

7Days7Principles: Love Encounters

Welcome to the Love Encounters devotional. We pray that the Lord would deepen your revelation of His great love for you over the next seven days! Each day has a focus point, some scriptures to meditate on and a reflection section. We've added some questions here and there for your reflection time, feel free to use them for guidance or ignore them! The Holy Ghost is your guide, let Him minister to you!

You'll need your bible handy (and journal if you use one).

*He has loved you
since the beginning,
And He'll love you
for eternity...*

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Day 1: An Infinite Love

Take a moment to reflect on this; since His very first thought of you...who knows how many years ago?! Even before the foundation of the world, He has held you in His heart, with nothing but good plans. You are LOVED by God, always & forever.

Focus scriptures: Ephesians 1:4 | Psalm 139:16

Reflection: *Do you currently believe that God loves you? Why or why not?*

*At no point in time
does the Father
Love you any less
than Jesus*

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Day 2: A Steadfast Love

At no point in time will God love you less or more than He does right now...No matter where you are. He loves you just as much as He loves Christ and nothing you do will change that. His Love is perfect, full & complete...constant, steady & unchanging.

Sometimes we fear being let down by God or feel like we have to earn His love. We judge Him or make assumptions of His nature based on what we've experienced in the past with people. But He is love & He is unchanging, dependable, faithful... It's not based on anything you do, but simply on who He is, so rest in His love today.

Focus scriptures: Ephesians 3:17-19

Reflection:

He has given us Himself

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Day 3: A Personified Love

He has given us Himself in His desire to see us walk in oneness, wholeness & victory. He has given us His righteousness, Peace & Joy...His salvation, His Spirit of wisdom, counsel & might, His Spirit of Love, power & soundness of mind. He has given us His LIFE in death AND resurrection. He has given us all we need to live a godly life. He takes our mess, our sin, our mistakes, our 'not enough' and gives us Himself instead.

What do you need to exchange today? Run to Him & receive.

Focus Scriptures: Psalm 149:4 | Galatians 2:20 | John 14:16

Reflection: *How do these scriptures speak to you personally?*

*God cares about
everything concerning you
He will not leave you
as you are*

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Day 4: An unfailing Love

Sometimes we struggle to believe that God has heard us, or that He is working on us because we don't see the results straight away. Or we find ourselves in times of trouble and wonder why...But in those moments we can stand on the word and still our souls with these truths; He will never leave nor forsake us, He turns everything around for our good, He is faithful & just to complete every work He has started, He will perfect everything concerning us, He bends down and listens when we pray. Rest assured today that His love will never fail you. Remain in faith & exercise patience, it is well with you.

Scripture References: Deut 31:8 | Rom 8:28 | Phil 1:6 | Psa 138:8 | Psa 116:2

Reflection:

*There is no situation from
which God's love cannot pull
you*

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Day 5: A redeeming Love

In moments of failure, difficulty, conflict & despair we can so easily become overwhelmed by what we see around us or become afraid to turn back to God for help; but He simply is there waiting to help us and draw us closer to Himself. When our souls become scattered and broken He brings restoration, when we face weariness and weakness He brings strength and encouragement. When we are lost for solutions He brings counsel and clarity. He is always redeeming, restoring and refreshing us if only we continue to follow His lead.

Today we pray a fresh revelation of Love, the person who relentlessly pursues us & crowns us with loving kindness. We pray for purity in our perception of God and His great love for us. In Jesus' Name. Run TO Him today.

Focus Scriptures: Psalm 103:4 | Luke 15:4 | Psalm 23:3-4

Reflection:

*God in His love will correct &
perfect us as He has given us
the power to become sons*

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Day 6: An Authentic Love

God gave us the power to become sons, the bible says we have received His Spirit of adoption whereby we can cry Abba Father. We are loved the same way Christ is, but this also means we will be corrected & disciplined as His sons. He receives us as we are and through our obedience He produces the Character of Christ in us. He is not a harsh taskmaster but a loving Father who wants to see His sons rising up to be and do all that He prepared for them in advance. If we really want to believe & receive the Love of God into our hearts then let us not expect it to be without pruning & correction. An authentic love says no sometimes, tells you when and why you are wrong, shows you how to correct your mistakes, convicts you of sin & helps you to conquer it, and pushes you forwards to maturity in all things. Just like our natural parents correct us, God leads us in paths of righteousness as He disciplines us. Do not be discouraged at His rebuke, for it is the surest sign of His love in action, calling us to come up higher in Him.

Scripture refs/focus: John 1:12 KJV | Hebrews 12:5-9 | Romans 8:15, 29.

Reflection:

*For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor
things present nor things to come, nor height nor
depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able
to separate us from the love of God which is in
Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:38-39

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Day 7: His Great Love

We pray that the Lord would teach us to live in the truth of this scripture, and that we will not live under shame nor condemnation or fear, but we would be perfected in Love and become a channel through which His love can flow. May we become rooted and grounded in the knowledge of His love for us and flourish accordingly. Amen.

Reflection: *Is there any area where you still greatly doubt the love of God? Ask Him in prayer to help any unbelief in you and continue to meditate on His love for you.*