

Love Changes Everything Challenge

Put into action what you are learning on *Turning Point*. Take the **Love Changes Everything Challenge**: a simple action step, perhaps one each week, to deepen your faith and walk with God. If you complete the challenge with us this spring, go online and share your experience and be gifted with other exciting online resources for your Bible study.

FEBRUARY

To put into action your study
of Dr. Jeremiah's series, *God Loves You ...*

Challenge 1: Recall God's Love

Challenge: Take some time alone this week to journal what God's love means to you, and how it has changed your life. Recall when you became a Christian and how God's love has transformed your life since you accepted Christ as your Savior. Think about Christ's sacrifice, and consider all the times God has displayed His love for you. This will help you to reflect God's love, which we so often take for granted.

Scripture: Romans 8:37-39

Challenge 2: Return Your Love

Challenge: Take some time this week to write a love letter to your Lord and Savior and thank Him for all He has done for you. Make a list of all the things you're grateful for and thank Him for them. Thank Him for saving you from an eternity of condemnation and for accepting you into His family. Praise Him for His greatness. This will be a good reminder to count all the blessings God has given you.

Scripture: Psalm 118

Challenge 3: Express God's Love

Challenge: This week, in your small group, Sunday school, or even on your Facebook page, find ways to tell others what God's love has done for you. Share your testimony with at least one person, with more if you can, and express your thankfulness for God's love. This will give you practice in sharing your testimony with others in the future.

Scripture: Philemon 1:6

Challenge 4: Share God's Love

Challenge: Think of someone in your life that is not a Christian, and seek an opportunity to share your faith with them. It can be a co-worker, a friend, or a relative. Take some time this week to talk to them about your faith and tell them about God's everlasting love. Prepare for that opportunity by praying God will give you the words to say and that you will be an effective channel of His love.

Scripture: Psalm 96:2-4

MARCH

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Challenge 5: The Power of Love Learned

Challenge: In the book of 1 Corinthians, Paul reprimands the church members for valuing other gifts over love. While reading through the chapter, journal your thoughts on how effective you are as a 1 Corinthians 13 Christian. Write down the importance of love in God's eyes, and why Paul describes love as the greatest gift. Compare this lesson to your own life. Consider where love is on your list of priorities.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

Challenge 6: The Power of Love Prayed

Challenge: Based on what you've learned about yourself last week as a 1 Corinthians 13 Christian, compose a prayer written to consecrate yourself to be more loving to others. Discover what areas in your life may need improvement in order to become a Christian who reflects God's love fully. Pray for guidance in learning to be more like Christ, and consider putting love at the top of your list of priorities.

Scripture: John 13:35

Challenge 7: The Power of Love Expressed

Challenge: This week, think of someone that is important to you—someone you may have failed to fully express your love and appreciation to. Let them know how much they mean to you—you can do this in person, with a letter, through an email, etc. Let them know how much you care about them and let them know that you are praying for them. While doing this, you can practice praying for those in your life that you might occasionally take for granted—and you can also let them know you love them.

Scripture: 1 John 4:7

Challenge 8: The Power of Love Demonstrated

Challenge: The Bible constantly talks about sacrificial love. This week, seek an opportunity to gather friends and family together to help someone in need. Practice being selfless, and display God's love by helping someone who is in need. Get a group to volunteer at a homeless shelter, visit the elderly, help someone in your church in need—the opportunities are endless. Share God's love with others through your works. In doing this, you will learn to put others first just as Christ did. Remember: "You might be the only Bible some people read."

Scripture: Isaiah 58:10