



# Weekly Devotion

**Weekly Devotion for March 18**

## **Second Blessings**

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*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* – **Matthew 22:37-39**

"Hey," I, being bald, said, "Really like your hair." She, having two-toned hair and not missing a beat, pats the top of her head and replies, "Really like yours, too." And thus, the second blessing was announced.

So, what is a blessing, let alone a second one? Blessing(s) find fulfillment in Christ, in who He is and what He has done in saving us.

In the Old Testament, the word "bless" is used to translate the Hebrew word "barak" – to praise, congratulate, or salute. Literally, "barak" in Hebrew is "to kneel."

In our marriages, can we strive to form a triangle? At the top of this triangle is God, while we, as a couple, represent the left and right base points, growing together in His blessing. As single individuals, we also experience a practical relationship with Christ, which is represented by the horizontal lines, forming a cross.

Matthew 22:37-39 is a strong foundation for your triangle or cross. May you receive seconds, thirds, or even fourths in your blessings.

Journaling:

What blessings has God given you in your marriage?

