

November 11 | Sunday

The Hour That Changes Everything: Becoming Loving

Read [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) / [Psalm 133:1-3](#)



12 | Mon – The universal need | Read [1 John 3:1](#)

A person can live without many things but no one will survive long without knowing they are loved by at least one other person. What has been your life experience? Name someone who you *know* loves you - what is it that makes you believe they do? Who are the people you love? And why do you love them?

13 | Tue – Do you believe you are loved? | Read [Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

Real life can be tough and it may be tempting to think God does not love you because of the difficult things you have experienced. Others look at their past and think God could not love them because of it. Paul, who had once been a killer of Christians, discovered that God's love is unlimited. Do you ever doubt God's love for you? Let Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3 become your own.

14 | Wed – Loving the invisible | Read [Matthew 22:34-38](#) / [Deuteronomy 6:5](#)

How do you love someone you can't even see? That is what is being asked of us here. The only way to get to know, respect, admire and love God is learning what He is like from those who know Him well. The scriptures are full of stories of people who knew and loved God. But the most compelling person is Jesus. He had the audacity to say if you have seen *him*, you've seen God. Get to know Jesus, through his life and teachings, and you will see God in person. How can you *not* love someone who paid such a great price to rescue us?

15 | Thu – Characteristics of genuine love | Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-9](#)

Words are good but attitudes and behavior reveal how someone actually feels. This famous chapter describes the qualities that exemplify real love. Take time to think through this list. Which qualities do you see growing in your own life? Are others more difficult for you? If so, recognize God is the source of all love and ask for help to become a more loving person.

16 | Fri – Love in action | Read [1 John 3:16-18](#)

Love is action-oriented and there are many ways to show someone they are loved. Dr. Gary Chapman describes five kinds of love 'languages' or actions that help people feel valued: acts of service, affirming words, quality time, appropriate physical touch and gift-giving. Which of these means the most to you? What have you noticed about other family members or good friends? Ask God to show you how to demonstrate love in a way that the person in front of you will clearly understand.

17 | Sat – Impossible? | Read [Luke 6:27-36](#)

Most people would say they have friends but do you have any enemies? Jesus was very clear that it's not enough to love those who love us. We need to love those who do not. The only way you can do so is by looking at people through Jesus' eyes. He can see things about them you do not. Many angry people are hurting people who need a love they can't seem to find. The next time you are confronted by a mean or angry person, ask God to show you what is really going on. Your response could make a real difference.