

March 31 | Sunday

He Chose to Love Us Forever

Read [John 3:16](#)



01 | Mon – Love all over the place | Read [John 3:16](#)

The word *love* shows up 585 times in the Bible (NIV version), 362 times in the Old and 223 times in the New. To break it down further, '*love*' appears 152x in the 150 Psalms; 31x in 31 chapters of Proverbs; 26x in 21 chapters of John and 26x in 1 John's short 5 chapters. Do you get the point? The most famous Bible verse, John 3:16, reveals the greatest act of love ever known. What does this information reveal regarding how God feels about you?

02 | Tue – How God defines love | Read [1 John 4:9-10](#)

See how the meaning of 'eternal life' in yesterday's verse 16 is expanded in today's verse 9? "...that we might live *through* him." God wants you to live differently, with Him right now and not just in a future time or place after you die. Next read verse 10. Although it may not make sense, God does not define love by how *you* much love Him but by how much *He* loves you. How might this definition change the way you view your relationship with God?

03 | Wed – Comprehending lavish love | Read [1 John 3:1](#) / [Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

John said "See what great love the Father has lavished on us..." Because you know yourself and your faults so well, it can be difficult to understand or believe that God loves you like this. Read Paul's prayer for the Ephesian believers. It is for you too. Why? When you truly grasp how much Jesus loves you, you will be filled up with God Himself. You will see yourself, your life and everyone around you differently. And that's a promise!

04 | Thu – Loving Him back | Read [John 14:15, 21](#)

When someone loves you just as you are and also sees your potential, something happens; you start to live differently. This is the result of understanding God's limitless love. Gratitude changes you and you want to obey God's 'commands' out of your love for Him. Have you actually experienced this amazing, limitless love? If so, you can't wait to find out and start doing the things that bring joy to your heavenly Father's heart.

05 | Fri – People problems | Read [1 John 4:19-21](#)

One thing that blesses God's heart is when those He loves start loving each other. In fact, John declares that the way you treat your brothers and sisters in Christ shows whether or not you truly love Him. Do you find it is sometimes easier to love God than to love people? When you experience this problem, re-read verse 19 to see how it is possible to love impossible people. You are not the source, just the conduit. You can turn on the faucet by asking God to love others *through* you and see what happens.

06 | Sat – Forever is a long, I-o-n-g time | Read [Numbers 23:19](#) / [John 14:2-3](#)

Have you experienced the grief that come with broken promises? God cannot lie and always keeps His promises. When life becomes difficult, remember that nothing lasts forever *except* the love of God exhibited through Jesus' death for you. And the resurrection proves Jesus will keep the most important promise he ever made - I *will* come back and get you - because he wants you to be with him forever. And forever means... forever.