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JESUS PRAYED FOR UNITY.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

>> APRIL 12

There are so many things Jesus said during His life on Earth that we never want to forget. And one of the ways we remember is by looking back at His words in Scripture. Reading what Jesus actually said is a great way to let His words echo in our minds and our lives each day.

As you work to memorize this verse this week, draw a picture, create a graphic on your phone, or even come up with a post for your social media that goes along with this verse. Use the image to help remind you of Jesus' words in this very important verse!

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

John 11:25 NLT

>> APRIL 13

Some people find it hard to believe there is any life beyond this world. It's hard to imagine anything beyond what we see and know here on Earth. And because of that, sometimes we live in fear of what's to come. But the resurrection that we celebrate every year at Easter gives us hope for the future, no matter what it holds. Jesus defeated death for all of us, offering hope for everyone who believes in Him.

This week, talk with a family member or trusted friend about what Jesus' death and resurrection mean for your life.

Finally, all of you should be of one mind.

1 Peter 3:8a NLT

>> APRIL 14

In sports, the teams that play well together always have the best chance of winning. When a team is working together toward the same goal, their chances of winning are so much higher. If you've ever been on a winning team, then you know that's true! A team that is "of one mind" is a team that is going to succeed. That's why Jesus challenged His followers to "be of one mind," so that they could experience victory in life together.

Do you have close friends in your life? Pray that God would help you all "be of one mind" as you live your lives for God.

*If you openly declare
that Jesus is Lord and
believe in your heart
that God raised him
from the dead, you
will be saved.*

Romans 10:9 NLT

>> APRIL 15

For some of us, one of the most challenging parts of our faith is sharing it with others. We don't want to say the wrong thing or make anyone uncomfortable, so we just don't say anything at all. Remember that sharing your love for Jesus is an important part of your faith. And it isn't about saying the right thing, or knowing all the right verses in the Bible, or even convincing someone to believe what you believe. It's simply about sharing the things God has done to change your life.

This week, try sharing with someone in your life just one thing that Jesus has done for you. Let it be a start in sharing your faith with others!

*Above all, love each
other deeply, because
love covers over a
multitude of sins.*

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

>> APRIL 16

Do you have a best friend? Someone who knows every single thing about you, both the good and the bad? If you do, then you know that the best part about that friendship is that no matter what they know about you, they love you anyway. They love you enough to look past the bad and encourage the good. Jesus loves us in this same way—with a love that covers all our sins no matter what. And it's out of this unconditional love that He calls us to love one another.

Is there a friend in your life who could use a reminder of this love? Find a way to show them you love them no matter what.

*This is the message
you have heard
from the beginning:
We should love one
another.*

1 John 3:11 NLT

>> APRIL 17

Do you ever feel like the adults around you are saying the same things over, and over, and over again? The rules they want you to follow, the things they want you to do, and important things they want you to know? While it can feel frustrating to listen to, chances are they are repeating those things because they think they're important for you to remember. It's the same reason Jesus repeated this message of love to His followers over and over again. Above all, He wanted us to remember that loving one another is such an important part of our faith.

Challenge yourself to memorize this verse to help you remember that loving others is an important part of faith.

*Sympathize with each
other. Love each
other as brothers
and sisters. Be
tenderhearted,
and keep a humble
attitude.*

1 Peter 3:8b NLT

>> APRIL 18

God created us to be in community with one another. This includes people who aren't like us. Why? Because ultimately He knows that we're all better together. Think of the close circles of people in your life: your family, friends, teammates, or Small Group.

Do you feel close to them? Connected with them? Supported and encouraged by them? If so, that's a real community—the kind that Jesus created us to live in on this Earth. And if not, that just means there's some work to do. Which circle could use some work to grow closer and more connected? Your family? Your sports team?

Pick a circle and then figure out one thing you can do to apply Peter's words of wisdom with people in that circle.