



BELIEVING AND LIVING LIKE GOD LOVES YOU

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DAY 1 – FOCUS ON THE EXTRAORDINARY LOVE OF GOD

God is love, and He loves you! God's love sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit to us. Most people struggle to believe that God loves them, and therefore, they do not live like they believe He loves them. Jesus loves us so much that He prayed that we would be saved and come to be one with Him and the Father. We must choose to believe and focus on the love God has for us by faith!

STUDY IT

- I. God is love. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
 - God *has* faith, but He *is* Love. He has joy, but He *is* Love.
 - God proved His love by sending Jesus to be the *propitiation*, meaning sacrifice, for our sin (1 John 4:7-16).
 - Jesus is God's gift to the world. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to the Church.
 - God gave us Jesus and the Holy Spirit, because He loves us.

- II. Most people say they believe God's love for them, but they do not live like it.
 - Christians will say, "I believe." But they really don't believe God's love for them, because if they did, they would act like they believe it.
 - When your feelings are under pressure, your true belief is revealed.
 - A double-minded man cannot believe anything. He goes back and forth (James 1:6).
 - Temptations, tests and trials will come, but we must be single-minded and believe that God will take care of us.
 - Peter, at times, was an example of a double-minded man. Peter was in trouble, but Jesus was asleep (Mark 4:38-40).
 - Peter called Jesus, "Master," then he said, "don't You care?" That's double-minded.
 - Jesus said, "Where's your faith? Why didn't you do something?" Jesus was saying that Peter, by using faith, could have stopped the storm.
 - People believe God is love, but they don't trust His love. They only have mental assent to a statement. They question His love by saying, "How could a loving God send anyone to hell?"





III. We must choose to believe God's love by faith.

- Your flesh will report the circumstances to you, and try to make a decision based on experience and the influence of others. It may even lie to you.
 - Your flesh has no mind at all. It doesn't know anything, except what it has been taught.
 - Your mind can be re-trained. It must be renewed (Romans 12:2).
- The truth is that God loves you and me just as much as He loves Jesus. We can only believe that by faith.

IV. Out of love, Jesus prayed for us to be one with Him and the Father. He prayed for our salvation.

- Jesus prayed that we be one with the Father and with Jesus (John 17:20-23).
- All of us who have been saved, received the knowledge to be born again from the testimony of the disciples and Paul, that was passed down to us.
- We should be hungry to know more of God's love and the ways of God.

Additional scriptures: James 1:1-8; Matthew 18:20

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Jesus prayed that you would be one with Him and the Father. And His prayer has been answered—praise The LORD! Write a brief account of how you were born again.



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DAY 2 – STOP FEAR BY TRUSTING THE LOVE OF GOD

The moment we are born again, we know the love of God, but we should be increasing in the knowledge of Him and His love for us. When you know and fully trust the love God has for you, you can walk in love, completely free from fear. If you violate the commandment of love, the devil has a legal way to try and destroy you, but you can repent, receive forgiveness and be free!

STUDY IT

- I. The moment we are born again, we know God (who is Love), and our knowledge of Him and His love for us should increase.
 - The word, *known*, has several uses in the Greek, including to be known in the most intimate of relationships.
 - You can't be known any better by anyone than by God, the one who re-created you.
 - This knowing defies natural understanding.
 - Paul wanted to know Jesus and the power of His resurrection even more (Philippians 3:10).
 - Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you (James 4:8).
 - God has already come near us. He lives on the inside of us. We are the ones who sometimes hold back.

- II. Satan tries to incite fear, but you can stop fear by fully trusting the love God has for you
 - Jesus' disciple John is an excellent example of one who knew God loved him.
 - John wrote his letters based on what he heard and saw from Jesus when He was on the earth.
 - John called himself, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." John believed that Jesus loved him, and he had no fear.
 - During the Last Supper, Peter told John to ask Jesus who He was talking about as a betrayer, because of the close relationship John had with Jesus (John 13:21-25).
 - John followed Jesus all the way through the trial, the beating and the crucifixion.
 - John lived longer than any other disciple.
 - Satan will stop those who live by faith, if he can. Satan gets to people because they don't believe that God loves them.



- Laugh at the efforts of the devil. Determine that God loves you and nothing the devil has can defeat you. Believe the love. Don't yield to fear.
- Jesus told the Father that He wanted God's love for Him to be in the disciples (John 17:26).
- The love of God fills our hearts. The love of God is inside you right now, and it never fails (Romans 5:5)!

III. Stop tolerating fear and determine to walk in a place of complete freedom from fear in every area of your life. You do this by trusting in God's perfect love for you.

- People often manage fear. For example, a bull rider manages his fear of the bull, but fear is still present in his life. He still is afraid about finances, family and physical pain. He manages fear, but he's not entirely free from it.
- If you trust in the perfect love of God, you will not fear. Perfected love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).
- The more you function in the area of perfect love, the more fear loses its grip.

IV. If you violate the commandment of love, the devil has a legal way to try and destroy you. But you can repent, receive forgiveness and be free!

- When you sin by violating the command to love, you have an advocate with the Father, and His Name is Jesus (1 John 2:1).
- Call on Jesus for help; He is the righteous Judge.
 - Jesus is also our Advocate, Comforter, Teacher, Helper, Counselor and more.
- Confess your sins, and He is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).
- After you have received forgiveness, you can take the devil to court before the Righteous Judge and win.

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:16; Mark 11:23; John 19:25-27; Nehemiah 8:10; John 14:16

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray to receive the knowledge of God's love:

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your love for me. I want to know and believe that You love me. I want to believe that Your love will take care of everything that concerns me. I choose to believe Your WORD, and I boldly speak that God loves me! In Jesus' Name, Amen.





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DAY 3 – TRICKS THAT ROB YOUR FAITH IN THE LOVE OF GOD

When we fear, the love of God has not yet been perfected in us, and the devil uses that fear to work in our lives. Satan is out to replace God's WORD in your mouth with fear-filled words, so he can have authority to work in your life. Put your faith in the love God has for you, and you will overcome fear and the devil every time!

STUDY IT

- I. When we fear, the love of God has not been perfected in us.
 - There is no fear in the love of God that lives within us.
 - As Jesus is so are we in this world. He has no fear, so we shouldn't either (1 John 4:17).
 - There is no fear in love. Perfect, or developed, growing, maturing love, casts out fear, for fear has torment (1 John 4:18).
 - He that fears in not made perfect in love.

- II. You stop the devil from working in your life by living and walking in God's love.
 - God's love affects life, darkness, light and death.
 - Stay in God's light and love your brother.
 - He that loves his brother lives in the light.
 - You cannot be in light and hate your brother (1 John 2:9-11).
 - If you walk in light, you won't stumble.
 - If you hate your brother, you are in darkness and you can't see—you are blind.
 - You stop the devil from working in your life by living and walking in love.
 - The proof that we have passed from death to life, is that we love other believers (1 John 3:14).
 - If you are born again, and you say you hate, God's Spirit will convict your spirit. You'll feel it! If you don't listen to the Spirit and repent, you give satan access to try to destroy your life.
 - God has delivered us from the power of darkness and supernaturally moved us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:12-13).





III. Satan is out to steal The WORD of God from your mouth and replace it with fear-filled words that will give him authority to work in your life.

- We live in a planet created by God's words of love.
- We live according to the law of words—that law cannot be changed.
 - However, you can change the words that govern the way *you* live.
 - Your words of God, or of satan, give that one authority over you.
 - If the devil can get you to say a thing, he can get you to do it!
- The devil wants to steal God's WORD from you.
 - The sower sows The WORD. Satan comes immediately to steal The WORD by diverting your attention (Mark 4:14-20).
- If you start thinking about God's WORD, you'll believe it. If you start believing God's WORD, you'll say it. If you start saying God's WORD, you'll receive what you are saying.
 - Jesus said you can have what you say (Mark 11:23).
- We hear God's WORD, we believe it, we say The WORD and we receive what God has promised.

IV. Put your faith in God's love, and you will overcome fear every time.

- Jesus defeated fear and death, and so can you!
- Many people were thronging Jesus, but one woman touched Him with her faith (Luke 8:41-55).
 - She talked all about her situation, and probably talked for a long while.
 - Meanwhile, the messenger said that Jairus' daughter was dead.
 - In the face of darkness, Jesus said to Jairus, "Fear not!" Stop the fear! "Believe only, and she shall be made whole."
- The same laws govern faith and fear—faith leads you toward God, fear takes you away from God.
- Before you were born again, your spirit produced fear. Now that you're born again, you start producing faith.
- Faith comes only by hearing and believing The WORD of God.

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:16-18; John 8:28-29, 10:10, 14:10; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38;
Romans 10:17

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Write a prayer you can pray, based on Scripture, to repent and be cleansed from fear.



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DAY 4 - ALLOW THE LOVE OF GOD TO UNLOCK YOUR FAITH

Fear comes to destroy your faith and render you ineffective. Stop the fear with your faith! Grow your faith by reading and studying God's WORD. Determine to believe and say what God says about you. Believe in His love for you, and your faith will lead you to victory!

STUDY IT

- I. Fear comes to destroy faith.
 - Faith came when Jairus fell at Jesus' feet (Luke 8:41-55).
 - Jairus was a leader in the synagogue. He was risking his reputation and career by seeking Jesus' help.
 - He had given a lot of thought about approaching Jesus on behalf of his daughter.
 - Jesus didn't say anything. He just started going toward Jairus' house.
 - Faith put Jesus on the move and faith stopped Him in the middle of the road.
 - The woman with the blood disease was a daughter of Abraham, and she was supposed to be healed.
 - Jairus' daughter was also a daughter of Abraham, and she was also supposed to be healed.

- II. You can't stop fear without faith, and faith works by love (Galatians 5:6).
 - Fear is not a good thing, and no amount of it is acceptable.
 - Fear will contaminate your faith, and cause your faith to lose power. The end result will be death (Revelation 21:8).
 - Jairus had to be strong to continue to believe Jesus, even when he received the news that his daughter was dead.
 - Perfect love stops fear and demands that it leave (1 John 4:18).

- III. Grow your faith by continuing to read and study God's WORD.
 - Continue to read the Scriptures; don't just rely on your memory.
 - Don't give the devil any opportunity to deceive you.
 - We are thankful that the grace of God takes care of us and blesses us!
 - Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born again (1 John 5:1).
 - If we love the Father, we should love the children.



IV. Unlock your faith by reading, believing and saying what God says about you.

- We all started this born-again life with the same measure of faith (Romans 12:3).
- You can spend time working with The LORD to grow your faith. You can have strong faith, weak faith or no faith. It's up to you.
- Become God-inside-minded. Read, believe and say what God says about you. Exercise your faith.
- Get rid of sin-consciousness and become righteousness-minded (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- You are getting your faith to grow, but it still won't work until your love walk is established.

V. Your faith will lead you to victory when you believe and operate in the love of God.

- You are a world overcomer (1 John 5:4),
- It takes faith to see the results of a world overcomer, and faith works by love (Galatians 5:6).
- It's time to grow up and use what we have learned. Clean up your words, and speak God's will instead of your feelings.
- Love fulfills the law. When you love, you satisfy the commandments of Moses and of Jesus (1 John 5:3).
- Believe the love of God, and your faith will work!

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:16; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:1-4; 1 John 4:18-5:4; Romans 4:19-20; Matthew 8:26; Mark 4:40; John 14:1; Romans 13:9

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How will you grow your faith in the love God has for you?



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DAY 5 – ALLOW THE LOVE OF GOD TO BREAK ADDICTION

Addiction has many forms, but God will deliver you from every addiction...every lust that has you bound. Read His WORD and pray—pray in the Holy Spirit. He loves you and wants you free!

STUDY IT

- I. Addiction has many forms, and they are formed when you let your flesh have its own way.
 - Addiction comes when lust has its victim bound.
 - Anything your flesh desires or craves is a lust.
 - Love your heavenly Father, not the world (1 John 2:15-17).
 - Lust is pressure. It comes especially when something you crave is denied to you.
 - Your flesh lusts against your spirit (Galatians 5:17).
 - Your flesh wants its way; your spirit wants God's way.
 - The devil pushes addictions on people: tobacco, alcohol, pornography, unhealthy foods, etc.
 - Even worry is an addiction; it's a sin (1 Peter 5:7).
- II. God will deliver you from every addiction.
 - Faith begins where the will of God is known.
 - You can't have faith when you don't know the will of God.
 - Study God's WORD every day to know His will.
 - You can break any addiction, but you can't do it without God's WORD.
 - The WORD will separate you from whatever has you bound.
- III. How to get free from addiction.
 - Before you pray for deliverance, spend time praying over this decision to be free from addiction.
 - Find a promise in God's WORD that you can believe. You need to *know* it is His will to deliver you from addiction.
 - God will not promise you something that is against His will.



- Take Communion over the thing that you lust for.
- Say: *In the Name of Jesus, I have no need of you again in my life, forever!*
- Receive your deliverance!

IV. Pray in the Holy Spirit.

- Spend time in The WORD of faith and the love of God.
- Pray in tongues, in the Holy Ghost (Luke 11:13).
- The Holy Spirit lives in you. Now, receive Him for service.
- Open your mouth and talk, but don't speak English! The Holy Spirit will speak through you in tongues.
- Believe the love of God—put your faith in His love.
- Speak! You don't understand what you are saying, but God does.
- Your heavenly Father won't give you a devil. If you're born again, you *will* receive the Holy Spirit.
- Use Scripture as your basis for prayer, and God will answer with the Holy Spirit.

Additional scriptures: 1 Timothy 6:17; Galatians 5:22-23; John 8:36; Luke 11:9-13

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