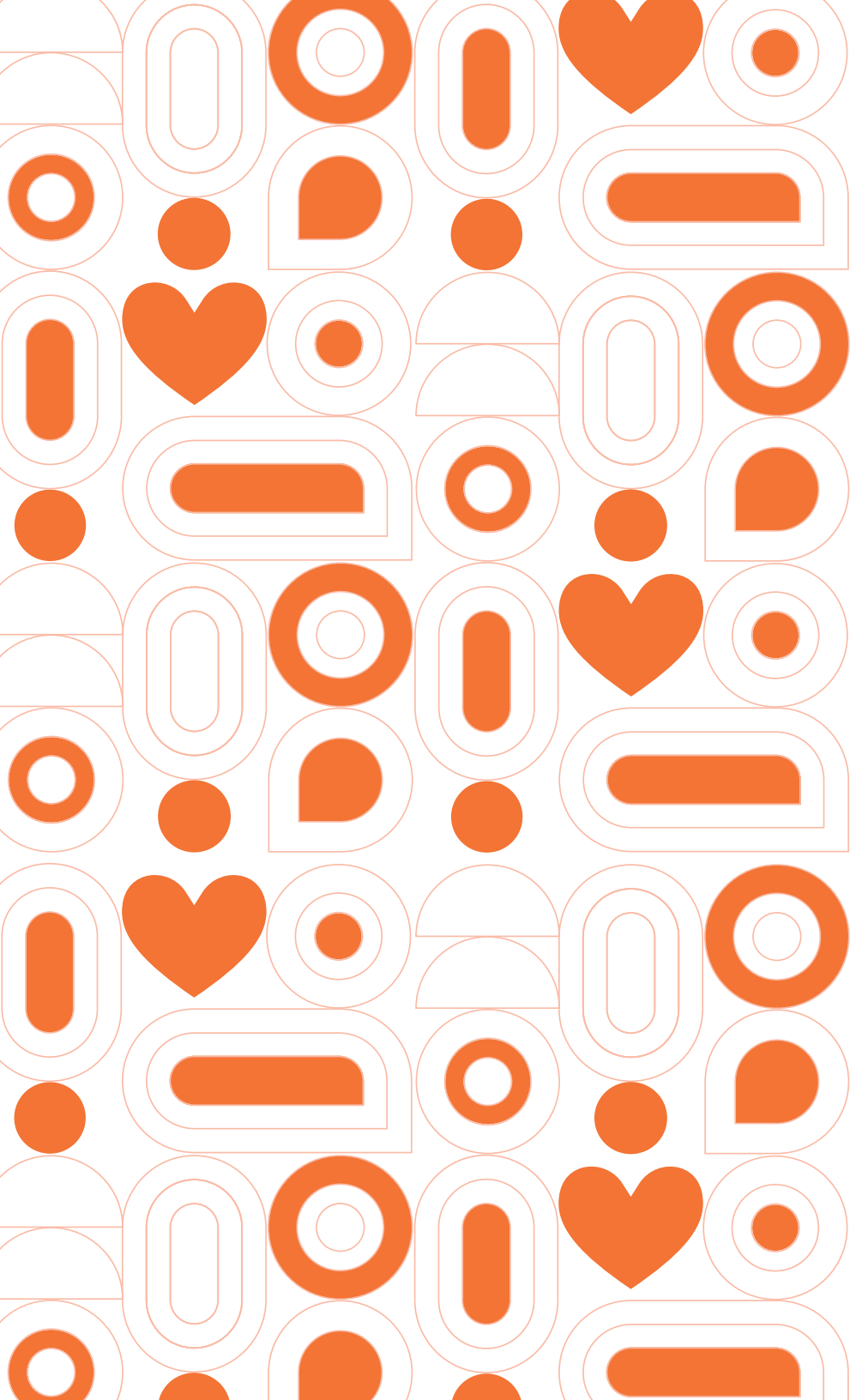


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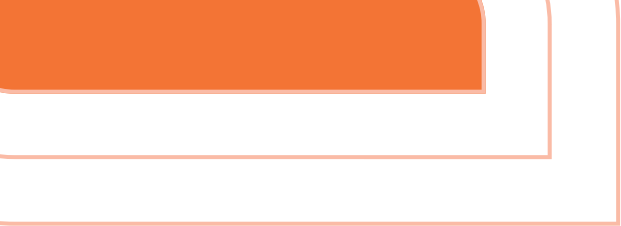
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LOVE one another

**A new command I give you: Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one
another. By this everyone will know that you
are my disciples, if you love one another.**

JOHN 13:34-35



GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH LOVE

As we strive to grow in our faith and follow Jesus, we have a very clear guide to how we are to live our lives in our families, our schools or workplaces, our communities, and our world. Following Jesus' command to "Love one another" isn't just a sentiment – it's a call to action.

This journal is created to guide you through the month as you study Jesus' example and teaching in scripture, reflect on what loving one another looks like, and engage in intentional acts of love and kindness. Individual actions matter, and as we individually commit to loving one another, we can create ripples of love that spread, bringing people together, and making our world look more like what God created it to be.



A GUIDE FOR YOUR JOURNEY OF LOVE

This journal is your guide on the spiritual journey. Each week focuses on a different Gospel story. You'll want to read the story multiple times throughout the week, gaining new insight each time. Each day you will be guided to reflect on a lesson from the story and to spend time in guided prayer before you take on the challenge of a daily call to action.

These actions are real, tangible acts of love. They may take you out of your comfort zone, but the practice can lead to real growth and change. Use the reflection space to capture what you noticed, felt, or experienced. There are no rules here except this one: show up every day and let love lead you.



SEE

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵ A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?”

²⁷ He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

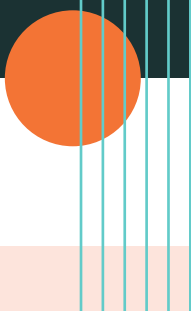
²⁹ But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. ³¹ Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³² Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. ³³ A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’ ³⁶ What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?”

³⁷ Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

WEEK 1



BIG IDEA

Love is what you do when you stop and notice someone in front of you.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion.” — Luke 10:33

REFLECTION

The priest and Levite passed by on the other side. The Samaritan stopped. The difference between them wasn't their religion or their status— it was their willingness to see. This week, we ask: What does it mean to truly see the people around us? Not to glance, not to scroll past, not to be too busy— but to stop, look, and let someone's need land on our hearts. Kindness begins with attention. Love begins with seeing.

MONDAY

OPENING YOUR EYES

The man on the road was easy to overlook — injured, on the side of the path, perhaps mistaken for a threat or just inconvenient. The Samaritan didn't avert his eyes. He let himself be interrupted. Today, consider: who around you might be easy to overlook? A neighbor who keeps to themselves, a coworker who seems off, a stranger in a waiting room? Seeing someone is an act of courage and love.

PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes today. Give me the grace to slow down long enough to notice the people you've placed in my path. Help me not to walk by on the other side. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Make intentional eye contact and smile at three people today — a cashier, a passing stranger, someone in your office. Let your gaze say: I see you.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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TUESDAY

THE COST OF LOOKING AWAY

The priest and Levite had reasons — good ones, probably. Ritual purity, safety, time. We all have reasons to look away. But Jesus made the Samaritan — the social outsider — the hero of the story. Compassion doesn't wait for a convenient moment. It interrupts. Today, notice the moments when you're tempted to look away, and ask yourself: what would it look like to stay?

PRAYER

Father, forgive me for the times I've crossed to the other side. Soften my heart to the discomfort of really seeing. Give me the courage to stay when I'd rather walk away. Amen

CALL TO ACTION

Reach out to someone you've been meaning to check on but haven't. A quick text, a call, or a knock on the door — let them know you see them.



REFLECTION

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WEDNESDAY

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - BUT WHO?

The lawyer who questioned Jesus wanted to limit his obligations: "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus flipped the question: don't ask who qualifies as your neighbor — ask how you can be a neighbor. Your neighbor is whoever is in front of you. Today at worship and throughout the day, look for the person who seems most alone, most overlooked, most in need of a kind word.

PRAYER

Jesus, you redefined who my neighbor is. Help me stop asking who deserves my attention and start asking who needs it. Make me a neighbor today. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

At some point today, greet and introduce yourself to someone you don't know well. Learn their name and one thing about their life.

REFLECTION

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THURSDAY

SEEING PAST THE SURFACE

The man on the road was stripped of everything that communicated his identity — his clothes, his community, his status. The Samaritan had no way of knowing if he was friend or enemy. He helped anyway. Real seeing looks past the labels we assign people. Today, ask God to help you see the humanity in someone you've reduced to a category — a political type, a difficult personality, a 'problem' person.

PRAYER

God, help me see people the way you do — not as their worst moment, not as what they represent, but as someone you love fiercely. Remove my labels today. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Think of someone whose politics, lifestyle, or personality puts you off. Do one small kind thing for them today — a compliment, a favor, a moment of patience.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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FRIDAY

WHEN YOU ARE THE ONE ON THE ROAD

Sometimes we are the Samaritan. But sometimes — more often than we admit — we are the man in the ditch. Wounded, ashamed, needing help we can't ask for. Receiving love requires the same courage as giving it. Today, reflect on where in your life you've been too proud, too independent, or too afraid to let someone see your need and come to your aid.

PRAYER

Lord, as much as I want to be a giver, help me also be a gracious receiver. Teach me to let people in. Let someone be the Samaritan in my life today. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Let someone help you with something today. Accept an offer, ask a favor, or share a struggle with a trusted friend. Practice the vulnerability of being seen.

REFLECTION

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SATURDAY

SEEING SYSTEMS, NOT JUST STRANGERS

Some scholars note that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was notoriously dangerous — it was a systemic problem. The Samaritan helped one man, but what about the road itself? Real love sees both the individual and the systems that leave people wounded. Today, think beyond individual acts of kindness: what structures, habits, or communities might need your voice, your vote, your presence, your challenge?

PRAYER

Father, open my eyes to the bigger picture. Help me see not just the person in front of me but the conditions that put them there. Give me wisdom to respond well. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Look up one local organization doing work to address a systemic need in your community — poverty, loneliness, addiction, hunger. Follow them, donate, or simply learn more.



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GIVE

THE WOMAN WHO ANOINTS JESUS

LUKE 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to eat with him. After he entered the Pharisee's home, he took his place at the table. ³⁷ Meanwhile, a woman from the city, a sinner, discovered that Jesus was dining in the Pharisee's house. She brought perfumed oil in a vase made of alabaster. ³⁸ Standing behind him at his feet and crying, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured the oil on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw what was happening, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. He would know that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus replied, "Simon, I have something to say to you."

"Teacher, speak," he said.

⁴¹ "A certain lender had two debtors. One owed enough money to pay five hundred people for a day's work. The other owed enough money for fifty. ⁴² When they couldn't pay, the lender forgave the debts of them both. Which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the largest debt canceled."

Jesus said, "You have judged correctly."

⁴⁴ Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your home, you didn't give me water for my feet, but she wet my feet with tears and wiped them with her hair.

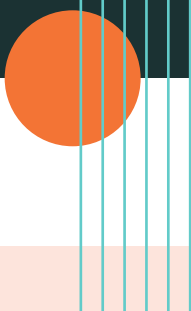
⁴⁵ You didn't greet me with a kiss, but she hasn't stopped kissing my feet since I came in. ⁴⁶ You didn't anoint my head with oil, but she has poured perfumed oil on my feet. ⁴⁷ This is why I tell you that her many sins have been forgiven, so she has shown great love. The one who is forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other table guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this person that even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

WEEK 2



BIG IDEA

Real love gives something that actually costs something.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

**“She has done a good thing for me...
She has done what she could.”**

— Mark 14:6,8

REFLECTION

She walked into a room where she wasn't welcome, carrying something precious — an alabaster jar of perfume worth a year's wages. She broke it open and poured it out. No one asked her to. It was extravagant, wasteful, and misunderstood. And Jesus called it beautiful. This week, we sit with a difficult question: What does it look like to give love that costs something? Not the leftover kindness, not the easy gesture — but something that requires us to open our hands and let go.

MONDAY

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF LOVE

The woman's gift was unreasonable. A year's wages, poured out in a moment. The disciples called it a waste. Jesus called it worship. We live in a world that prizes efficiency — even in our generosity. But love doesn't always calculate return on investment. Today, reflect on what extravagant love might look like in your life. Not reckless, but free — given not from obligation but overflow.

PRAYER

Lord, free me from the economy of measured giving. Help me love extravagantly today — not to be seen, but because you first loved me without counting the cost. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Give something generously today — your time, money, energy, or attention — in a way that feels slightly beyond comfortable. Let it cost you something.



REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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TUESDAY

SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD

In Mark's version of this story, Jesus says: "She did what she could." That phrase is both humbling and liberating. The woman didn't do everything. She didn't fix everything. She did what she could, with what she had, in the moment she was given. We often talk ourselves out of giving because we can't give enough. But love doesn't require perfection — it requires presence and willingness. What do you have, right now, that could be given?

PRAYER

God, help me stop waiting until I have more to give. Show me what I can do today with what I already have — my time, my resources, my presence, my love. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Write a letter or card to someone who has impacted your life. Not an email — a handwritten note. Give the gift of your words on paper.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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WEDNESDAY

LOVE IN THE ROOM WHERE YOU DON'T BELONG

The woman entered a Pharisee's dinner party. She was not invited. She was not welcome. She came anyway, because love is sometimes braver than comfort. Today, consider: is there a room — a conversation, a relationship, a situation — where love is asking you to show up even though it's uncomfortable, unwelcome, or costly to your reputation?

PRAYER

Jesus, you sat at tables with people society had written off. Give me that same willingness to show up in uncomfortable places for the sake of love. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Attend or reach out to someone in a community or context that isn't naturally yours. Cross a social, generational, or cultural line today in the name of kindness.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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THURSDAY

WHAT ARE YOU HOLDING BACK?

The alabaster jar was sealed. Breaking it open was irreversible. Once poured, the perfume couldn't be recaptured. Love sometimes asks us to make irreversible commitments — to open ourselves in ways we can't take back. What have you been keeping sealed? A forgiveness withheld, a relationship held at arm's length, a vulnerability you've been protecting?

PRAYER

Father, I confess what I've been holding back. Give me the courage to break open the jar — to love without a safety net, to give without a guarantee. I trust you with the cost. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Have a conversation you've been putting off — one that requires you to be open, honest, or vulnerable. Say the thing love has been asking you to say.



REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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FRIDAY

MISUNDERSTOOD GENEROSITY

The disciples were indignant. They judged her gift as wasteful and her as inappropriate. Jesus saw it differently. Sometimes our most loving acts are misunderstood by the people around us. Real love doesn't always get applause. If you're waiting for everyone to understand or approve before you give, you may wait forever. Give anyway.

PRAYER

Lord, free me from needing approval for my kindness. Help me give love even when it's misread, even when it's criticized. Let your approval be enough. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Do something kind anonymously today — so that no one knows it was you. Leave an encouraging note, pay for someone's coffee, or meet an unannounced need.



REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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SATURDAY

SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED

Jesus said that wherever the gospel is preached, what she did will be told in memory of her. An unnamed woman's act of love has echoed through two thousand years of history. You may not know the ripple your kindness creates. The meal you provide, the word you speak, the time you give — may outlast you in ways you'll never see. Live and give as if it matters forever. It does.

PRAYER

Father, let the love I give today have a reach beyond what I can see. Use my small, costly offerings for something bigger than I can imagine. Let my life be a gift that keeps giving. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Invest in the next generation today: mentor someone younger, donate to a school or youth program, write an encouraging note to a young person in your life.

REFLECTION

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SHARE

THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

LUKE 9:10-17

¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they described for Jesus what they had done. Taking them with him, Jesus withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida.

¹¹ When the crowds figured it out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about God's kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

¹² When the day was almost over, the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so that they can go to the nearby villages and countryside and find lodging and food, because we are in a deserted place."

¹³ He replied, "You give them something to eat."

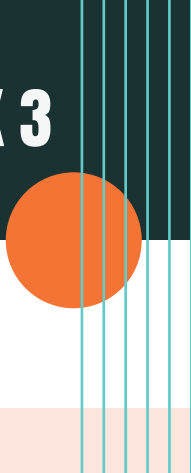
But they said, "We have no more than five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all these people."

¹⁴ (They said this because about five thousand men were present.) Jesus said to his disciples, "Seat them in groups of about fifty."

¹⁵ They did so, and everyone was seated. ¹⁶ He took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them, and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

¹⁷ Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.

WEEK 3



BIG IDEA

Love multiplies when we bring it to the table together.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“Everyone ate until they were full, and the disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftovers.” — Luke 9:17

REFLECTION

Five loaves. Two fish. Five thousand people. The disciples wanted to send the crowd away — the problem was too big, the resources too small. Jesus said: you give them something to eat. He took what was brought, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it — and somehow there was more than enough. This week is about the miracle of shared love. Not what one hero can do, but what happens when an entire community brings what little it has to the table together.

MONDAY

BRING WHAT YOU HAVE

The disciples assessed the situation and concluded there wasn't enough. But a boy (John's account tells us) had a small lunch. He didn't wait to have more. He brought what he had. Our tendency is to wait until our contribution seems significant enough. But the miracle didn't begin with abundance — it began with a child's willingness. What small thing do you have to bring?

PRAYER

Lord, I bring you what I have. It doesn't feel like enough, but I offer it. Multiply what I give. Let my small contribution be part of something larger than I can do alone. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Volunteer your time or skills for something in your community this week — even for just one hour. Show up with what you have.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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TUESDAY

YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

The disciples wanted Jesus to handle it. Jesus handed it back to them, saying in verse 13: “You give them something to eat.” It’s one of the most challenging moments in the Gospels. God often solves problems through people — through us. The invitation to love is not just to pray and observe, but to participate. Today, where is God saying to you: you be the one? You make the call. You show up. You provide.

PRAYER

God, forgive me for waiting for someone else to step in. Show me where you’re asking me — specifically me — to act. Give me courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer today. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Identify one need in your immediate community — neighborhood, church, workplace — and take a concrete step to meet it. Don’t wait for someone else.



REFLECTION

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WEDNESDAY

THE TABLE THAT HAS ROOM

Jesus had them sit down in groups — organized, communal, together. The miracle happened at a shared table. Community isn't just a backdrop for love — it's where love multiplies. When we share life together, our joy doubles and our burdens halve. Today, look at your own table: who are you in community with? Who is missing? Who might need a place at your table?

PRAYER

Jesus, you fed people together, not alone. Help me build and belong to real community — not just proximity, but genuine table fellowship. Show me who to invite in. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Invite someone to share a meal this week — literally. A neighbor, a coworker, someone new to your church. Make your table bigger by one.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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THURSDAY

GRATITUDE BEFORE PLENTY

Before anything was multiplied, Jesus gave thanks. He looked at five loaves and two fish and blessed them. Gratitude came before the miracle, not after. In our culture, we tend to give thanks when we have enough. Jesus gave thanks when he didn't — and that was when multiplication happened. Today, practice gratitude for what seems insufficient. Start there and see what grows.

PRAYER

Father, teach me to give thanks before I feel like I have enough. Open my eyes to the abundance hiding inside what I've dismissed as not enough. I am grateful. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Write down three things you're tempted to complain about and find one genuine thing to be grateful for within each of them. Share that gratitude with someone.

REFLECTION

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FRIDAY

SHARING WHAT WE'D RATHER KEEP

The boy gave away his lunch. His entire meal. In a crowd of thousands. We don't know his hunger level, but it was likely real. Sharing love sometimes means giving something we'd prefer to keep — our afternoon, our privacy, our resources, our emotional energy. The question isn't whether it costs something. It's what we get in return — participation in something miraculous — is worth it.

PRAYER

God, help me release my grip on the things I'm holding too tightly. Show me what I'm hoarding — time, money, love, space — and give me the courage to share it. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Give something away today that you actually use and enjoy — a book, a kitchen item, clothing, or a skill. Give it to someone who will benefit from it.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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SATURDAY

LOVE SHARED IS LOVED MULTIPLIED

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. Something about it must have lodged deeply in the memory of the early church. Maybe because it was the picture they needed: a community that pools its small offerings, gives thanks, and watches God do what no one person could do alone. This is the church at its best. This is what love looks like at scale.

PRAYER

Father, make our church a place where love multiplies because people share. May we be known not for what we accumulate but for what we give away together. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Like the boy with two fish and five loaves, we all have something to share. Contribute to a hunger ministry or a food bank in your community, and pray that Jesus will multiply your gift.

REFLECTION

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RESTORE

ZACCHAEUS, A RICH TAX COLLECTOR

LUKE 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through town. ² A man there named Zacchaeus, a ruler among tax collectors, was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but being a short man, he couldn't because of the crowd.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to that spot, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today."

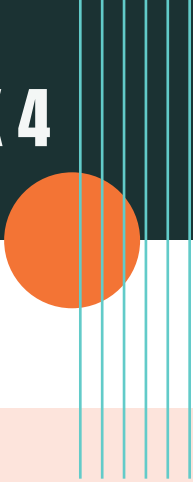
⁶ So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus.

⁷ Everyone who saw this grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my possessions to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I repay them four times as much."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this household because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ The Human One came to seek and save the lost."

WEEK 4



BIG IDEA

Love doesn't just change people – it changes communities.

KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“Today, salvation has come to this household ... The Human One came to seek and save the lost.” — Luke 19:9–10

REFLECTION

Zacchaeus was despised — a tax collector who had cheated his own people for personal gain. When Jesus came to Jericho, no one expected him to stop at Zacchaeus's tree. But Jesus looked up, called him by name, and invited himself over for dinner. By the end of the meal, Zacchaeus had promised to give half his possessions to the poor and repay fourfold anyone he had cheated. One encounter with love had restored a man — and begun to restore a community. This is our final week: love that restores.

MONDAY

SEEN IN THE TREE

Zacchaeus climbed a tree — undignified for a wealthy man — just to catch a glimpse of Jesus. He wasn't asking to be noticed. He just wanted to see. But Jesus stopped, looked up, and called his name. Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus. Jesus was looking for Zacchaeus. Today, consider: who in your world is climbing trees — doing something unusual, awkward, or desperate — just to be near something hopeful? Meet them there.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you called Zacchaeus by name. Call my name today in the places I'm hiding. And help me notice the people in the trees around me who are desperate to be seen and known. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Learn someone's name today who you've seen before but never properly met — a service worker, a neighbor, someone at church. Use their name when you speak to them.



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TUESDAY

I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE

Jesus didn't wait for an invitation — he invited himself when he says in Luke 19:5: "Zacchaeus, come down at once. I must stay in your home today." The urgency is startling. Jesus considered being with Zacchaeus a must, not a maybe. That's how Jesus feels about every person — including the ones society has written off, the ones who've made enemies, the ones who've caused harm. Restoration begins with showing up where you're not expected.

PRAYER

Father, give me the urgency Jesus had for the lost and the left out. Help me see the people others avoid — and let me be someone who shows up, sits down, and stays. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Visit or contact someone who feels like an outsider — someone who's experienced exclusion, made mistakes, or drifted away. Let them know they matter to you.



REFLECTION

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WEDNESDAY

THE GRUMBLING CROWD

The crowd grumbled when Jesus went to Zacchaeus's house, saying in Luke 19:7: "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Communities have a long memory. When someone has caused harm, people resist their restoration. But Jesus went anyway. The miracle was not just in Zacchaeus's change — it was in Jesus's willingness to associate with him publicly, visibly, and without apology. Restoration requires someone willing to be criticized for it.

PRAYER

God, help me be willing to love the people others think aren't worth it. Give me a thick skin for the grumbling, and a wide-open heart for the person everyone else has given up on. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Publicly affirm or defend someone who is underappreciated, misunderstood, or unfairly criticized in your community. Speak up for someone who isn't in the room.

REFLECTION

How did I experience love or practice kindness today?

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THURSDAY

WHAT RESTORATION LOOKS LIKE

Zacchaeus's response to love was concrete and costly: half his possessions to the poor, fourfold repayment to those he had wronged. He didn't just feel bad — he made things right. Real restoration isn't just internal; it shows up in external action. Love changes people and changed people change their behavior. Today, ask: where is God calling you not just to feel differently, but to do something different?

PRAYER

Lord, conviction without action is just guilt. Help me make things right wherever I've caused harm — in relationships, in community, financially, in my words. Give me the courage to act. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Make right something you've left undone — an apology owed, a debt unpaid, a conversation avoided. Restoration takes one specific, concrete step.



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FRIDAY

LOVE CHANGES COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST PEOPLE

When Zacchaeus repaid fourfold and gave to the poor, it wasn't just his heart that changed — the economic and relational fabric of Jericho shifted. People who had been cheated were made whole. Poverty was addressed. The story Jesus told about him rippled outward. This is the vision for Resurrection's *Love One Another* Kindness Campaign: not just individuals being kinder, but communities becoming more just, more whole, and more restored.

PRAYER

Jesus, you came to seek and to save the lost — and to restore what sin has broken. Use this campaign to do something in our community, not just in individual hearts. May our love make this place more whole. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Identify one justice issue in your community that you can support — racial equity, housing instability, food insecurity. Take one step to engage with it this week.

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SATURDAY

TODAY SALVATION HAS COME

“Today,” Jesus said in Luke 19:9. Not eventually. Not when Zacchaeus gets his act together. Today. Jesus didn’t wait for the changed behavior before extending love — the love came first, and changed behavior followed. This is grace: it arrives before we’ve earned it and offers what we cannot generate ourselves. Let today be a day you extend that kind of love — the kind that shows up before someone deserves it.

PRAYER

Father, thank you that your love arrived before I deserved it. Help me love others the same way — not after they’ve proven themselves, but before, just as you loved me. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Reach out to someone you’ve had conflict with or drifted from — before they apologize, before it’s resolved. Let your love arrive first.

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A FINAL REFLECTION

LOVE one another

CAMPAIGN FOR KINDNESS 2026

Looking back over this month, we shared four stories and four words: See. Give. Share. Restore. Each one costs something. Each one gives something back — to others, to community, and to yourself.

The Love One Another Kindness Campaign hasn't been about performing niceness. It's about becoming people who love with the love of Christ — a costly, consistent, community-changing love that looks at the person in front of them and refuses to walk by.

We return to where we began: “Love one another as I have loved you.” After four weeks, those words mean something more. You've seen what love looks like in the ditch, in the dinner party, in the crowd on a hillside, and in the branches of a sycamore tree. You've practiced it in small, tangible, daily ways. Now go and keep going. Not because it's a campaign, but because it's a calling. Because you were loved first. And because the world — your neighborhood, your family, your city — is waiting.

PRAYER

Lord, take everything I've practiced this month and make it part of who I am. Let love not be a campaign but a calling. Let it be the thing I'm known for, the thing that shapes my days. As this campaign closes, let love remain. Let it grow. Let it overflow from this community into every corner of our city and beyond. We receive Your love. We give it away. May it multiply, in Jesus's name. Amen.

CALL TO ACTION

Commit to one ongoing, regular act of love you will carry forward beyond this campaign — a recurring act of service, generosity, or presence. Write it down. Tell someone. Start today.

REFLECTION

What was the most meaningful act of kindness you gave or received this month?

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REFLECTION



ACTION

**How has love in
action changed
your life?**

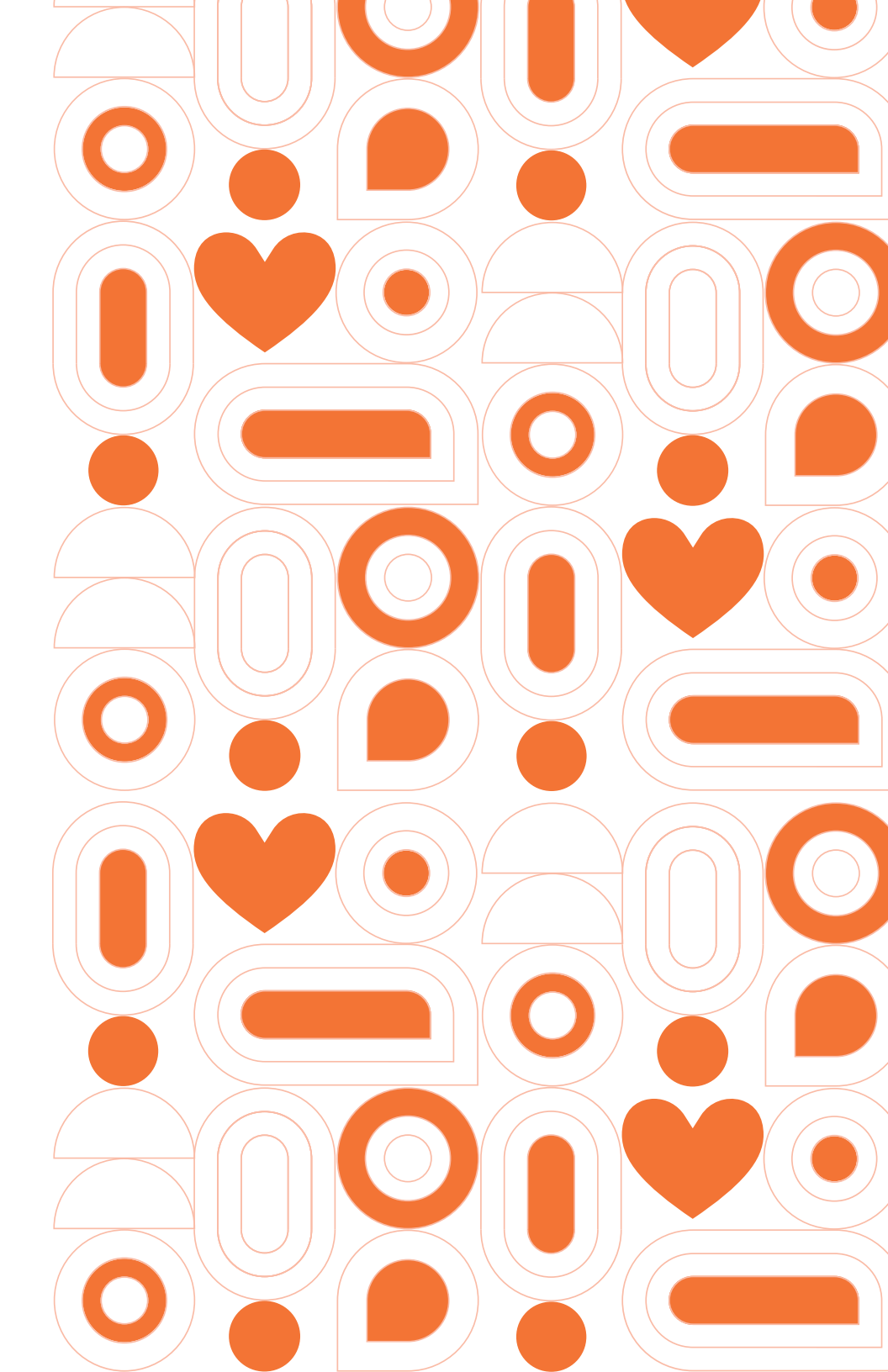
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NEXT STEPS

Faith is a journey, and at Resurrection, we invite you to take that journey with us. Wherever you are, there is a place for you here. Explore events, Bible studies, classes, and small groups at resurrection.church/discipleship, and take your next step.



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