

Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of February 10
Love Wins Week 6
Barometer of Love



Sunday February 10

TODAY LOVE WINS: When love wins in your own heart, then love has limitless possibilities to win in the hearts and minds of others. Choose love to win in your heart today.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Morning Prayer: God, today is a precious gift given to me so I can experience it to its fullest. My intention today is to live as though love wins. I want my life to count for more than just what I do to make a living. I want to live on purpose. Today's scripture is perfect for me. There are only three things I need to do today to fulfill my intention. I need to keep faith with Your unending love. I need to keep hoping, trusting, that Your love in and through me always wins. And I need to love others and myself in the way that You love all of creation. On my own I am apt to fail at this. So I open the gift of this day by asking that You help me do those three things. Then my day will be a good day. May it be so.

Noon Text: When love wins in your heart, then love opens the possibilities for love to win in the hearts and minds of others. In this moment choose for love to win.

Evening Text: As darkness falls I still have faith, hope and love shining light into my heart. My body, mind and soul can now rest with assurance that Your love always wins.

Monday February 11

TODAY LOVE WINS: When love wins in your own mind, then you see others and the problems you face in a different way. Choose love to win in your mind today.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

Morning Prayer: God, these verses speak right to the heart of what makes me feel loved. When others are patient and kind to me, I feel loved. It is important for me to be reminded of that, so that I can do my best to be patient and kind with others as well. Love is not jealous, boastful, proud or rude, yet every day I find myself in situations where I might be tempted to respond in these ways. They do not reflect Your love for me. When I give in to these temptations I know that I am not living most fully into Your love for me, and for everyone in the world. My prayer today is that my words, my actions, and my very thoughts may come from a heart of pure love, a heart that reflects your perfect love to everyone I encounter. This is how love will win in my life. May it be so.

Noon Text: Have you experienced some act of kindness today? Small actions have a big impact. Be patient. Offer acts of kindness in a spirit of love. This is how love wins.

Evening Text: I know that Your love for me is constant. Knowing this allows me to rest peacefully tonight. May I rise to better reflect Your love to myself and others.

Tuesday February 12

TODAY LOVE WINS: When love is demonstrated through acts of service, then love has the ability to change acts of injustice to justice. This kind of love takes time, prayer, teaming with others, and hard work. Let it begin today through simple acts of service.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:5 Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

Morning Prayer: God, all too often I find myself putting strings or conditions on my love. I sometimes have unspoken expectations when I extend love. Clearly this is not what You intend nor how You love. You love me without conditions. There is nothing I can do to cause You to love me less and nothing I can do to cause You to love me more. My prayer today is to be able to love as You do – without reservation, without conditions. May it be so.

Noon Text: How do you respond when you witness acts of injustice? How hard it is to take action rather than look the other way. Acts of love can bring about change.

Evening Text: God, how much easier it is to rest when I can look back on a day where my focus was on how my words and actions reflected Your unconditional love to everyone.

Wednesday February 13

TODAY LOVE WINS: Showing love is as simple as a smile, a hug, a prayer, or a kind word. Choose to simply love and notice the profound effects.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:6 Love does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Morning Prayer: God Your words come when we need them most. Today more than ever, when injustice seems to be the word of the day, may Your truth prevail. May all see the power of Your words and even more so, the power of love in Your words. As Your second great commandment says “Love your neighbor as You love yourself.” Love means I treat others as I want to be treated. In love there is only respect and kindness for one another. Lord help us all to be people of love. Help us to show the world what love looks like. From the schools, to our offices, to our neighborhoods, to our families, let Your love shine for all to see and maybe tomorrow love will be the word of the day. May it be so.

Noon text: Between now and bedtime, help those you encounter feel God’s love through your words and actions. God’s love flows through you today and every day.

Evening Text: As I shared Your love with others today in simple ways I was able to show the power of loving others simply. May Your everlasting love help me to rest well tonight.

Thursday February 14

TODAY LOVE WINS: Today we celebrate love. Begin by knowing how much you are totally and unconditionally loved by God. Read that sentence again. The love God has for you can empower you to be God’s love with skin all day long. Love others as God loves you.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Morning Prayer: God, teach me that no matter how much I fail, no matter how much I doubt, no matter how much I disappoint, You continue to love me. Let me experience the steadfast and enduring quality of Your love, which never quits, never fails and never abandons. May it be so.

Noon Text: God, I am so grateful for the hope of Your enduring love, which never quits, never fails and never abandons.

Evening Text: God, as the day draws to a close, let me experience Your unfailing love, a love that, no matter how much I fall short, gives me peace and comfort.

Friday February 15

TODAY LOVE WINS: Yesterday was a day to celebrate love. Today is no different. Remember how God totally and unconditionally loves you and then love others as you are loved. That's how we choose for love to win every day.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Morning Prayer: I wonder how often I come across as a noisy gong or clanging cymbal. Probably more often than I realize and certainly more often than I would like. Today help me be aware of the words I speak. Are they positive and affirming words that convey Your love? What do I need to do to consider my words before I speak them? Help me to remember how You love me unconditionally and let my words reflect that same love. May it be so.

Noon Text: Do you ever think about celebrating love? God loves you unconditionally. God loves everyone totally. Isn't that worth celebrating? Celebrate God's love today.

Evening Text: God, there can be no celebration greater than the celebration of Your unconditional love. Today I chose love, tonight I can rest peacefully. Love won.

Saturday February 16

TODAY LOVE WINS: Three things last forever - faith, hope, and love. All day long these three gifts from God can assure you that nothing can separate you from God's love as seen in Jesus. Hold tight to faith, hope and love for they outlast everything.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

Morning Prayer: God, I am so blessed. I have so much. And yet today's scripture reminds me that it is not about what I have, but how I am loving others. It is so easy to think that I am successful because of what I have been able to do with my life. And yet the truest measure of my success is seen in those times when I have stopped to show love for someone in need. I am humbled to hear that in the end only three things are going to outlast my living - faith, hope and love. Since today is all I have, I am asking that You help me to be really successful today by listening to where I can serve another and actually serve. Help me to stop measuring my success by what I have or what I can do, but by how I love in the way that You love me. May it be so.

Noon Text: Hold tight to faith, hope and love for they outlast everything. Show love to someone in need and you will have a successful day. Nothing else really matters.

Evening Text: God, the people I have been able to love today are my greatest blessings. Thank you for loving me so that I can experience the joy of giving love to others.