

*DAY 4*

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Hello Victory Family! It is an honor to be here with you today.

How does one express a burning, passionate love for an invisible God? We serve a God Who spoke everything into existence. Isn't it ironic that language can't describe Him? Yet, even this He knew, for nothing can contain something uncreated.

But, God in His infinite Wisdom, gave us this compendium of love letters, called the bible. God doesn't need us, which is made abundantly clear in virtually every page of the Book. But, God wants us. He made us from the dust and breathed life into us. He gave us dominion over the temporal things He made, and then He rested. We were to steward all this as His image bearers. We were fully hedged in by Him, covered by His Authority. When given the choice between Him or ourselves, as with most subsequent Biblical narratives, we chose self (see Genesis chapters 1-3). This Creator God, who made us so that He could walk with us in the hedged in place in the cool of the day, knew we would disappoint Him; yet, He made us anyway. God doesn't need us. He wants us.

Over millennia, He found men and women who cleaved to Him, flawed people whose hearts weren't hardened and whose necks weren't stiff. They were malleable clay in the Potter's hand. He chose a land and a people to steward the land. Out of that people, He gave us the greatest gift to mankind.

John chapter 1, verses 1-5, 9-10, and 12-14 in the NASB say:

Verses 1-5 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

Verse 9-10 "There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him."

Verse 12-13 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His Name, who were born not of blood or of flesh nor of will of man, but of God."

Verse 14 "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

God gave us this amazing gift of redemption through a beautiful Savior, Jesus. He planted a seed in a virgin and the seed became the First Fruits, the First Born of the dead. The Son of God, son of man, who sweated blood in the garden, and said to God, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet not my will, but (always) Yours be done."

Luke 22:42 (Amplified), "And then he gave his life for us, that we might have an eternity with Him and the Father!"

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This volume of letters, this book we call the Bible, is soaked in blood. The blood of the Lamb of God who died so that we could walk with our God again in the cool of the day. This is the Good News of the Kingdom!

Friend, don't sit down with this amazing volume and just check off a box. We are partaking of Christ, our Beloved, when we ingest this Work. From page one of Genesis to the last word of Revelation (which is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, who is the beginning and the end), we are mining treasure. This treasure that doesn't rust or get eaten by the moths. This is eternal treasure, and you are the carrier of this treasure to a dying world.

In the Message translation, Romans chapter 10 verses 14-17 say, "But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims, 'A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God!' But not everybody is ready for this, ready to see and hear and act. Isaiah asked what we all ask at one time or another: 'Does anyone care, God? Is anyone listening and believing a word of it?' The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to."

Remember, He doesn't need us, He wants us! How is a dead and dying world going to know that unless we burn brightly for Him?