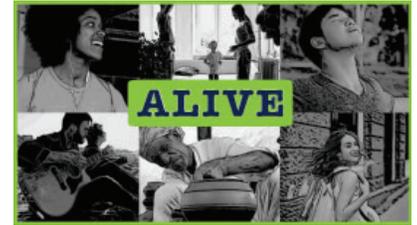


## DAILY READING PLAN



Week of June 26, 2022

Alive: Spirit of Love – Loving Neighbor

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13

### Day One: Read 1 John 4:9-10

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

- Read these brief verses a few times, slowly. Breathe them in. What makes what God does “real” love? What might “false” love look like? What is the connection between how God feels and what God does? How does that work with your love?

### Day Two: Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- What stands out to you as Paul describes the various aspects of real love? In what area(s) would you like God to expand your love?

### Day Three: Read 1 John 4:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

- What does it mean to “love God”? Is it a matter of how we feel about God? How does loving our neighbor connect with loving God? Who are you struggling to love these days? Talk to God about your situation and ask for help.

### Day Four: Read 1 Corinthians 13:13

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- Faith, hope and love. Three big words! How would you define each? What part does each play in your life? Why do you think that love is the greatest?

### Day Five: Romans 8:38-39

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- This is one of the greatest promises in the Bible. It’s such good news! When are you tempted to believe that something you’ve done or left undone has separated you from God and God’s love? Commit these verses to memory. Hold them in your heart and carry them through your day.