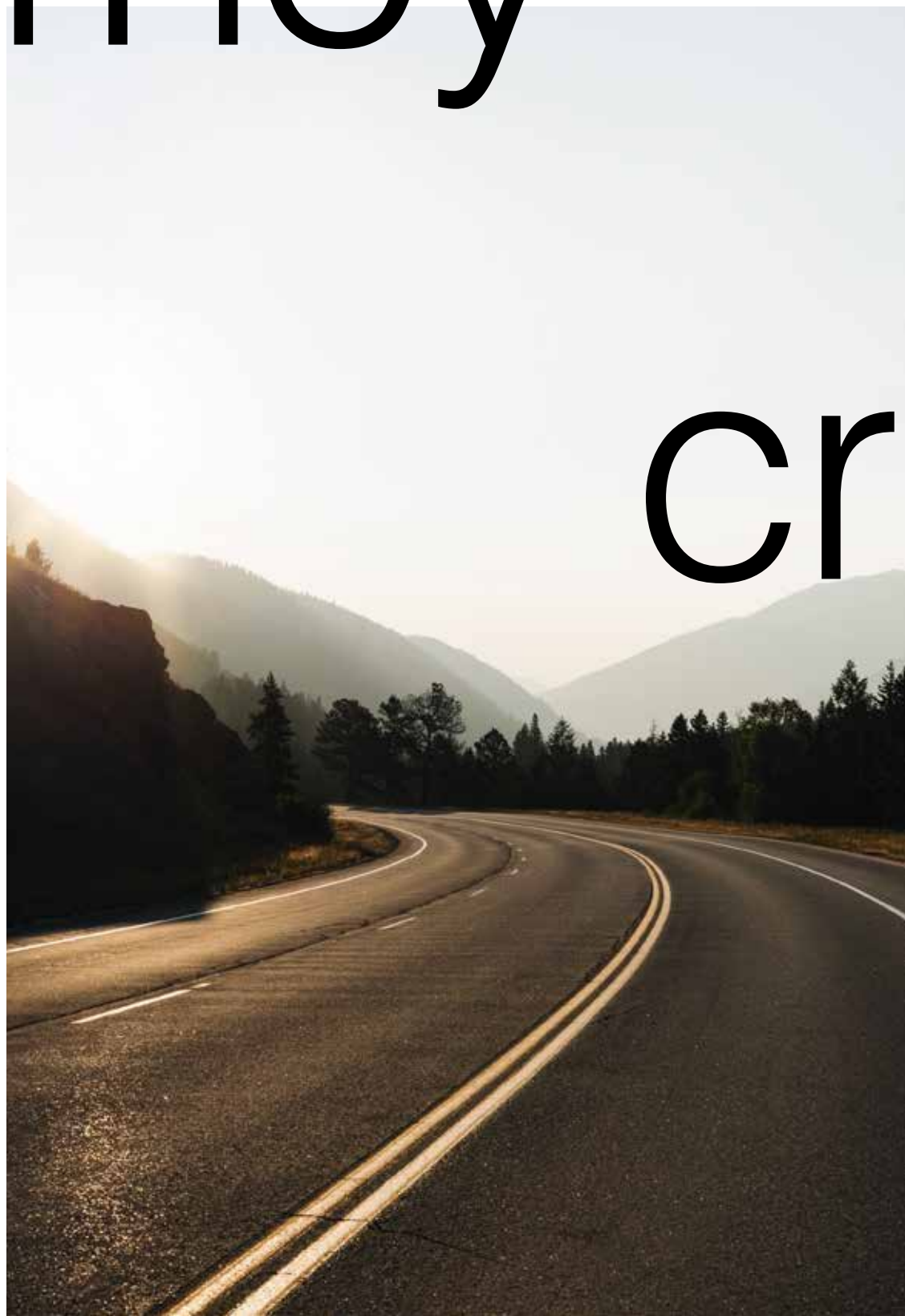




Bible reading plan

Journey
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„Journey to the cross – walk with me.“

Luke 9:51 (MSG)

“When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem.”

From chapter 9 verse 51 onwards, Luke records all the events in Jesus' life in the form of a journey to Jerusalem – leading him to the cross.

For Jesus, the purpose of this journey is our salvation through his death and resurrection. This Easter, we're following Jesus – His teaching and His example - as we seek Him and His kingdom.

This reading plan is designed to help you embark on your personal journey with Jesus and spend the four weeks leading up to Easter seeking Him with more passion, following Him more closely, and discovering His love more deeply.

We pray that this plan will bless you and help you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Reading Advice



As you prayerfully read the scriptures, imagine yourself sitting next to Jesus. Engage all your senses in every scene.

What does the location look like?
What details do you see?
Immerse yourself into the story and imagine what you smell, hear, taste and touch. Let these scenes unfold around you.
Closely observe Jesus. Open your heart to His words, like a conversation with a dear friend.
Take time during the day to reflect on everything you experienced.

Week 01

14 “Walk with me on the journey to the cross.” This is the invitation Jesus has for you in the next weeks.

15 You are invited to come close to him on this journey. This journey which is his hardest test and at the same time our greatest treasure.

16 You’re invited to follow his steps and discover his heartbeat through his word. You’re invited to take a seat at his feet and listen to his words as he whispers them to you.

18 In John 10:27, we read about us being God’s sheep and that as his sheep we know the voice of our Shepherd. That is the truth!

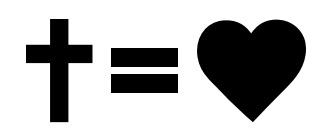
19 You are his sheep. You know the voice of your Sheperd.

20 This week, intentionally take time to listen to His voice and put aside anything that might distract you from doing so, externally or internally.

21 He wants to speak to you.

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Day 01



13 On Mission

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Scripture:
Luke 10:1-24

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- Just as Jesus sent out the 70 disciples, He has also sent you into your sphere. Ask Him about what He wants to do in your community today and be open to pray for someone, tell them about Jesus, or simply serve that person.

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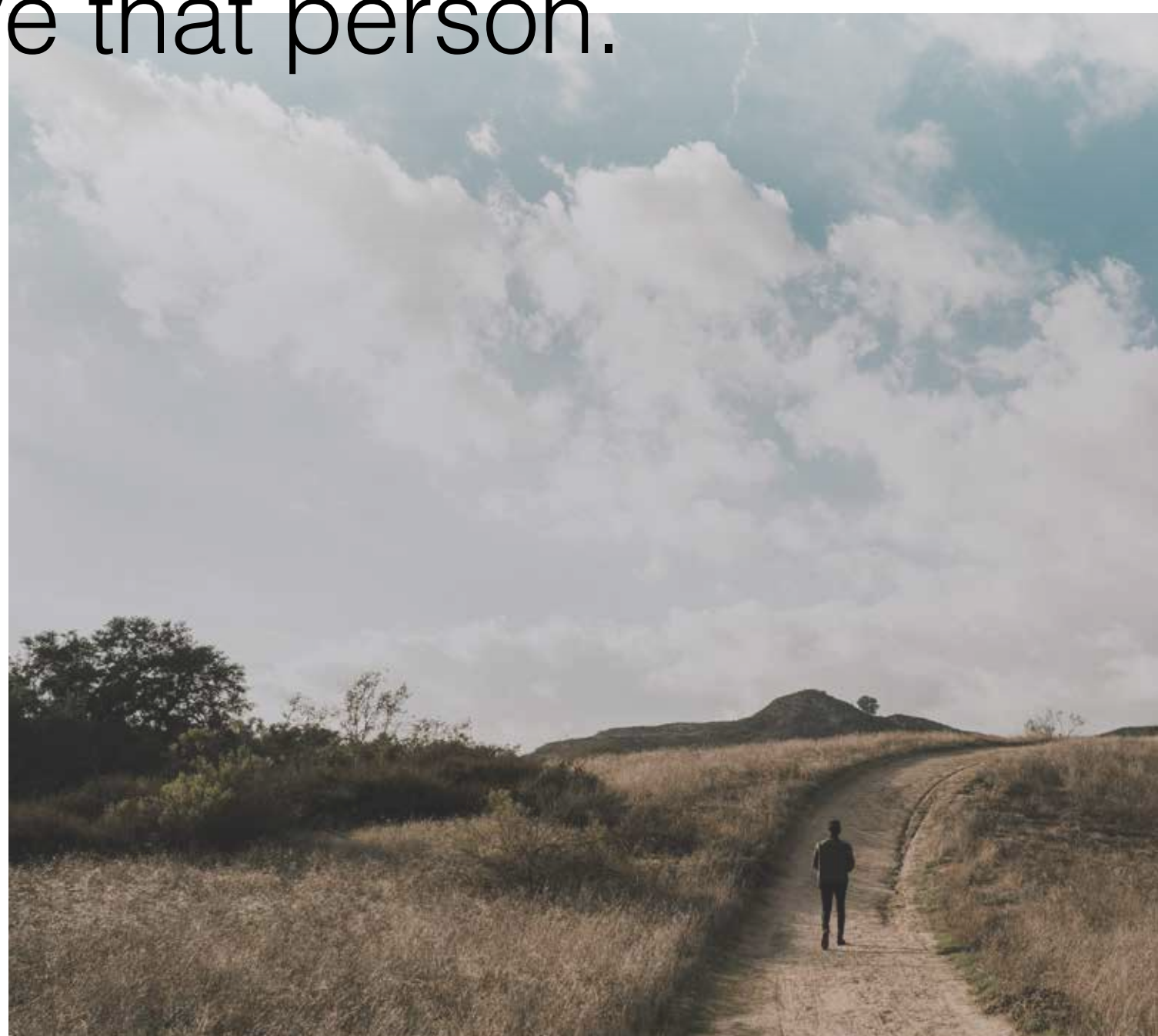
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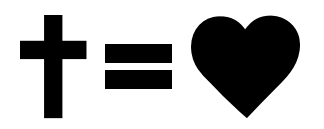
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Day 02



14 Serve & Rest

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Scripture:
Luke 10:25-42

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- Jesus calls us to both
- to serve and to rest in His
presence. Today, before you
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off your to do list, take time
to rest, sit at the feet of Jesus
and listen to Him. It might
help to put on a worship song
as you do so.

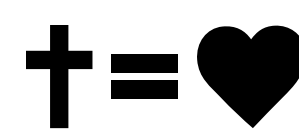
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Good Father

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Scripture:
Luke 11:1-13

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- God is a good Father. He has your very best in mind. With this thought as your focus, write down three things that are currently on your heart and pray for them specifically.

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16 Light & Darkness

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Scripture:
Luke 11:14-54

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- In verse 35 it says:
“35 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.” Support those who are on the journey of faith with you, send a special encouragement to someone.

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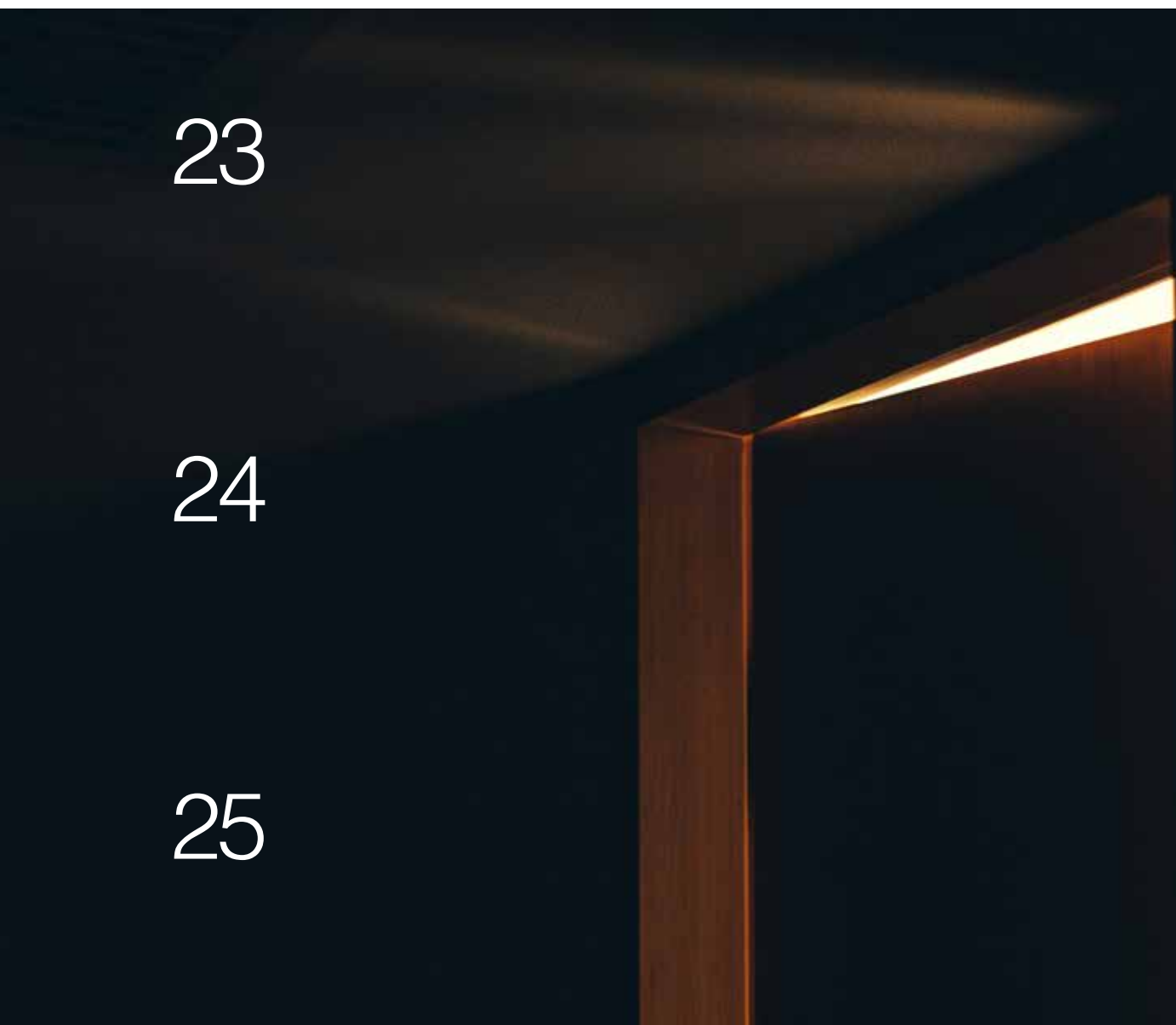
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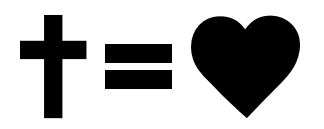
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Sorrows

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Scripture:
Luke 12:1-34

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- “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” it says in verse 34. Where is your heart at the moment? Are you worried or are you trusting your provider? Bring your fears and worries to God’s throne and leave them there. You can symbolically write them on a piece of paper and throw it away.

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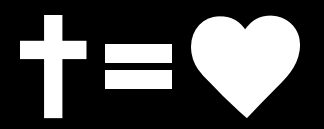
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Week 02



“In this Easter season, we are taking time to get close to Jesus and accompany Him on His way to the cross.

20 This week, be encouraged to remember with gratitude that we can already live in the reality of the resurrection. In Luke 23:45, a scripture we will return to in week four, we read in the crucifixion story

21 how the curtain to the Holy of Holies of the temple is torn. This wonder exemplifies that since that moment, God’s presence no longer dwells

22 in a particular place, but is accessible to everyone! We don’t have to go into a building to come into His presence. We are the temple

23 He has moved into - wow!

24 Keep reminding yourself how close God is to you and take time to enjoy His nearness this week. He is not far away. He is not hiding from you.

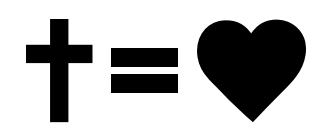
25 You can come to him in any moment. He has already come close to you.”

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Ready



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Scripture:
Luke 12:35-59

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- In this passage Jesus speaks of his return and calls us to be ready for it. He compares it to a servant being a good steward. Are you a good steward?

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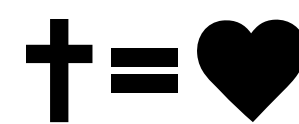
Write down what you have been given and how you want to handle it.

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Day 07



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God's Kingdom

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Scripture:
Luke 13

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- Jesus confronts religion and teaches about God's kingdom. In verse 19, he compares it to a mustard seed, a tiny seed that bears great fruit. Pray for the salvation of a person who doesn't know Jesus yet and believe that this "little seed" will sprout.

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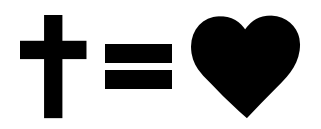
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Day 08



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The Invitation

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Scripture:
Luke 14

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- In the parable in verse 15-24, Jesus speaks about a banquet to which many are invited. Even though many refuse the invitation, more and more people are invited until the table is completely full.

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We can learn from this that the host's responsibility is not the response, but the invitation.

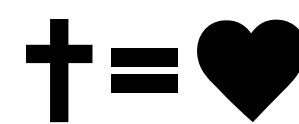
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Who are you inviting to Easter? The invitation is our responsibility.

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Lost & Found

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Scripture:
Luke 15

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- In this chapter we read about powerful parables of losing and finding. Write to a person who used to be in church but is no longer and ask how they are and if they would like to meet up.

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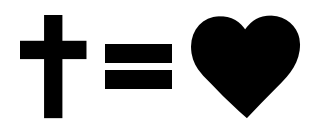
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24 Faithful

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Scripture:
Luke 16

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— “He who is faithful in a very little thing is also faithful in much” verse 10 says.

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Think about this question: in which small things do I want to be faithful so that God can entrust me with something greater?

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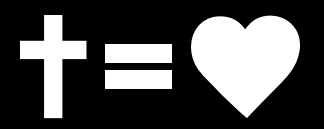
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Week 03

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We've already walked a good bit on the path to the cross, and we really hope you can take something away from this time.

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As we will read in today's Bible passage, gratitude is such an important key. Jesus loves it when we recognize what we have been given by God and give Him the glory for it.

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Take time this week to thank Him for what He did for you on the cross. For his obedience unto death, for the sufferings he endured and the blood he shed for you.

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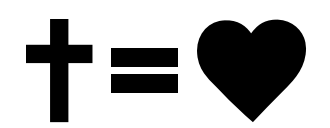
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Gratitude

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Scripture:
Luke 17

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- Only one of the ten lepers Jesus healed returns to thank Jesus. For what things do you want to come to Jesus today to thank Him? Write down at least three things.

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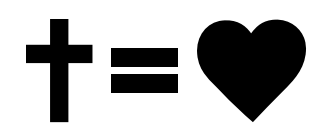
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Like a Child

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Scripture:
Luke 18

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- Children bring their needs and worries to their parents and trust them to take care of them. Today, like a child, come to Jesus with whatever is on your heart. Pray and trust that he will take care of you.

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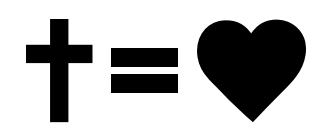
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29 Turnaround

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Scripture:
Luke 19:1-27

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— Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost (verse 10).

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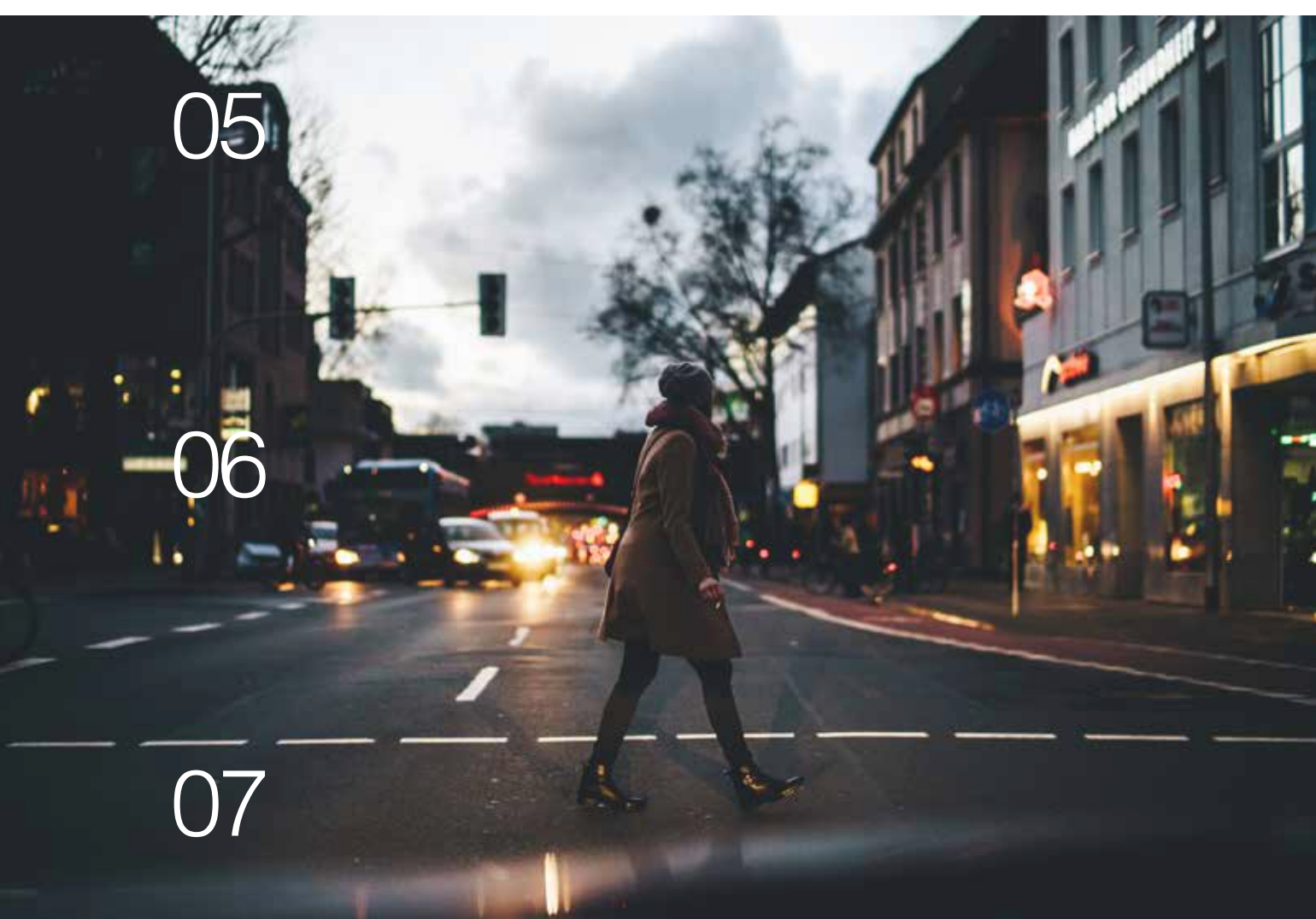
Invite someone for lunch or coffee who does not yet know Jesus.

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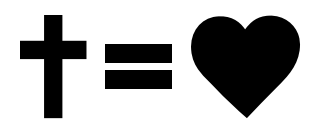
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Day 14



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The Traders in the Temple

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Scripture:
Luke 19:28-48

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- We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. We have the responsibility to keep our temple “clean” and make God the center. Write down one thing you want to clean up inside your temple.

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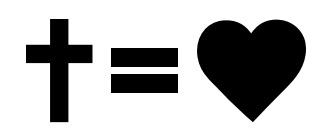
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Challenging Question

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Scripture:
Luke 20

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— The scribes try to provoke Jesus with questions.

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But the more questions he answers, the clearer it is that his wisdom and authority are far superior to those of the scribes (cf. verse 40).

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Ask God for His perspective on your life and what He wants to show you.

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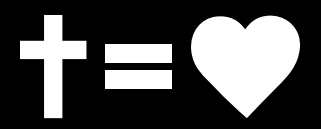
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We are about to take the final steps to the cross. Spend time in God's presence this week and ask Him to reveal to you afresh what the cross means to you. Walk alongside him to see what he saw, hear what he heard, and feel what he felt. The joy and the pain. The price he paid and the weight he carried.

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Jesus gave himself for you. This fact is the greatest treasure and foundation on which we stand. Go through this week with the joy of the resurrection.

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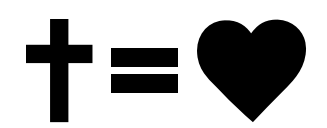
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Day 16



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Being a Testimony

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Scripture:
Luke 21

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- In verses 13-15, Jesus promises us that he will give us the right words and wisdom when we share our testimony. Is there a person you've been hesitant to invite to church? Take the step to invite them, trusting that He will give you wisdom and the right words.

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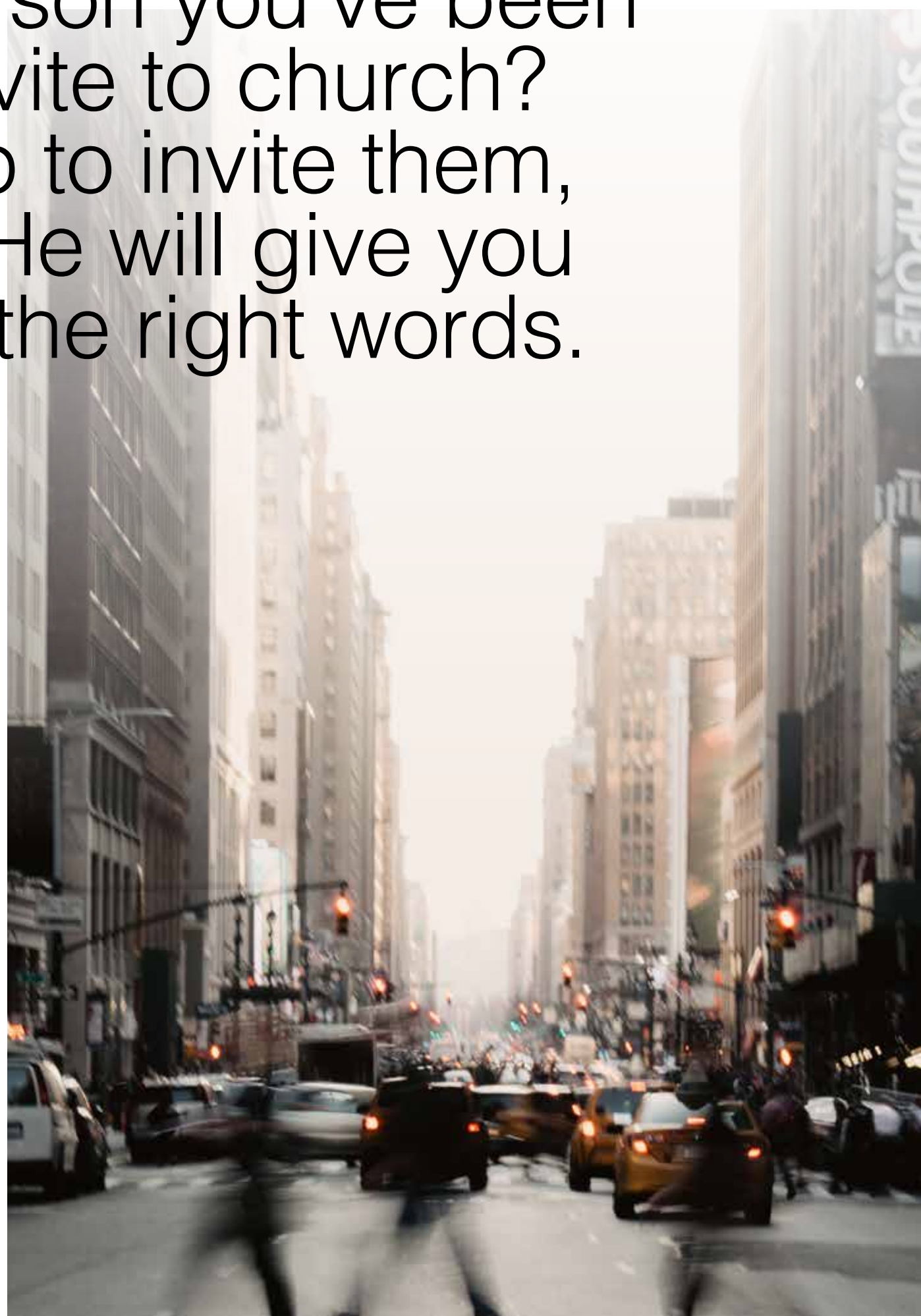
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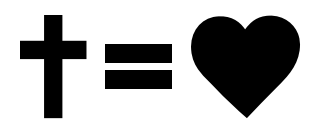
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Day 17



04 The Passover

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Scripture:
Luke 22:1-23

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- In communion we have fellowship with one another and fellowship with Jesus. Symbolically, we take in all that he has given for us and enter into his promises. Celebrate communion today either with your family or for yourself.

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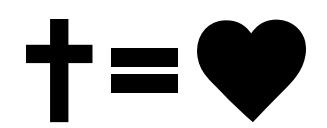
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Day 18



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Betrayal



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Scripture:
Luke 22:24-71

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- How often do we find ourselves like Peter, doing exactly what we didn't want to do? Take a few minutes today to pray for God's will to be done in your life and to ask Him what His will is.

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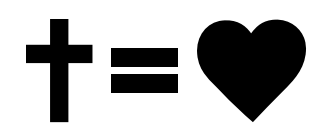
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Day 19



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Death Sentence

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Scripture:
Luke 23:1-32

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- Read this passage again and reflect about the fact that Jesus took all this upon Himself for you.

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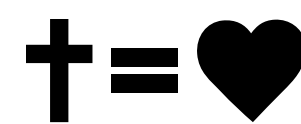
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Day 20



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Calvary

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Scripture:
Luke 23:32-56

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- We have arrived at the cross, write down everything you want to bring to the cross.

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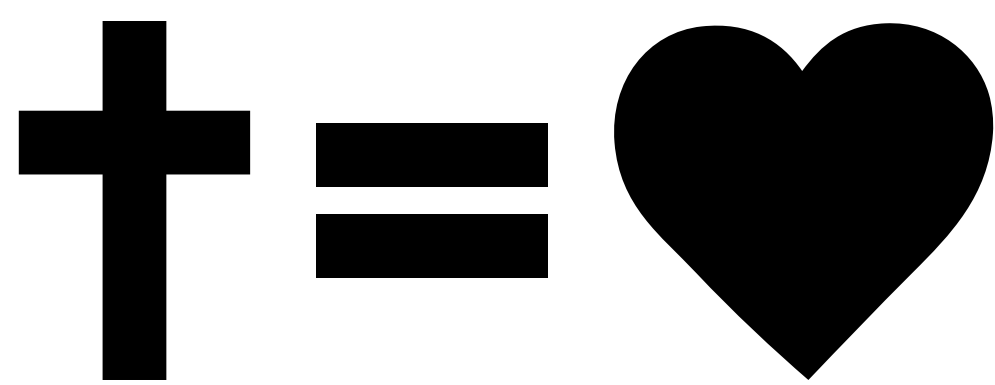
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