



GPS for the week of February 14: 1 John 4:7-19

“ 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.”

Sunday, February 14:

Scripture: Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

Questions: What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Since it is Valentine’s Day, are you willing to allow God to speak to you this week as you focus on His love for you? Will you also focus on your love for Him?

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for Your love for us. Let me focus on that this week so that it will consume me. Sometimes I find myself questioning or doubting Your love. But I want to be certain of how much You love me as I walk through this week.

Monday, February 15:

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-8: “7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Questions: How difficult is it for you to love others? Do you understand that because God is love and because He loves us, that we are called to love others? How do you feel when it says that “whoever does not love does not know God”?

Prayer: Lord God, sometimes I do struggle with loving another just as I can struggle with You loving me. Help me this week to be confident of Your love for me so that it will encourage me to love others, especially those I find difficult to love.

Tuesday, February 16:

Scripture: 1 John 4:9-10: “9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

Questions: Don’t you find it amazing that we did not have to love God first but that God loved us first? How does that make you feel? Isn’t it a great reminder as to how God showed His love for us? What do you think it means “that we might live through Him?”

Prayer: Lord God, thank You for Your love for us. You certainly know how I am and all my faults and times of disobedience. But yet You still love me. You have continued to draw me unto Yourself and I am so thankful for that. May I live the life that You have called me to as I continue to sense Your love for me.

Wednesday, February 17:

Scripture: 1 John 4:11-12: “¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

Questions: How hard is it for you to love others? Have you ever leaned on God to help you love someone that has been difficult for you to love? Isn't it comforting to know that God lives in us and His love is made complete in us?

Prayer: Father God, thank You that You live in us and that Your love is made complete in us. Knowing this should make it easier to love others. When I struggle with this, please remind me of Your love for me and the call You place on all of our loves to be more loving to others.

Thursday, February 18:

Scripture: 1 John 4:13-14: “¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.”

Questions: Have you seen His Spirit in you? How have you seen the Spirit working in your life? Do you need to do further research on this as to what this might look like? Don't you want to be assured that He lives in you and how this is reflected in your life? What will you do to be assured of this?

Prayer: Thank You God for giving us Your Spirit. I don't want to be a person who knows this but does not use this gift. Help me to be more in tune with what Your Spirit is doing in my life. Also allow me to be a person who is assured that the Spirit is working in my life.

Friday, November 19:

Scripture: 1 John 4:15-16: “¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

Questions: Do you see that we only have to acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God and that God will then live in us? Do you struggle living in love? But do you see that when we do this, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, that we then live in God and God in us? Are you willing to make living in love a part of your daily life?

Prayer: Jesus, I don't always live with love in my heart. I sometimes harbor anger, unforgiveness, a get even attitude in my heart at others. Help me to be more like You with a more loving attitude to others.

Saturday, November 20:

Scripture: 1 John 4:17-19: “¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.”

Questions: Do you want to live more like Jesus? Shouldn't we then strive to have God's love made complete in us? Do you believe if you allow this, that you should have no fear of God's judgment? If you truly believed this, wouldn't it make easier to accept death? Again, how does it make you feel to know that you did not have to love God first for Him to love you?

Prayer: Lord God, help me to live a life more like Jesus. Help me to love others and also have Your love fill me so much that I do not fear Your judgment. We thank You again for the reminder that You loved us first. That it was Your love that kept drawing us to a relationship with You. Strengthen that relationship that so Your love can be complete in me.