



# A Week of *Faith*

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## Let Love Shape You

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

October 27-31, 2026

Five days. One message.  
A faith that goes with you.

**TUESDAY–SATURDAY DEVOTIONALS**

Christ's Community in Action with Love for All  
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# Welcome to This Week's Devotionals

Life gets busy, but there's always room for a moment with God. Our Tuesday–Saturday devotionals connect Scripture with everyday life through reflection, a question to consider, a practical step, and a closing prayer.

Read one each day, share it with someone you care about, and carry Sunday's message into the week ahead.

*Your next step in faith begins here.*

THIS WEEK'S THEME

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# Love God in the Everyday

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 22:37 — “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.”**

## DEVOTIONAL

It's easy to feel close to God during worship, prayer, or a meaningful moment of faith. But God's love is meant to shape every part of life, including the ordinary hours that fill our days.

Washing dishes, running errands, making a phone call, or helping a neighbor may not feel especially spiritual. Yet each moment offers a chance to practice patience, show kindness, and act with integrity. Loving God with our whole being means allowing faith to influence not only what we believe, but also how we live.

We don't need to wait for a special moment to honor God. Today is already full of opportunities.

## REFLECT & CONSIDER

**What ordinary part of your day could become an opportunity to express your love for God?**

## PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Choose one routine activity today and approach it intentionally as an expression of faith. Offer patience, encouragement, or kindness through that simple act.

## A CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, help us recognize Your presence in the ordinary moments of life. Shape our thoughts, choices, and actions so that our love for You becomes visible in everything we do. Amen.

# Choose Love, Even When It's Hard

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**1 Thessalonians 2:4 — “We speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.”**

## DEVOTIONAL

Doing the right thing isn't always the easiest choice. Kindness may go unnoticed, honesty may lead to an uncomfortable conversation, and choosing peace may mean stepping away from the desire to win an argument.

Faith invites us to look beyond popularity and approval. We can ask ourselves whether our actions reflect the love, grace, and integrity we seek to practice. This doesn't mean we'll always get things right. It means we remain willing to learn, make different choices, and begin again.

When love guides our decisions, even difficult moments can become opportunities for spiritual growth.

## REFLECT & CONSIDER

**Where might you need to choose what is loving and right instead of what is easiest or most popular?**

## PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Think of one situation that has been challenging you. Before responding, pause and ask, “What response would reflect love, honesty, and grace?”

## A CLOSING PRAYER

God of wisdom, give us courage to follow the path of love even when it is difficult. Help us examine our hearts, act with integrity, and choose kindness over the need to be right. Amen.

# The Gift of Giving and Receiving

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**1 Thessalonians 2:8 — “We were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves.”**

DEVOTIONAL

Love becomes real when we share our lives with one another. Sometimes that means offering a listening ear, checking on a friend, or helping someone through a difficult season. At other times, love asks us to be honest about our own needs and accept help from others.

Many people are comfortable being caregivers but struggle when the time comes to receive care. Yet healthy community isn't built on one person always giving and another always receiving. It grows through mutual trust, compassion, and the understanding that everyone experiences seasons of strength and vulnerability.

Allowing someone to care for us can be an act of trust. It gives others the opportunity to express love, too.

REFLECT & CONSIDER

**Is it easier for you to offer help than to accept it? What might God be inviting you to receive today?**

PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Reach out to someone who may need encouragement, or allow a trusted person to help you with something you've been carrying alone.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank You for the people who walk beside us. Teach us to give generously, receive humbly, and build relationships rooted in trust and compassion. Amen.

# You Belong in the Circle of Love

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 22:39 — “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

## DEVOTIONAL

Jesus’ command to love our neighbors as ourselves includes a truth we sometimes overlook: how we treat ourselves matters, too. We can spend so much energy caring for others that we neglect our own physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Loving ourselves doesn’t mean being selfish or ignoring the needs of others. It means recognizing that we, too, are worthy of care.

Sometimes love requires setting a healthy boundary, forgiving ourselves for a mistake, resting when we’re tired, or asking for help.

Love also doesn’t require us to accept harmful behavior.

Compassion and healthy boundaries can exist together. When we care for ourselves with grace, we are better able to extend genuine care to others.

## REFLECT & CONSIDER

**What is one way you can show yourself the same compassion you try to offer someone you love?**

## PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Make room for one healthy choice today: take a needed break, speak kindly to yourself, set a reasonable boundary, or reach out for support.

## A CLOSING PRAYER

Loving God, remind us that we are recipients of Your love, too. Help us care for our bodies and souls, establish healthy boundaries, and treat ourselves and others with compassion. Amen.

# Make the Ordinary Sacred

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

**Colossians 3:14 — “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”**

## DEVOTIONAL

We often look for God in extraordinary experiences: a moving worship service, a powerful prayer, or a moment when everything suddenly makes sense. Those experiences can be wonderful, but faith also grows in the quiet, ordinary rhythms of life.

Folding laundry, preparing a meal, greeting a neighbor, or listening patiently to someone tell a familiar story can become opportunities to practice love. These moments may seem small, but the way we respond to them helps shape the people we are becoming.

We won't get everything right. The good news is that each new interaction gives us another chance to begin again. God's love meets us in ordinary life and invites us to carry that love into the world.

## REFLECT & CONSIDER

**What small, everyday moment could you approach differently if you saw it as an opportunity to share God's love?**

## PUT FAITH INTO ACTION

Before the day ends, perform one intentional act of kindness. It doesn't need to be big or noticed by anyone. Let love be the reason behind it.

## A CLOSING PRAYER

God of every moment, help us discover Your presence in the ordinary details of our lives. Fill us with love that becomes visible through our words, actions, and relationships. May we carry Your kindness into every place we go. Amen.

# *Keep the Journey Going*

A few quiet minutes with Scripture can change how we approach the day ahead. We hope this week's devotionals have encouraged you, challenged you, and reminded you of God's presence in your life.

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