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BEFORE I GO | APRIL 5-11, 2023
REMEMBER WHAT JESUS HAS DONE.

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 5

Easter is about remembering the greatest act of love: Jesus' death and resurrection that saved us from our sins. This was God's plan all along—because God loves us! During the Easter season and always, it's important to remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. It's the foundation of our faith!

So, start this Easter season by working to memorize this verse. Write it down somewhere you'll see it often. Each time you see it, focus on trying to memorize just a little more of it! And of course, think about what God's love means to you!

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 NLT

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Because of Jesus, our past mistakes don't have to hold us back. No matter what regrets you may have about choices you've made in the past, the truth is that Jesus came to set us free from any and all of it. On the cross, Jesus took on the weight of every bad choice, difficult circumstance, and regret we could ever have so that we could be free. That's what we remember at Easter every year. And that's what we celebrate in our faith every day!

Today, take time to confess some of your regrets to God in prayer. Then, thank God for the freedom and forgiveness you have from all of those things because of Jesus.

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*1 Corinthians 15:57
NLT*

>> APRIL 7

Everybody struggles with something. And sometimes, we struggle with the same thing over and over again. Maybe it's telling a lie, speaking harshly to others, or looking at things online we know we shouldn't. No matter what the struggle is, we sometimes feel as though we can't get through it. We aren't strong enough to fight it on our own. But we can find hope in knowing that Jesus has already won the fight for us. His death on the cross was a victory, and because of that, we can call on Him to help us as we struggle with anything in this world.

Today, talk to someone in your family about how God has helped them overcome a struggle in their life. Then, pray that God will do the same for you.

*For the wages of sin
is death, but the free
gift of God is eternal
life through Christ
Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23 NLT

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When was the last time you received a free gift? You probably loved it simply because it was free, right? Even if it wasn't that amazing of a gift, you were still excited because you received it without having to do anything to earn it. Well, the same is true with God—only God's gift is the most valuable gift we could ask for. It's the gift of our salvation, and the best news of all is that all we have to do is receive it!

Spend time in prayer today, thanking God for the gift of salvation given to you through Jesus.

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world that he gave
his one and only Son,
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John 3:16 NIV

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One of the most famous Scriptures in the world is probably John 3:16. And maybe it's so popular because it's so important. It's the foundation of our faith as Christians. This verse reminds us that God didn't just talk about love; God demonstrated that love with the ultimate sacrifice: Jesus. That is a love worth remembering and celebrating, both at Easter and beyond.

Is there someone you know who could use this reminder of God's love for them? Share this verse with them.

*But God showed his
great love for us by
sending Christ to die
for us while we were
still sinners.*

Romans 5:8 NLT

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Over 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus to Earth to die for us to show us how much God loves us. How amazing is that! Even while we were still sinners, God still chose to save us! What Jesus did on the cross is the greatest demonstration of God's love for you. And the best news? Jesus didn't stay in the grave! He rose again to show us His power, and to prepare a place for us in heaven!

Today, go outside and take a walk. As you walk and look at all God has created around you, think about what Jesus has done for you and remember how much He loves you!

*There is no greater
love than to lay down
one's life for one's
friends.*

John 15:13 NLT

>> APRIL 11

How do the people in your life show you love? Do they spend time with you? Say nice things to you? Give you hugs? Buy you gifts? Tell you they love you often? Whatever it is, when someone important to you expresses their love for you, it makes you feel good. It makes you feel loved. There is no greater expression of love than Jesus' death on the cross. He laid down His life for all of us—His friends, the people He loves. That should certainly make you feel loved by Him!

Spend time today listening to your favorite worship songs. As you do, pay attention to what they say about the love God has for you. Choose a lyric from a song that you connect with most and write it down to remember it whenever you need to hear it!