

I Choose Love

5-Day Devotional - 7.13.25

Day 1

Choosing Love

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Devotional:

Love is at the heart of our faith, and as we see in this passage, it's not just a feeling but a choice we make daily. God calls us to love even when it's difficult, inconvenient, or costly. Reflect on how you can choose love today in your relationships, in your community, and in your walk with God. How can you demonstrate patience, kindness, and selflessness? Remember, our ability to love comes from God's love for us. As you go through your day, consciously choose love in your actions and attitudes, mirroring Christ's sacrificial love for us.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me to choose love today. Teach me to be patient, kind, and selfless in every interaction. Fill me with Your love so I can reflect it to others, even when it's hard. Amen.

Day 2

The Cost of Love

Reading: John 15:12-13

Devotional:

Jesus demonstrates the ultimate example of love—laying down one's life for others. While we may not be called to physically die for someone, we are called to "die to self" daily. This means putting others' needs before our own and sacrificing our comfort for the good of others. Consider areas in your life where you can "lay down" something for the benefit of someone else. It might be your time, resources, or personal desires. As you reflect, ask God to give you the strength and courage to love sacrificially, just as Christ loved us.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, thank You for showing me what sacrificial love looks like. Help me to lay down my selfishness and put others first. Teach me to love like You, even when it costs me something. Amen.

Day 3

Loving the Unlovable

Reading: Luke 6:27-36

Devotional:

One of the most challenging aspects of Christ-like love is loving those who don't love us back—or even those who hurt us. Jesus calls us to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. This radical love goes against our natural instincts, but it's a powerful testimony of God's transformative work in our lives. Think about someone who is difficult for you to love. How can you show them kindness or pray for their well-being today? Remember, we love because God first loved us, even when we were still sinners.

Prayer Prompt:

God, I confess it's hard to love those who hurt me. Give me Your heart for them. Soften my spirit, and help me to respond with grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Amen.

Day 4

Love in Action

Reading: James 2:14-17

Devotional:

True love is always accompanied by action. As James points out, faith without works is dead, and the same principle applies to love. It's not enough to say we love; we must demonstrate it through our actions. Reflect on how you can put your love into action today. This might mean serving in your local church, helping a neighbor in need, or showing kindness to a stranger. Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to be His hands and feet in the world, allowing your actions to speak louder than your words.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, show me how to live out my love today. Make me aware of the needs around me, and give me the courage to act. Let my life reflect Your compassion and truth. Amen.

Day 5

Love and Surrender

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional:

The ultimate act of love is complete surrender to God. When we offer ourselves as "living sacrifices," we're choosing to love God with all that we are. This surrender allows God to transform us and use us for His purposes. Today, consider areas of your life that you haven't fully surrendered to God. It might be your career, your relationships, or your future plans. Pray for the courage to let go and trust God fully. Remember, when we surrender everything to God, He can do infinitely more with our lives than we ever could on our own. Choose to love God by surrendering all to Him today.

Prayer Prompt:

Father, I surrender everything to You—my plans, my fears, my future. Shape me into who You want me to be. I trust that Your will is better than my own. Have Your way in me. Amen.