
DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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WEEK 2

UNITY STARTS WITH YOU.

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.”

JOHN 11:25 NLT

DAY 1

HEAR // Jesus made bold statements. While they may have sounded crazy at the time, Jesus always meant what He said. In this verse, Jesus tells His friend Martha that anyone who believes in Him will live—even after dying. In other words, through Jesus, the story is never over. This was a pretty big statement because her brother Lazarus had just died. Game over, right? Well, as it turns out, Jesus backed up what He said and raised Lazarus from the dead. Now, this doesn't mean that Jesus will always fix our problems. But it does mean that He can be trusted. The truth is, Jesus is always working to do more than we can see or understand. It's not always easy, but over time, as we learn to trust Him with the little things, our faith and trust in Him will grow.



Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

1 PETER 3:8 NLT

DAY 2

LIVE // God created us to be in community with one another. Why? Because ultimately He knows that we're all better together. Think of the close circles of people in your life: your family, friends, teammates, or Small Group. Do you feel close to them? Connected with them? Supported and encouraged by them? If so, that's real community—the kind that Jesus created us to live in on this Earth. And if not, that just means there's some work to do. Which circle could use some work to grow closer and more connected? Your family? Your sports team? This week, pick a circle and then figure out one thing you can do to apply Peter's words of wisdom with people in that circle this week.



**If you openly declare
that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart
that God raised him
from the dead, you
will be saved.**

ROMANS 10:9 NLT

DAY 3

LIVE // God created us with minds of our own. He gave us the ability to make the choices and decisions we want to make. And just like the people around you love it when you make decisions with them in mind (holding the door, taking out the trash, complimenting what someone's wearing), God loves it when we make choices that show our love and faith in Him. Whether it's through what we do, the music we listen to, or even the way we talk to friends and family, when we make choices that declare our love for God, He's delighted. Today, what's one thing you can do at school or at home to declare your love for God?



**Most important of
all, continue to show
deep love for each
other, for love covers
a multitude of sins.**

1 PETER 4:8 NLT

DAY 4

TALK // Choosing to love people doesn't always feel natural. And Jesus knew this. He knew we'd have to work hard to love other people at times. That's why He offered us His love to help guide us in showing love to others in both big and small ways. The truth is, as we learn to follow the example He set, it helps us replace things like hatred, envy, and gossip with love, acceptance, and grace. Following Jesus' example, loving others can be as simple as saying something kind or as big as changing the way we see someone else. Is there a person in your life who's difficult to love at times? This week, see if you can find one way to show that person love with your words or actions.



**This is the message
you have heard from
the beginning: We
should love one
another.**

1 JOHN 3:11 NLT

DAY 5

PRAY // In his letters to early believers, John talked a lot about loving one another, no matter what. Why? Because He knew that loving one another would lead to unity. There are lots of things that can cause disunity: differing opinions, hurtful words, misunderstandings, the list goes on. But love leads to things like peace, forgiveness, and ultimately, unity. Think about your closest friends. Is there more unity or disunity in the group? God doesn't want us to walk through life alone, but He also doesn't want us to walk through life constantly in conflict with the people around us. As you spend time with your people this week, ask God to help you be someone who loves and brings unity to the group. Your effort could change the entire dynamic of your friend group for the better!

