

## **DAY 13**

***I declare today that the love of God has been shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit, therefore whoever I meet today will see God's love in me. (Romans 5:5)***

Theme:

Learning how God's love for us is demonstrated and how we should love others.

### **READ:**

Romans 5:5

1 John 4:7-21

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

### **REFLECTION:**

Love is the focus today! Not love that is a feeling or an emotion, but love that shows in action--how we treat people, what we say, laying down our lives for others. As you see in the scriptures today, starting with Romans, love is from God. This love was poured in our hearts when we received Christ. It's a love we received when we didn't deserve it. It's not a love that natural people receive in affection and romance. However, it's a love of preference for one another because of the love God showed you.

Take a look at 1 John 4:7-21. The theme in this scripture is God loving us and us loving others. Love God, Love People. You can't get away from how we treat people should be a reflection of how God treats us, how He loves us. And the more you spend time with Him, the more you understand that love.

I encourage you to challenge your family to grab ahold of this love today. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. This is a good description of how God wants us to show love. Take time today to talk about what it means to be every one of those descriptions. Remember, 1 John said that if we love God and we say we know Him, then we must love others.

Ask each other which of those descriptions of love do we need to work on the most. See if everyone is willing to identify at least one. It's important to be transparent in front of each other. When we recognize our faults in front of each other, God can begin to pour out His grace in those areas.

### **CHALLENGE:**

Take the passage 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and write it out on a notecard or in your bible. But, when you do that, put your name in front of it. For instance: Stacy is patient. Stacy is kind. Stacy is not jealous. Stacy does not brag, etc.... This is also good for you to pray and confess over your spouse. Declare that love will rule their hearts today and watch the word of God change their lives!