

Day One: Psalm 103

1. How does David begin this psalm (1-2)? List some of the ways we receive God's love (3-5). What does the Lord do for the oppressed (6)? What did He initially make known to Moses and the Israelites (7-12)? What assortment of imagery describes God's compassion (13-18)? How does David describe God as king (19)? List everything and everyone he calls to praise the Lord (20-22).
2. What fresh revelation about God's love does reading this psalm offer to you today? What about your own life points to this love? Do you think about and interact with God as though he is a loving father? Why or why not? Read verses 2-5, 11 and 13 out loud and visualize yourself confidently approaching the Lord with the belief that he is incredibly loving. What is one way you can regularly live out of this mindset?

Day Two: Psalm 139

1. Describe David's awareness of God's very personal connection to him (1-5). How does David react to it (6)? Describe the Lord's expansive presence (7-12). What is his role regarding our beginnings (13-16)? Why does David praise the Lord (14)? What does he write about God's thoughts (17-18)? Summarize David's proclamations about the wicked (19-22). What is his concluding prayer of petition (23-24)?
2. Meditate on verses 1-12. What is the Holy Spirit speaking about God's very personal love for you? What do you want to say to the Lord about this? Write down your thoughts and feelings or draw a picture that represents them. Spend a few more minutes in silence, allowing the Holy Spirit to continue to testify to you about God's never ending and incomparable capability to love you. What response do you think God desires of you?

Day Three: Ezekiel 47:1-12

1. In this vision, describe the way the water came out of the temple (1-2). As the prophet Ezekiel walked eastward with the man, what happened to the water (3-6)? What did Ezekiel see on the banks of the river (7)? What happens when the river meets the Dead Sea (8)? Describe the abundance of seafood (9-10). Where will salt be found (11)? What will the flora be like (12)?
2. The temple is God's dwelling place. In this vision, we read that out of it flows a river so nourishing that it can make even the Dead Sea, the most salient body of water on Earth, abound with fresh water and life. Take a moment to consider all the ways God's loving presence in your own life makes what's dead come alive. Praise him for these miracles and pray this nourishing love would also flood the lives of those around you.

Day Four: Mark 15:21-41

1. Who carried Jesus' cross (21)? What did the soldiers do to Jesus (23-24)? What other details does the gospel writer include (25-27)? Describe the way different groups of people treated Jesus during his crucifixion (29-32). What happened from noon to 3pm (33)? What did Jesus cry out (34)? How did people respond (35-36)? Describe the moment of Jesus' death (37-39). During this time, what were Jesus' female friends doing (40-41)?
2. Imagine yourself as one of the women watching from a distance. What are you thinking? Do you view Jesus' submission to death as an act of love? Why or why not? How do you feel, emotionally and physically? Now, read John 15:13. What is Jesus telling us about his work on the cross? His love is unlike any other love you've ever known. Ask the Holy Spirit to impart a deeper understanding of it to you. What do you sense him speaking?

Day Five: Titus 3:3-8

1. Describe the former state of Christians (3). What appeared and saved us (4-5)? Why (5)? What is a common misconception about why God saves people (5)? What role does the Holy Spirit play in our salvation (5-6)? What status does justification by grace make available to us (7)? What does Paul assert about these claims (8)? What does he want us to do with them (8)? Why (8)?
2. Focus on verse 4-5. How do limitations and faults of human love compare to God's love? The Lord offers freedom from projecting human love on to him; ask the Holy Spirit for this gift. How can you maintain this supernatural viewpoint for the long haul? Finally, re-read verse 8. Ask God to reveal missed opportunities to stress his kindness, love and mercy. Repent and ask for grace to make these qualities of God your focus, both inwardly and outwardly.