speaks of but finding myself void of it. As a follower of Jesus, we ought to be the most joyous of people regardless of circumstance, situation or trial. The journey ahead is built upon a personal desire and pursuit of this joy that Jesus promises can be ours.

I pray as we walk together over the months ahead that we would discover what it means to abide in Jesus. That we would find ourselves captivated by the goodness, character and nature of God, while also obtaining the deep-seated joy that every soul longs for. I hope you will join in this journey of learning what it means to abide in the One from whom all joy and life flow. I believe if we will commit ourselves to this process with humility, transparency and honesty, God will do a great work. For He not only promises the fulness of life one day, but right now!

I love you all and it is an absolute honor to be your pastor. May we lean on the One who is faithful and let Him do the work He desires to do in us as we walk with Him. Remember, we will never be perfect or complete this side of Heaven, but Jesus promises we can live with the fulness of joy now! May we believe Him on His promise and discover what it means to abide!

That our joy may be full,

Pastor Luke



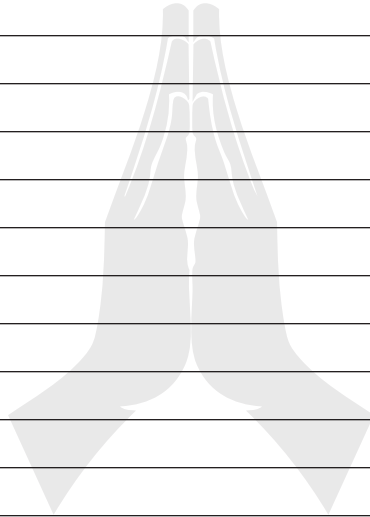


PRAYER

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

PRAYER ▪ DAY 1

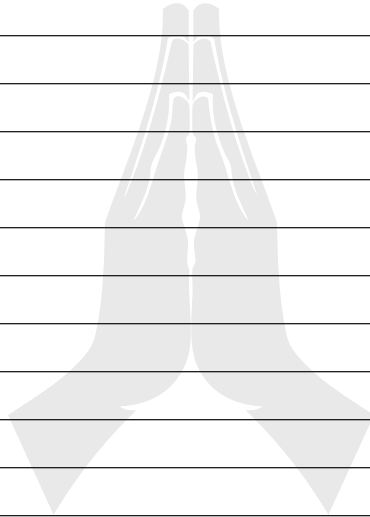
“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!”
Psalm 113:3



ABIDE FOCUS: Commit to starting and ending your day with deliberate praise. In the morning, thank God for the gift of a new day and, in the evening, for His faithfulness throughout your day.

PRAYER • DAY 2

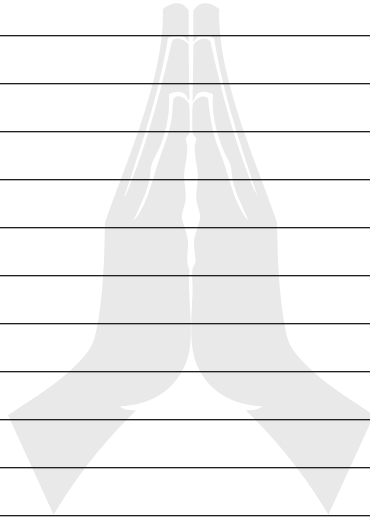
“For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.”
Psalm 96:4



ABIDE FOCUS: Establish your prayer life and prayers as an act of submission, acknowledging that He is great and has the authority to lead every area of your life.

PRAYER • DAY 3

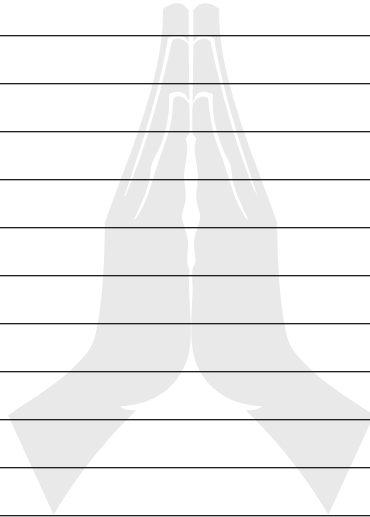
“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!
Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!”
Psalm 148:1-2



ABIDE FOCUS: Pray knowing that your praise of God is not solitary; it is a part of the unceasing worship of the angels and heavenly hosts. Ask God to grow your prayer life so that it reflects this reality daily.

PRAYER • DAY 4

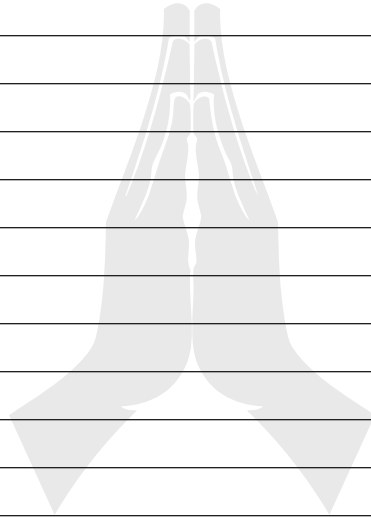
“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!”
Psalm 150:6



ABIDE FOCUS: Recognize that every breath is a result of God’s grace to you and that because of this, as long as you are breathing, you have all the reason you need to praise Him.

PRAYER • DAY 5

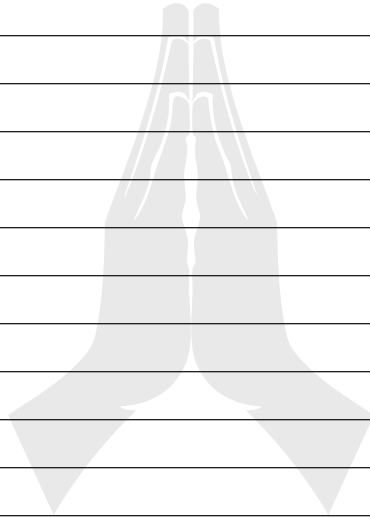
“Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!”
Psalm 117:1



ABIDE FOCUS: Understanding that the word “extol” implies a public speaking of God’s name, seek to move your personal prayer time beyond simple requests to include exalting God’s character.

PRAYER • DAY 6

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!”
Psalm 100:4

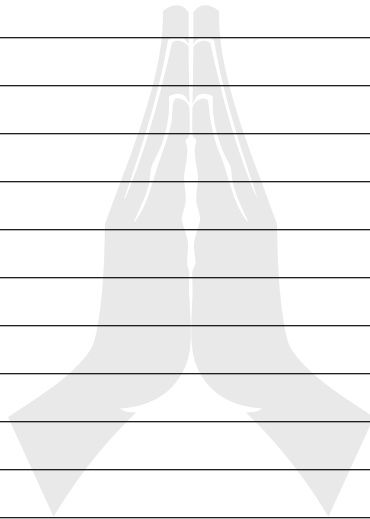


ABIDE FOCUS: Pray with and from a heart that naturally enters prayer with gratitude. Rather than entering prayer with a list of requests, focus first on naming specific blessings God has provided this week.

PRAYER • DAY 8

“Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands.”

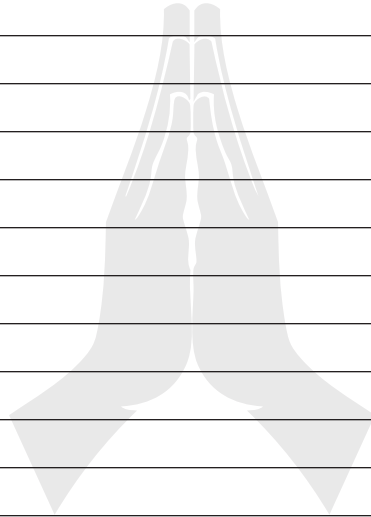
Psalm 63:3-4



ABIDE FOCUS: We should pray believing that God’s love is superior to anything the world offers, or even life itself. Establish in your heart that God and His love is your primary source of satisfaction.

PRAYER • DAY 9

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”
Psalm 69:30

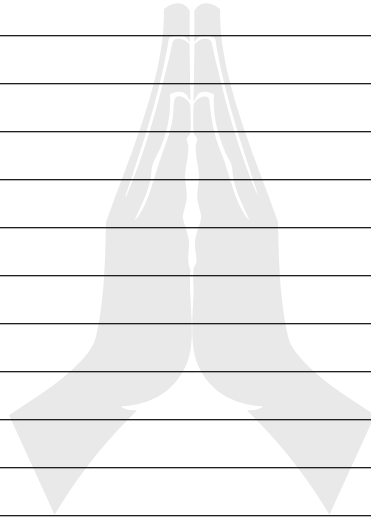


ABIDE FOCUS: In Hebrew, Toda (thanksgiving) refers to a sacrifice of thanksgiving offered before the answer to prayer comes. Cultivate a heart that thanks God for answers you are still waiting for, declaring His goodness even before He answers.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 10

“Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.”

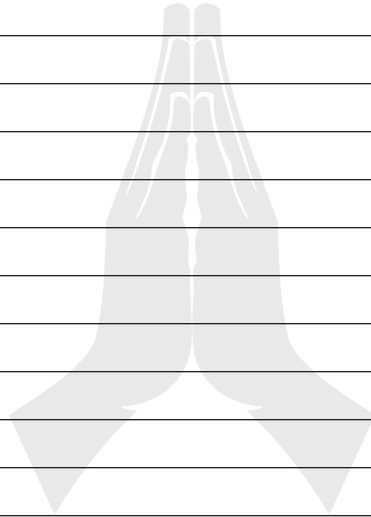
Psalm 147:1



ABIDE FOCUS: Offer your prayers believing that praising God is “good” because it is morally right and spiritually healthy for you, reorienting your heart from earthly anxieties to heavenly realities.

PRAYER • DAY 11

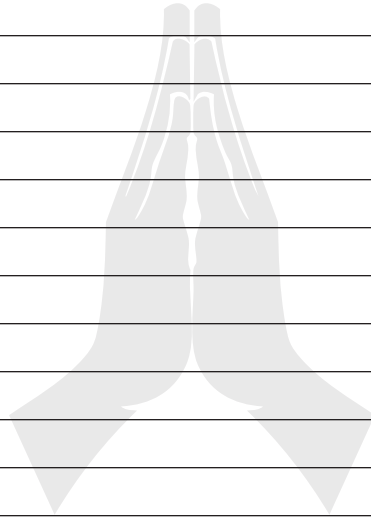
“My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless
His holy name forever and ever.”
Psalm 145:21



ABIDE FOCUS: Start your prayer time with a personal commitment to praise the Lord regardless of your circumstances. This helps move your praise from a feeling to an intentional act of the will.

PRAYER • DAY 12

“My mouth is filled with Your praise, and with Your glory all the day.”
Psalm 71:8

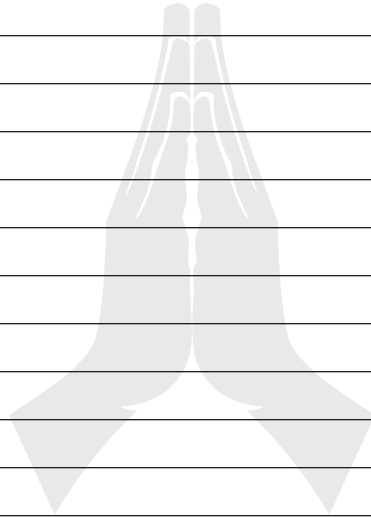


ABIDE FOCUS: Work to cultivate a desire for spiritual eyes as you pray, allowing you to see God’s “splendor” and “glory,” whether in nature, in the kindness of others, or in His answers to your prayers.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 13

“Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.”

Hebrews 13:15

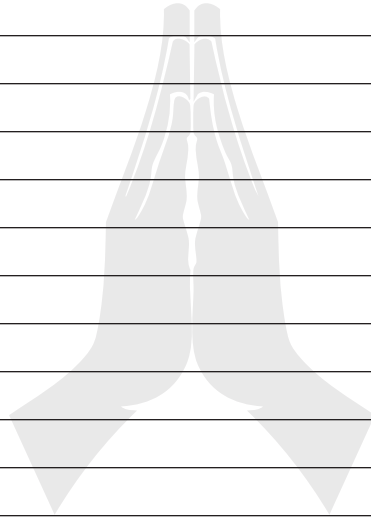


ABIDE FOCUS: Recognize that praise is called a “sacrifice” and is an act of will, choosing to honor God continually, above your feelings or emotions, centered and founded upon His character and nature.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 15

“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt You; I will praise Your name, for You have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”

Isaiah 25:1

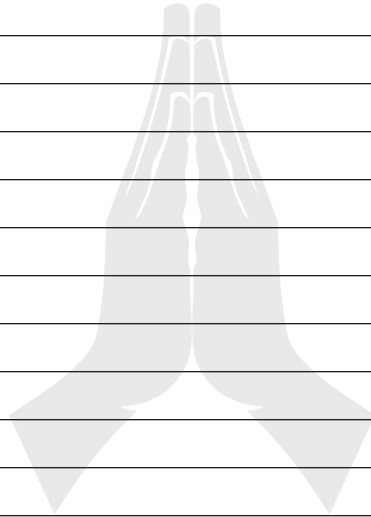


ABIDE FOCUS: Enter prayer reaffirming your personal relationship with God, and surrender control of your day, your worries, and your future to Him, acknowledging that He is faithful and trustworthy.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 16

“I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.”

Psalm 9:1

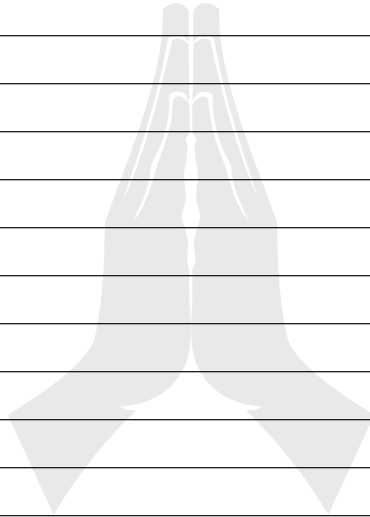


ABIDE FOCUS: Align your heart and mind with true gratitude for all God has done, including the cross and resurrection. Surrender any areas where you have been withholding your heart from Him.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 17

“And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’”

Revelation 5:13

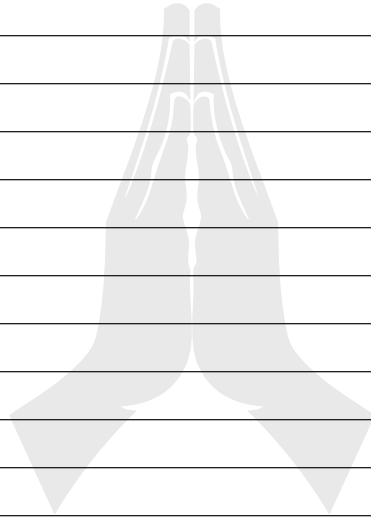


ABIDE FOCUS: Enter prayer aligning your heart with all of heaven and creation, from the highest heavens to the depths of the sea and everything between, acknowledging God’s supreme authority.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 19

“Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”

Revelation 4:11

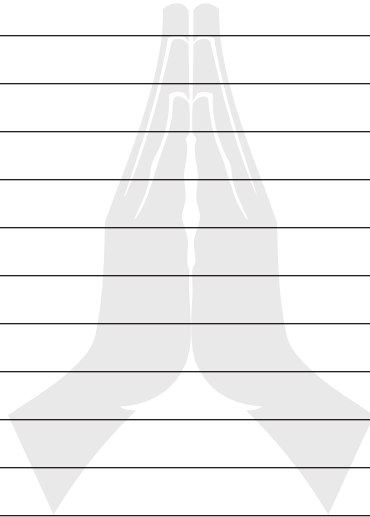


ABIDE FOCUS: As you enter prayer, acknowledge that God created and sustains all things by and according to His will, that your life is under His care and control, even when circumstances feel chaotic.

PRAYER • DAY 20

“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.”

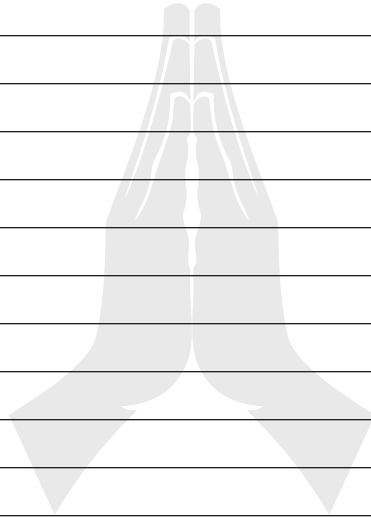
Ephesians 1:3



ABIDE FOCUS: "Has blessed" is in the past tense. Shift your prayer focus from asking God for His blessings to thanking Him for the spiritual blessings He has already given you.

PRAYER • DAY 22

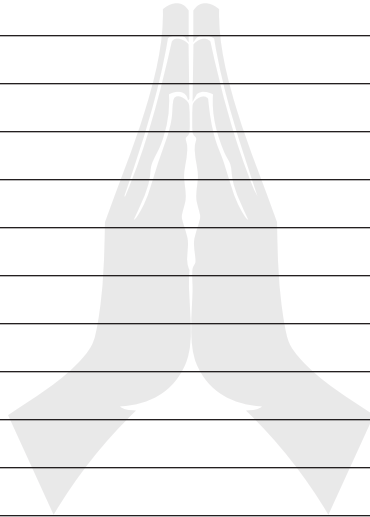
“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”
Colossians 3:16



ABIDE FOCUS: Focus your prayer on inviting the Word of God to take up permanent residence in your life, to “dwell richly,” not as a guest but, rather, filling your heart and soul with divine song and wisdom.

PRAYER • DAY 23

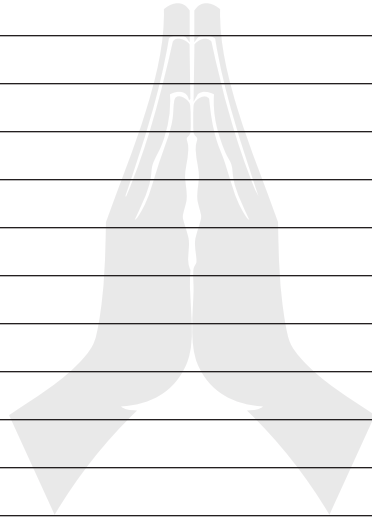
“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”
Philippians 4:4



ABIDE FOCUS: Grow in the discipline of rejoicing - finding joy in God's unchanging character, faithfulness, and your salvation - in prayer daily, even when it doesn't feel natural to do so.

PRAYER • DAY 24

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.”
Romans 11:36

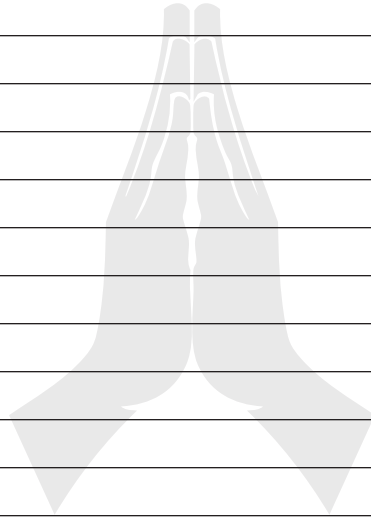


ABIDE FOCUS: Recognize that everything you have in your life, your breath, talents, and opportunities to serve Him, find their beginning and end in God’s will, the Provider of past and current blessings.

PRAYER • DAY 25

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

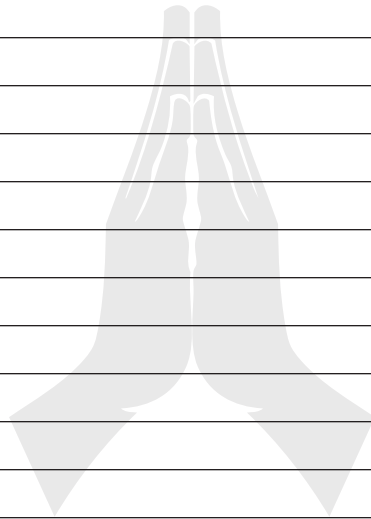


ABIDE FOCUS: Enter prayer based on these titles given to you by God, boldly seeing yourself as God sees you, not defined by your past mistakes or how the world might see you, but by His selection.

PRAYER • DAY 26

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

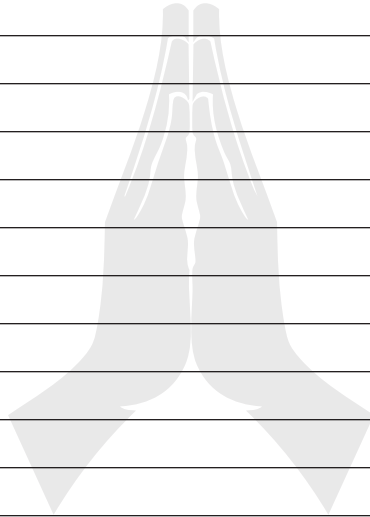


ABIDE FOCUS: Understanding that prayer is more than a scheduled routine, but rather a conversation with God, makes prayer more of an open line of communication with God throughout your day.

PRAYER ▪ DAY 27

“Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

Acts 2:47



ABIDE FOCUS: Cultivate a life with God that moves your private praise of Him to a worship that is compellingly visible, making your life a living, breathing example of God’s graciousness and goodness.



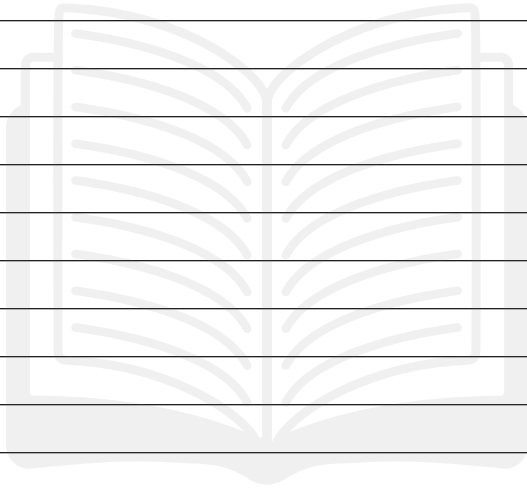
WORD

GOD'S CHARACTER AND NATURE

WORD - DAY 1

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”

Psalm 90:2

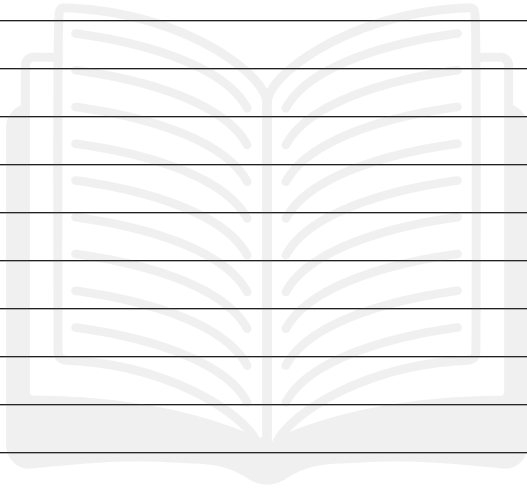


ABIDE FOCUS: God did not “become” God or work His way into being God; He has always existed as God. All of creation was formed by a pre-existent God. He is not part of creation; He predates it all.

WORD • DAY 2

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

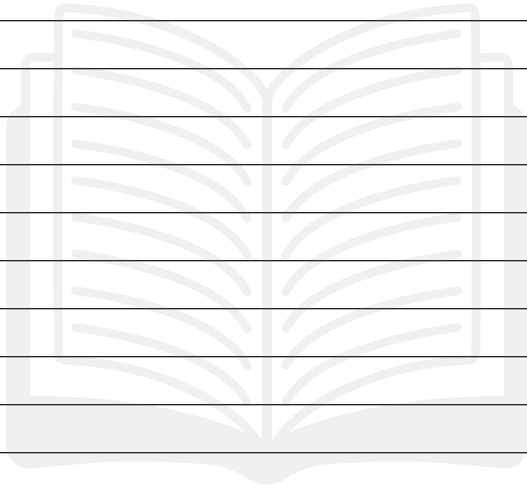
Revelation 1:8



ABIDE FOCUS: As “the Alpha and the Omega,” God is the “author and finisher” of all existence. He is over all “from A to Z,” meaning nothing exists outside of His knowledge, authority, or creative power.

WORD • DAY 3

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the Everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable."
Isaiah 40:28

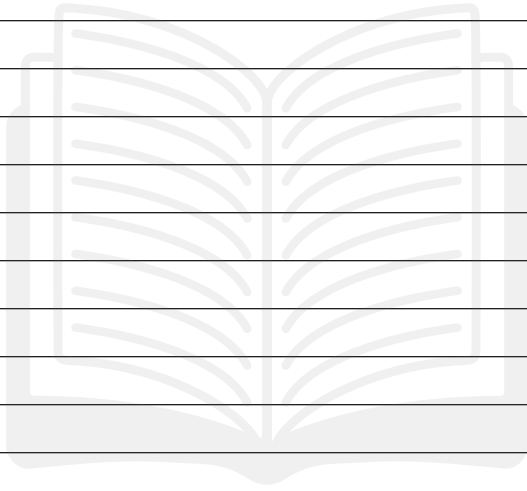


ABIDE FOCUS: God has total jurisdiction over all of creation and history. As Everlasting God (El Olam), He has no beginning or end, and His strength and wisdom are evident in and through creation.

WORD • DAY 4

“And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!’”

Isaiah 6:3

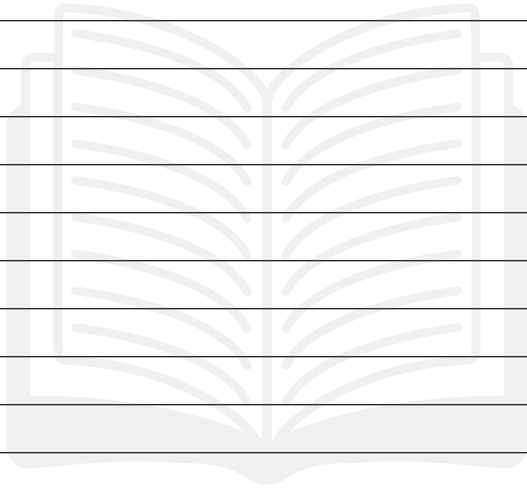


ABIDE FOCUS: The repetition of “Holy, holy, holy...” emphasizes God’s perfect, complete, and transcendent holiness. He is “set apart,” unique, and reigns supreme above all creation.

WORD • DAY 5

“And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’”

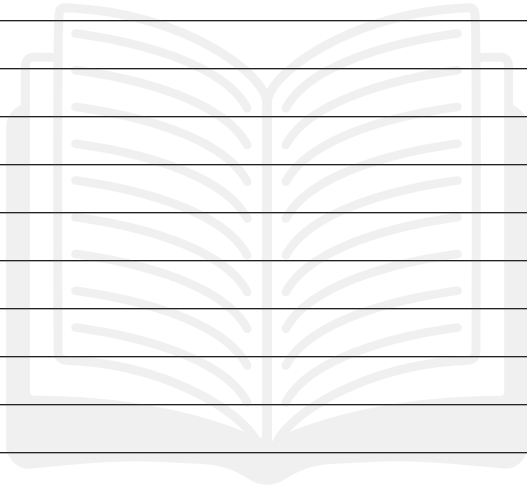
Revelation 4:8



ABIDE FOCUS: This establishes that, because He exists in all three tenses at the same time, God is immutable - He cannot and does not change. He is everlasting, eternally existent, always God.

WORD • DAY 6

Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying,
'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose.'
Isaiah 46:10

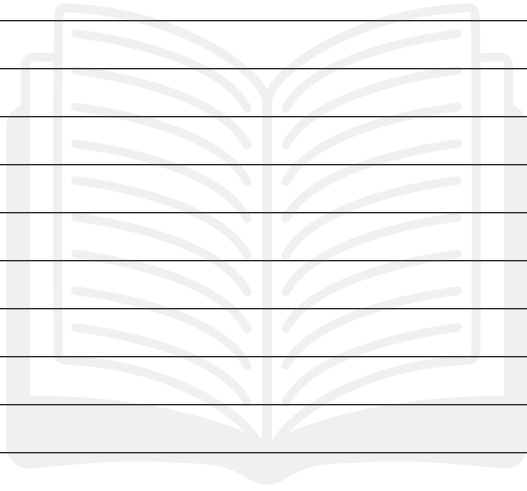


ABIDE FOCUS: As the Sovereign God, He will bring about everything He intends: if He speaks it, it will come to pass; if He purposes it, it will be done. Nothing can thwart God's will, purposes, or plans.

WORD • DAY 8

“For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and He is to be feared above all gods.”

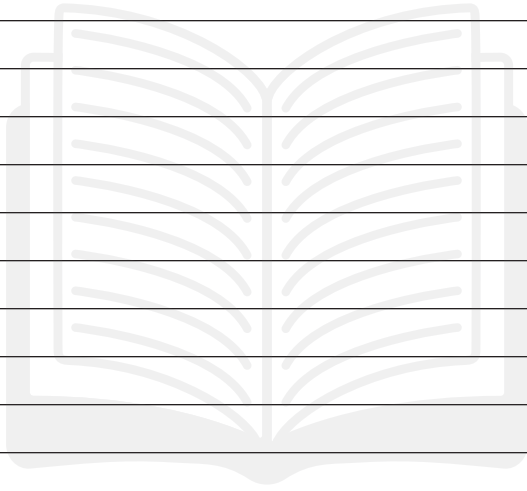
1 Chronicles 16:25



ABIDE FOCUS: God’s greatness is more than just mere size; it speaks of His exceeding power, wisdom, and majesty without limits, which is more awesome than any other gods, idols, or powers.

WORD • DAY 9

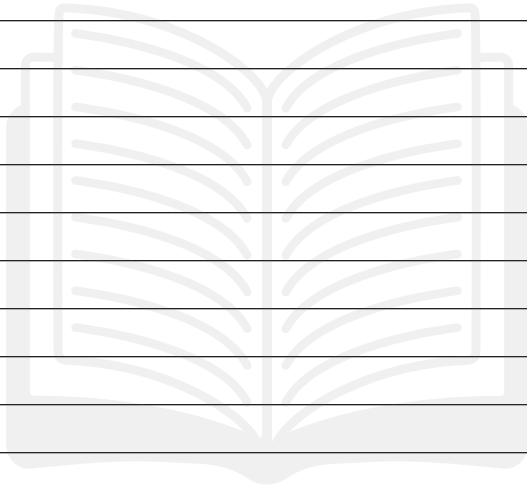
“I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.”
Job 42:2



ABIDE FOCUS: As Almighty God (El Shaddai), God’s power is not an abstract idea but a biblical and foundational truth that guarantees the fulfillment of His sovereign plan regardless of man’s activities or intents.

WORD • DAY 10

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1

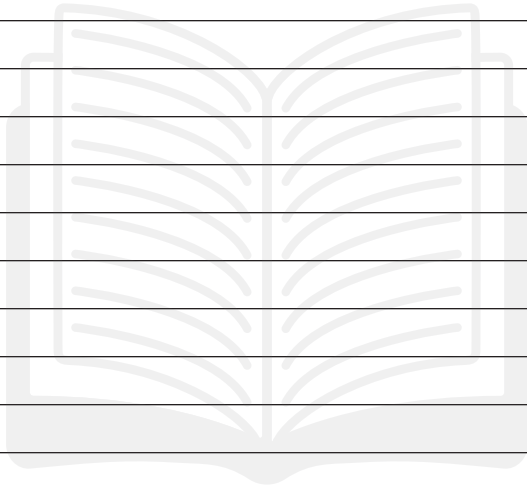


ABIDE FOCUS: As Creator, God (Elohim) created everything “ex nihilo” (from nothing), not from things already in existence, and with divine intention and purpose in accordance with His perfect design.

WORD • DAY 11

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!”

Romans 11:33

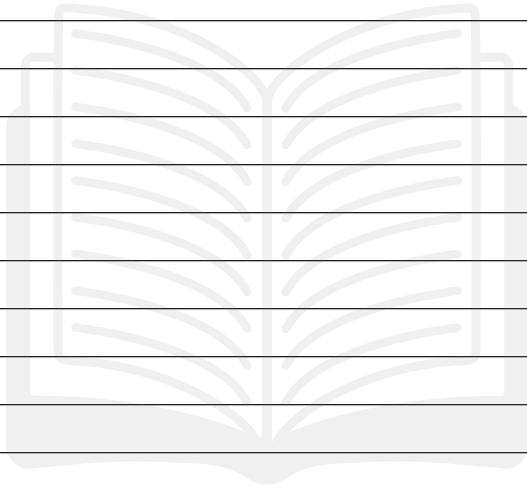


ABIDE FOCUS: God is entirely wise. He has never had a counselor; He does not need to learn anything. He fully possesses perfect knowledge and discernment, and able to enact His will without fail.

WORD • DAY 12

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Isaiah 55:8-9

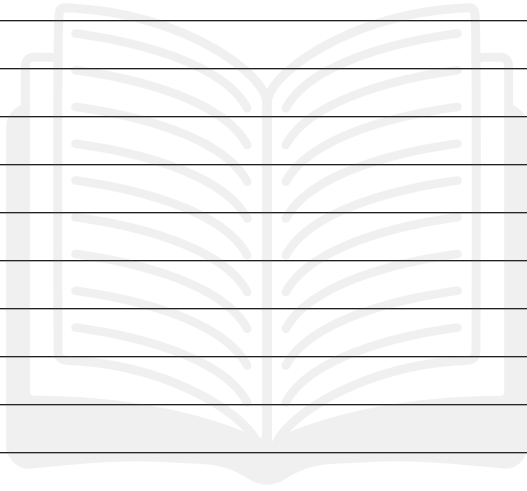


ABIDE FOCUS: God’s purposes and plans – His thoughts and ways - are always higher than what we would think or do because they’re always focused on eternal outcomes rather than human thought.

WORD • DAY 13

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!”

Psalm 139:7-8

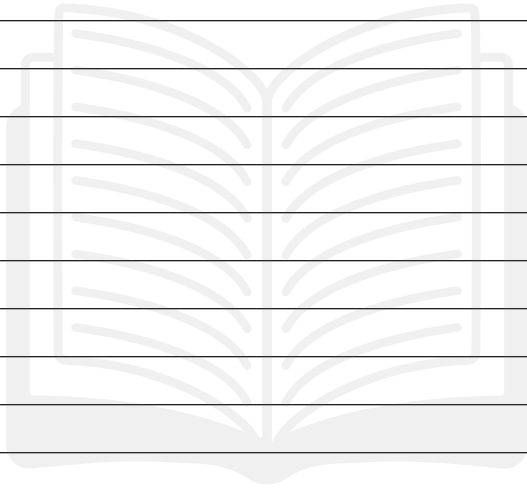


ABIDE FOCUS: As Omnipresent God, He is not bound by time, space, or location; He is present in and over all things and circumstances while at the same time remaining distinct from them as Creator.

WORD • DAY 15

“Ah, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You.”

Jeremiah 32:17

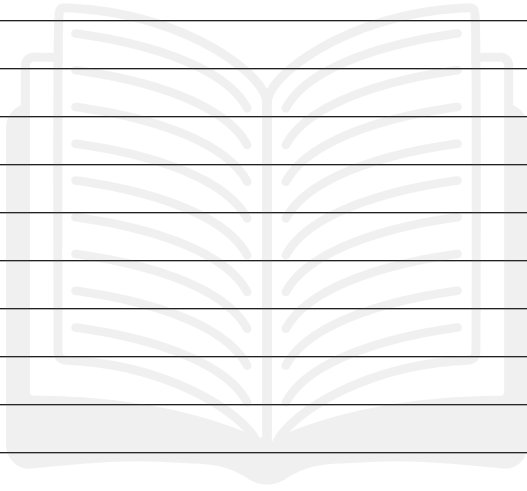


ABIDE FOCUS: As Omnipotent God, God’s power is limitless. He has the power to do and accomplish anything, always achieving His perfect purposes in and with His infinite power, wisdom, and love.

WORD • DAY 16

“O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.”

Psalm 139:1-4

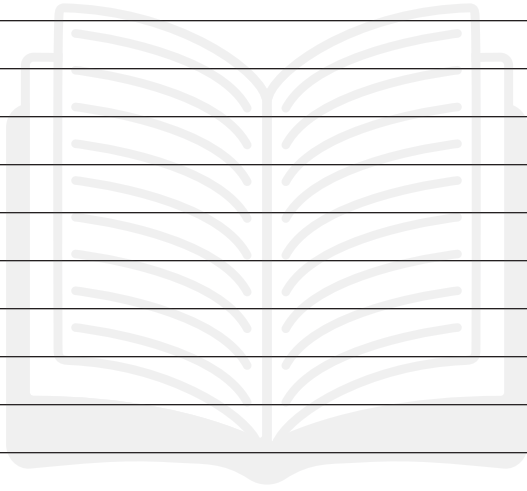


ABIDE FOCUS: As our Omniscient God, God is all-knowing. He understands the origin, intent, direction, and reason of our thoughts and actions even before they fully take shape in our own minds.

WORD ▪ DAY 17

“For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.”

Psalm 100:5

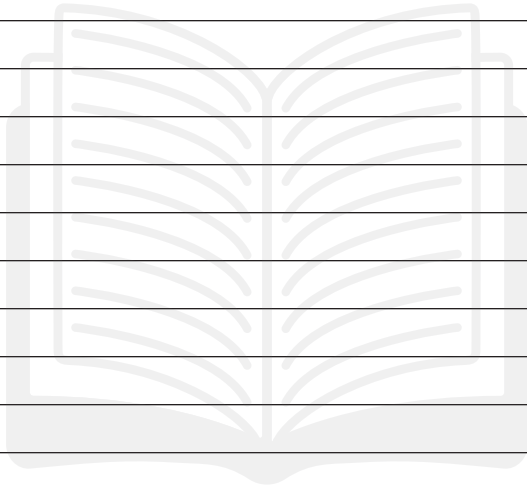


ABIDE FOCUS: Goodness is the core of God’s being, and foundational in His relationship with all of humanity. He is generous in His kindness, and everything He does is a reflection of His goodness.

WORD • DAY 18

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17

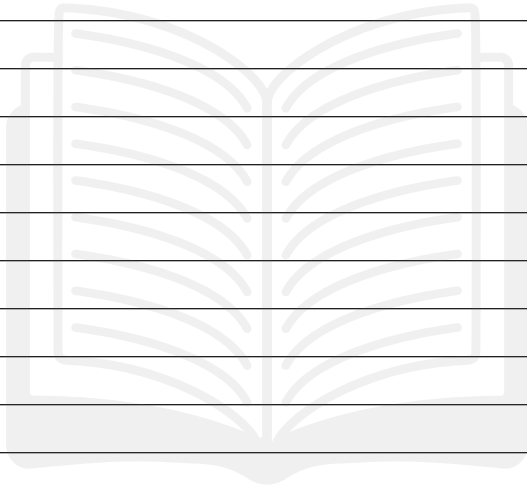


ABIDE FOCUS: As our Good God, He is the primary cause of all goodness in the world, all goodness finds its origin in Him. The ultimate source of all goodness is “from above,” coming from God.

WORD • DAY 19

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

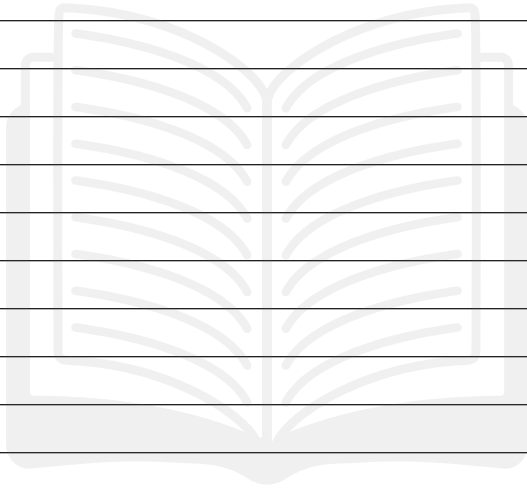
1 John 4:7



ABIDE FOCUS: Love is an essential attribute of God and the very essence of His nature. Every action He takes, including His justice, is an expression of His love, and all truth finds its source in Him.

WORD • DAY 20

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

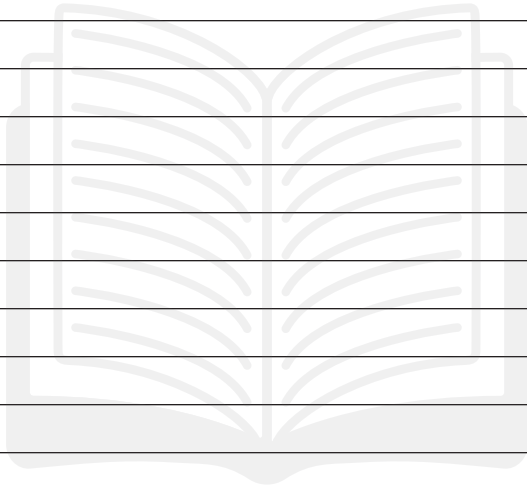


ABIDE FOCUS: God’s love reached its apex in that God sent His Son to die for our sins while we were still actively in rebellion and hostile to Him. His agape love (divine love) gives even when being rejected.

WORD • DAY 22

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Colossians 1:13-14

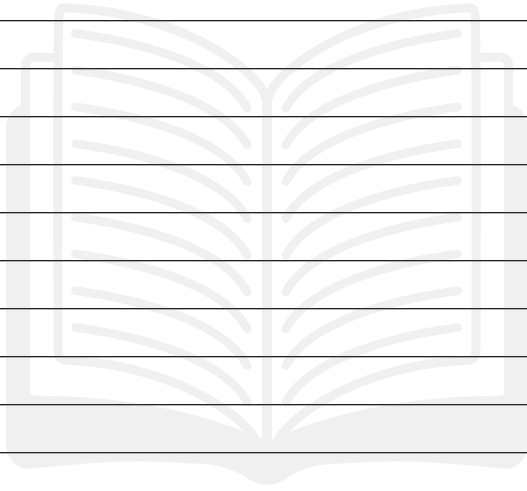


ABIDE FOCUS: God is forgiving; His defining act as Reconciler is forgiveness, through His Son, which not only brings pardon for sins but also redemption that provides us entrance into His Kingdom.

WORD • DAY 23

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.”

Psalm 89:14

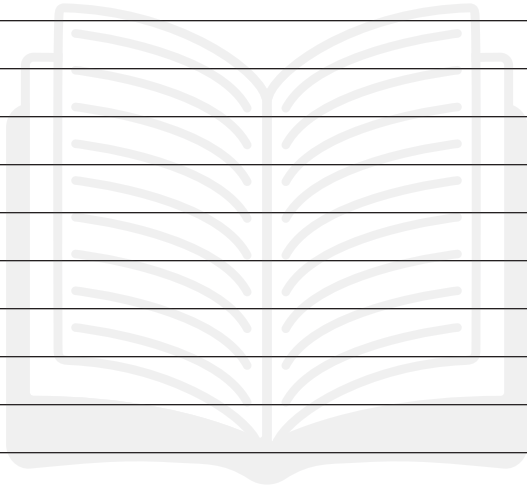


ABIDE FOCUS: With the foundation of His righteousness, love, and faithfulness, God is just in all His dealings with man. God’s justice is always fair and impartial, and the very foundation of His governance.

WORD • DAY 24

“The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He.”

Deuteronomy 32:4

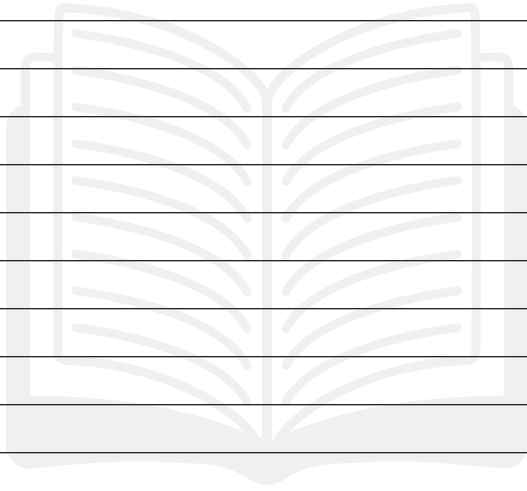


ABIDE FOCUS: God is faithful; He is entirely dependable in all His dealings and judgements. He is not only faithful to us but also to His own character, unable to act in any way that contradicts His nature.

WORD • DAY 25

“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.’”

Exodus 34:6-7

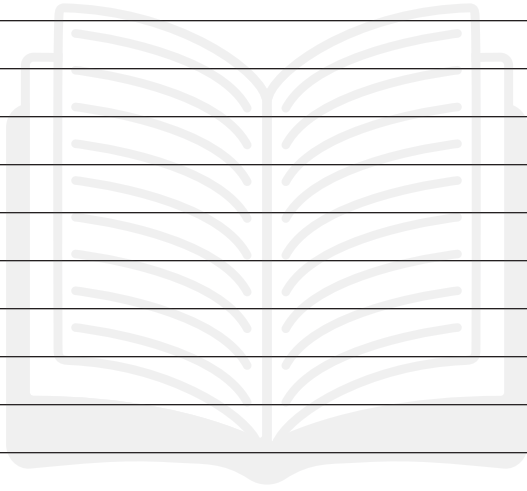


ABIDE FOCUS: God is merciful; He has a deep, comprehensive compassion toward those who fall into iniquity, transgression, and sin, restraining His judgment and giving ample time for repentance.

WORD • DAY 26

“The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.”

Psalm 145:8-9

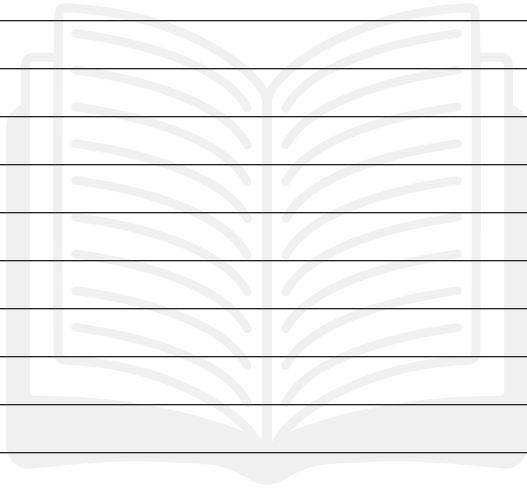


ABIDE FOCUS: God is gracious; He actively chooses to show favor to and help those in need. In His graciousness, He extends unearned, unmerited favor and blessings to those undeserving.

WORD • DAY 27

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23



ABIDE FOCUS: God is patient; His patience has no end and does not diminish over time, but is displayed in that His mercies are new every morning, treating each day as a fresh start for the believer.



SERVE

SERVING FAMILY

SERVE ▪ DAY 1

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”
Joshua 24:15



ABIDE FOCUS: It is essential for us to individually choose to prioritize living out our faith within the context of family, purposefully creating an environment where faith is modeled and can flourish and grow.

SERVE • DAY 2

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

Psalm 127:1



ABIDE FOCUS: Building a spiritually fruitful legacy of faith within family requires human efforts, practically and sincerely living out a faith that is yielded to God’s overarching guidance and direction.

SERVE ▪ DAY 3

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 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. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

Colossians 3:12-14



ABIDE FOCUS: These verses help establish a biblical pattern for family relations - a vital training ground for Christian character - and give us key components for godly interaction, love being primary.

SERVE • DAY 4

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”
1 Peter 4:8



ABIDE FOCUS: Described as a survival strategy for the family, earnest love provides an environment within the family where sins and flaws are met with a balance of grace and truth, leading to reconciliation.

SERVE • DAY 5

“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”
Romans 12:10



ABIDE FOCUS: Believers are called to show genuine love and respect within their relationships, starting within the family, actively seeking ways to demonstrate appreciation, support, and honor to others.

SERVE • DAY 6

“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.”

John 13:34



ABIDE FOCUS: Elevating how we are to love family and others to the standard set by Christ, we are called to love sacrificially, putting their needs first, even when it is difficult or comes at great expense.

SERVE • DAY 8

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give
His life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45



ABIDE FOCUS: Jesus, the ultimate example of serving others, calls us to follow Him in like manner; to follow His example by serving family and others in humility and sacrificial living instead of being served.

SERVE • DAY 9

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”
Philippians 2:5-7



ABIDE FOCUS: Having the same mindset as Jesus, we are called to mirror Him by adopting a lifestyle of humility, selflessness, and service in our homes, rather than focusing on our wants or needs.

SERVE ▪ DAY 10

“If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

John 13:14-15



ABIDE FOCUS: As followers of Jesus, we are called to follow His example of a profound commitment to humbly serve our family, prioritizing each other needs above our own desires and wishes.

SERVE ▪ DAY 11

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:3-4



ABIDE FOCUS: Contrary to the world, choose humility (thinking of yourself less) in your family interactions over the me-first, prideful mindset of the world, serving them and not seeking personal gain.

SERVE ▪ DAY 12

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.”
Hebrews 10:24



ABIDE FOCUS: Give careful, continuous attention to provoking (“stir up”) an environment of service born from loving others in your home, not allowing idleness but “igniting the fire” of being others-centered.

SERVE ▪ DAY 13

“We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.”

Romans 15:1-2



ABIDE FOCUS: Christ’s radical self-sacrifice models how we should lay aside our “strengths and rights” to help others in our home shoulder their weaknesses and struggles and grow in their faith.

SERVE ▪ DAY 15

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2



ABIDE FOCUS: With Christ bearing our ultimate burden – our sins – as our example, we need to actively be a reflection of His self-less, sacrificial love in our homes by helping others with their burdens.

SERVE ▪ DAY 16

“Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.”
1 Peter 4:9



ABIDE FOCUS: Hospitality involves more than just hosting others in your home, it is intentionally creating a welcoming environment using your time, care, and resources to meet the needs of others.

SERVE ▪ DAY 17

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of the Word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27



ABIDE FOCUS: As Christ “gave Himself up” for the church, a husband must sacrifice his own preferences, comforts, and time, accepting personal responsibility for his wife’s spiritual growth and edification.

SERVE ▪ DAY 18

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord... Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives submit in everything to their husbands.”

Ephesians 5:22 & 24



ABIDE FOCUS: Just as Christ, being equal to God the Father, chose to submit to His will, a wife must choose to submit to her husband as an act of devotion, worship, and obedience toward God.

SERVE ▪ DAY 19

“Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the Word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives...Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.”
1 Peter 3:1 & 3:7



ABIDE FOCUS: These verses give a framework – submission and chaste conduct; patience and honor - for a marriage that functions in godly order and mutual respect and models Christlike character.

SERVE ▪ DAY 20

“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”
Deuteronomy 6:6-7



ABIDE FOCUS: The “Shema” summons us to a home life of personal devotion (“on your heart”) and the intentional spiritual discipleship of the next generation, where the Word of God is visible and active.

SERVE ▪ DAY 22

“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.”

Psalm 78:4



ABIDE FOCUS: We have a biblical mandate to pass on a legacy of God’s faithfulness to future generations so that God’s mighty deeds are memorialized and to help build their faith and trust in Him.

SERVE ▪ DAY 23

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6



ABIDE FOCUS: The spiritual formation of our children requires two things of us; we must model living out scriptural truth and we must deliberately instill Godly character through disciplined instruction.

SERVE ▪ DAY 24

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4



ABIDE FOCUS: Create a home with a mutually respectful environment where children are taught to think and act according to biblical truth and correction is focused on remedying heart issues (sin) in love.

SERVE • DAY 25

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Exodus 20:12



ABIDE FOCUS: As a commandment with a promise, children are called to honor (give high esteem and value) their parents at all stages of life, in respect of God, knowing that He will bless them.

SERVE ▪ DAY 26

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.”

1 Timothy 5:8



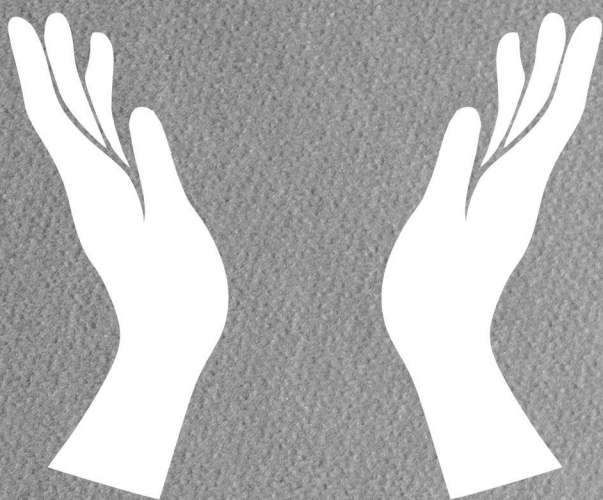
ABIDE FOCUS: We are warned concerning the responsibility to provide for family, tying it to the sincerity of one’s faith, and calling us to ensure that our spouse, children, and dependent parents are fully cared for.

SERVE ▪ DAY 27

“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”
Colossians 3:18-21



ABIDE FOCUS: Wholistic instruction on each role within a family, centering on choosing to fulfill your role as an act of spiritual devotion from a heart committed to pleasing, worshiping, and glorifying Jesus.



WORSHIP

WORSHIP IN GENEROSITY

WORSHIP • DAY 1

“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, declares the LORD of hosts.”
Haggai 2:8



ABIDE FOCUS: A worship centered in generosity begins with the realization that we do not “give” to God out of our own abundance but, rather, we “bring” to Him a portion of what is already His.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 2

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches
in glory in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19



ABIDE FOCUS: We do not give based on our surplus; we give simply because we trust God, being satisfied with what He provides and knowing He doesn't withhold anything necessary for our holiness.

W O R S H I P ▪ D A Y 3

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

James 1:17



ABIDE FOCUS: To worship with a heart of gratitude and generosity, we must recognize and acknowledge that anything we possess – time, talent, treasures, and even our every breath - is a “gift” from God.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 5

“The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house
of the LORD your God.”

Exodus 23:19



ABIDE FOCUS: A worshipful, generous heart has as its focus on priority and surrender, intentionally bringing to God what is first and best rather than your “leftovers,” trusting in His future provision.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 6

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33



ABIDE FOCUS: Worshiping in generosity requires us to prioritize God's rule over our own heart and being on mission for Him, trusting that as we live for Him all our needs will be fully met by Him.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 8

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:11



ABIDE FOCUS: We are called to be channels of God’s grace and provision; God enriches us so that we can live generously, not for selfish gain, which leads others to give thanks and glory to God.

W O R S H I P ▪ D A Y 9

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 11:24-25



ABIDE FOCUS: Worshiping God by living generously is a powerful testimony of our trust in God, instead of our “stuff,” illuminating the divine paradox of giving | receiving versus hoarding | suffering want.

WORSHIP ▪ DAY 10

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.”

1 Timothy 6:17-18



ABIDE FOCUS: Those who are “rich” in the eyes of the world are called to trust in God, not in their riches, and to live generously with open hands, knowing that riches are fleeting but God faithfully provides.

WORSHIP • DAY 11

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21



ABIDE FOCUS: Worship and generosity unite when we align what possesses our affections (“treasures”), which directs the focus of our heart, with God’s heart and the things most important to Him.

WORSHIP • DAY 12

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7



ABIDE FOCUS: Giving that is cheerful (“hilaros”) is a joy-filled act of worship that mirrors God’s character as the ultimate Joyful Giver; a response of “reckless” generosity due to God’s all-sufficient grace.

WORSHIP • DAY 13

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

Malachi 3:10



ABIDE FOCUS: Israel’s “full tithe” acknowledged God as the ultimate source of their harvest. Likewise, today, our generous giving is an act of worship that declares our divine reliance on Him as our Provider.

WORSHIP • DAY 15

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

Matthew 6:24



ABIDE FOCUS: Money is a neutral tool to be used for God's purposes. Worship that results in generosity requires a perspective change, seeing God as the ultimate Provider and us as simply stewards.

WORSHIP • DAY 16

“And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And He called his disciples to Him and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’”
Mark 12:42-44



ABIDE FOCUS: The widow gave “all she had to live on,” declaring her total dependence on God. Worshipful generosity is an act of placing our future into God’s hands, acknowledging Him as our Provider.

WORSHIP • DAY 17

“And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.”

Philippians 4:15-17



ABIDE FOCUS: Giving generously is not a one-way activity; it is a worshipful, active fellowship in the work of the Gospel. You are not just a “supporter” but a co-laborer in God’s life-changing ministry.

WORSHIP • DAY 18

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to me.’”

Matthew 25:40



ABIDE FOCUS: Jesus expands the definition of worship from songs and prayers to practical, tangible sacrifice. Giving generously to the marginalized is an offering of mercy that God takes personally.

WORSHIP • DAY 19

“For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”
Deuteronomy 15:11



ABIDE FOCUS: God makes generosity a litmus test for our worship of Him; opening your hand is an act of worship that honors God’s authority over your possessions and His concern for the vulnerable.

WORSHIP ▪ DAY 20

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”
Romans 12:13



ABIDE FOCUS: Generosity within the body of Christ ensures no “saint” goes without; our giving becomes a means to meet other’s needs, making us a visible testimony of God’s character to the world.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 2 2

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering,
and come into His courts!”

Psalm 96:8



ABIDE FOCUS: Worship and generosity are inseparable partners in us truly praising God with our lives; we cannot fully declare and display God's glory while keeping our hands closed to Him.

W O R S H I P ▪ D A Y 2 3

“Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.”

Luke 12:48



ABIDE FOCUS: Our resources are not personal rewards but divine investments that demand a worshipful return that glorifies God. Therefore, our generosity is a stewardship report from us to our God.

W O R S H I P ▪ D A Y 2 4

“For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others.”

2 Corinthians 9:12-13



ABIDE FOCUS: True worship in generosity isn't just about your heart; it's also a way for others to see God's provision, serving as a catalyst for them to worship the Lord with thanksgiving and praise.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 2 5

“If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”

Isaiah 58:10-11



ABIDE FOCUS: Giving is not a fruitless emptying of ourselves but, rather, a spiritual exchange where God meets the needs of others through our giving while also faithfully refreshing and refilling us.

W O R S H I P ▀ D A Y 2 6

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.”
2 Corinthians 8:9



ABIDE FOCUS: True worship involves imitating the self-sacrificing, giving nature of Christ. Just as He sacrificed His “riches” for us, we are called to sacrificial giving to meet the needs of others.

WORSHIP ▪ DAY 27

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Hebrews 13:16



ABIDE FOCUS: Biblical worship that is in word only is incomplete; we also offer the worship of “doing good” through our actions. Giving is tangible praise, a physical extension of the songs we sing on Sunday.



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