

Day 15: Formed for God's family

Biblical references:

- In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- Heb 2:10
- Eph 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will
- James 1:18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.
- 1 Pet 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead
- Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- Rom 10:13 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved
- 2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- Gal 3:26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus
- Eph 3:14-15 For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.
- Gal 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir
- Phil 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
- Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- Rom 2:4 ... the riches of his kindness ...

Rom 9:23 ... he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy ...

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches ...

Eph 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being

Eph 2:4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy...

Eph 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints

1 Thess 5:10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

1 John 3:2 ... when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away

Mark 9:41 I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

Matt 25:21 You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

Rom 8:17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

1 Pet 1:4 ... and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you

Col 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Matt 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Acts 2:14	Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
Acts 8:12-13	But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
Heb 2:11	Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.
Matt 12:49-50	Pointing to his disciples, he said, Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

Day 16:

What matters most

Biblical references:

2 John 1:6	And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.
Gal 5:14	The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
1 Pet 2:17	Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king.
Gal 6:10	Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
John 13:35	By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
1 Cor 14:1	Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.
1 Cor 13:3	If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.
Matt 22:37-40	Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.
1 Cor 13:13	And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Matt 25:40 ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value.
The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

1 John 3:18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Eph 5:2 ... and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us
as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 3:16a For God so loved the world that he gave...

Eph 5:16 ... making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Prov 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

Day 17: A place to belong

Biblical references:

1 Tim 3:15 ... you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Gen 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

1 Cor 12:12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

Eph 2:21-22 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.
And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph 3:6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Eph 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 Thess 4:17	After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
Rom 12:5	so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others
Rom 12:4-5	Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
1 Cor 12:12	The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.
Matt 16:18	And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.[]
Eph 5:25	Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her
2 Cor 1:12	I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ...
Eph 5:27	... and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.
Rev 19:7	Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.
1 Pet 2:17	Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king.
Eph 2:19	Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people and members of God's household
John 13:35	By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
Gal 3:28	There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
John 17:21	... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
1 Cor	Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

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1 Cor
12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

1 Cor
12:25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 John
3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 Cor
12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Eph
2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.

1 Cor
10:12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

1 Tim
1:19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these
and so have shipwrecked their faith.

Heb
3:13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that
none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

James
5:19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone
should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the
error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude
of sins.

Acts
20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit
has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God,
which he bought with his own blood.

1 Pet
5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as
overseers—
not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants
you to be

Heb
13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the
outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Heb 13:17	Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.
Acts 2:42	They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
2 Cor 8:5	And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

Day 18: Experiencing life together

Biblical references:

Col 3:15	Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Ps 133:1	How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!
Matt 18:20	For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.
1 John 1:7-8	if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
James 5:16	Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
1 Cor 12:25	so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.
Rom 1:11-12	I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
Rom 12:10	Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Rom 14:19	Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

- Col 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- Phil 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death
- Heb 10:33-34 Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.
- Gal 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.
- Job 6:14 A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.
- 2 Cor 2:7 you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.
- Col 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Day 19:

Cultivating community

Biblical references:

- James 3:18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.
- Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- Eph 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- 1 Tim 3:14-15 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.
- Eph 4:15 ... speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
- Prov An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

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Gal 6:1-2 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Eph 4:25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour, for we are all members of one body.

Prov 28:23 He who rebukes a man will in the end gain more favour than he who has a flattering tongue.

Eccles 8:6 For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter, though a man's misery weighs heavily upon him.

1 Tim 5:1-2 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

1 Pet 5:5 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Rom 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Phil 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Rom 15:2 Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up.

Titus 3:2 slander no-one, be peaceable and considerate, and show true humility towards all men.

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.

Prov 16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

Titus 3:10 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him.

Heb Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of

10:25 doing, but let
 us encourage one another— and all the more as you see the Day
 approaching.

Acts 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.
 They broke
 bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts

Day 20: Restoring broken fellowship

**Biblical
references:**

2 Cor All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and
5:18 gave us
 the ministry of reconciliation

Phil 2:1- 1If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if
2 any comfort
 from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and
 compassion,
 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same
 love,
 being one in spirit and purpose.

Rom May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a
15:5 spirit of unity
 among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus

John By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one
13:35 another

1 Cor say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among
6:5 you
 wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?

1 Cor I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
1:10 all of you
 agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among
 you and that
 you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

James What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from
4:1-2 your desires
 that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill
 and covet,
 but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight.
 You do not have, because you do not ask God.

Matt Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there
5:23-24 remember that
 your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in
 front of the altar.
 First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your
 gift.

Prov If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are

28:9 detestable.

Job 5:2 Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

Job 18:4 You who tear yourself to pieces in your anger, is the earth to be abandoned for your sake? Or must the rocks be moved from their place?

Phil 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Ps 73:21-22 When my heart was grieved, and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

Prov 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offence.

Rom 15:2 Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up.

Rom 15:3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

Matt 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Prov 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Prov 16:21 The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction.

Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Rom 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.

Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

1 Pet 3:11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Day 21: Protecting your church

Biblical references:

- John 17:22-23 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
- Eph 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- Rom 14:19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
- Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile— the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him
- Rom 12:4-5 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
- 1 Cor 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.
- 1 Cor 8:6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.
- 1 Cor 12:13 For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free— and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- Eph 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called
- Phil 2:2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.
- Rom 14:1 Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

- 2 Tim 2:23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.
- 1 Cor 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.
- Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- Rom 14:13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in your brother's way.
- James 4:11 Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.
- Eph 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
- Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- James 5:9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!
- Rom 14:4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.
- Rom 14:10 You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.
- Rev 12:10 Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.
- Prov 17:4 A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.
- Prov 16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.
- Jude 1:19 These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

- Gal 5:15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.
- Prov 20:19 A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.
- Prov 26:20 Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.
- Mat 18:15-17a If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along... If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church...
- Mat 18:17b ... and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.
- Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.
- 2 Tim 2:14 Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.
- 1 Thess 5:12-13 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.
- 1 Cor 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.