

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

The Greatest / Week 4

WEEK 4

MOVE PEOPLE FROM A CATEGORY TO A CONVERSATION.

“LOVE YOUR
ENEMIES!
DO GOOD
TO THEM.”

Luke 6:35a

DAY 1

LIVE // Today, look for an opportunity to do something good for someone you normally wouldn't consider reaching out to. Think of that person you would consider an “enemy” or “frienemy” and then find a way to help them, compliment them, or encourage them. Of course this won't come naturally, but it could make a huge impact in their life—and in yours. It's easy to love people who love us back. It's harder to love like Jesus did. He loved people who didn't even like Him. And now we have the opportunity to do the same by obeying His command to love everyone . . . even enemies.



You are all
one
in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28b

DAY 2

HEAR // Many of us are naturally drawn to people who are similar to us. We walk into a room and gravitate to people who dress like us, look like us, or share similar interests. Although this isn't necessarily a bad thing, there's something better that can help us connect with others. You see, ANYONE who follows Jesus becomes a part of the same community, family, and team . . . we are ONE. All different social classes, races, and personalities become one big family because of Jesus. Today, let this truth encourage you to think of one way you can connect with someone different than you from your church community.



Therefore,
accept each other
just as Christ has
accepted **you.**

Romans 15:7a

DAY 3

LIVE // Everyone is looking for a group of people who will accept them for who they are, especially in high school. This is what Jesus does. He accepts all of us and welcomes us to be a part of His crew. If you've experienced acceptance from God, what would it look like for you to now extend acceptance to someone else? This week, find one person who is *different* than you and show them acceptance. Invite them to sit at your lunch table or even invite them to hangout with you this weekend. Imagine the positive impact you could have simply by extending acceptance.



In humility
value others
ABOVE
YOURSELVES.

Philippians 2:3b

DAY 4

LIVE // In what ways do you show other people that you value them? According to Paul's letter to the Philippian people, we're supposed to value others *above* ourselves. We should think of the needs of other people before our own. We should have the best interest of other people in mind even if it goes against our best interest. We should prioritize other people above ourselves. This is a hard truth to accept—and even harder to practice—but it's one that will help us stay truly humble. This week go out of your way to show value to other people through your daily actions.



How can you claim
to have faith in our glorious
Lord Jesus Christ if you favor
some people **over others?**

James 2:1b

DAY 5

PRAY // Did you know that God doesn't play favorites? Now, this might seem like good news or bad news depending on how your week is going. Okay, but really, the truth is that this is *GOOD* news for everyone. Not only does God love *all* people, He wants us to do the same. We're supposed to accept, love, and value everyone—no matter how different they may be. Today, ask God to help you resist playing favorites. Ask Him to help you be open to loving and accepting people who are way different than you. Accepting all > favoring some, every time!

