# Wisdom in Love: Discernment for Dating and Marriage



A 21-day journey to embrace God's wisdom in pursuing romantic relationships with purity, understanding, and discernment.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day Bible study on *Wisdom in Love*. Our relationships are one of the most impactful aspects of life, shaping hearts, futures, and our walk with God. When it comes to dating and marriage, the Bible doesn't leave us to guesswork but offers clear guidance and divine wisdom to navigate the complexities of romantic relationships with purity and discernment.

Throughout history, God's wisdom has been pivotal for making decisions that honor Him and nurture healthy, loving partnerships. This study will help you seek **God's perspective** on dating and marriage, understand how to apply His principles in real life, and cultivate a heart that desires purity, respect, and God-centered love.

Every day, you'll dive into scriptures that reveal what true wisdom looks like in the context of relational choices. You'll discover how to discern between fleeting attraction and lasting, Christ-centered love, how to communicate effectively, guard your heart, and foster trust and integrity in a relationship.

Whether you are dating, considering marriage, or simply preparing your heart for the future, this study will guide you to walk wisely and wholeheartedly in love. Remember, **wisdom starts with the fear of the Lord** (Proverbs 9:10) and leads to peace, joy, and fulfillment in your relationships. Let's pursue God's wisdom together, so your romantic journey becomes a testimony of His grace, purity, and deep love.

















Day 1: The Foundation of Wisdom

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 9:10 – "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."
- Psalm 111:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding."







Day 1: The Foundation of Wisdom

#### Devotional: Fear of the Lord: The Root of Wisdom

Wisdom begins with reverence for God. In our search for guidance in dating and marriage, recognizing the Lord as our ultimate source is essential. The "fear of the LORD" here is not about being afraid, but about holding deep respect, awe, and trust in God's character and commands.

When we seek wisdom from God, He promises to generously provide it. This begins not with human understanding or worldly advice but with a relationship that acknowledges God's sovereignty over all areas of life—including our romantic relationships.

Ask yourself: Am I seeking God's heart first before pursuing any relationship? Wisdom in love requires surrender, prayer, and a willingness to listen and obey. It prepares us to discern healthy relationships and avoid harmful ones. Today, invite God to fill your heart with His wisdom as your foundation.







Day 1: 🔲 The Foundation of Wisdom

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | What does 'fear of the Lord' mean in your personal relationship with Him?    |
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| 2. | How can reverence for God shape your approach to dating wisely?              |
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| 3. | In what ways can you invite God's wisdom into your romantic decisions daily? |
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Day 1: 🔲 The Foundation of Wisdom

## **Journaling Prompts**

|    | Write about a time when seeking God's wisdom changed a relationship decision. |
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| 2. | List qualities you believe reflect God's wisdom in relationships.             |
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| 3. | Journal your prayers asking God for discernment in love.                      |
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Day 1: The Foundation of Wisdom

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to fear You rightly and seek Your wisdom above all. Teach me to trust Your guidance in my relationships. Open my heart to understand Your desires for purity, respect, and love that honors You. May Your wisdom protect and direct me as I pursue dating and marriage according to Your perfect plan. Thank You for giving generously to those who ask. In Jesus' name, Amen. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

Philippians 1:9-10 - "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him..."







#### Devotional: Grow in Insight for Healthy Choices

Discernment is critical in dating and marriage. Paul's prayer for the Philippians highlights the importance of love growing in knowledge and insight to make wise choices. Discernment is the skill of distinguishing what honors God versus what may harm us emotionally or spiritually.

Developing discernment means training ourselves to recognize red flags, understanding our own hearts, and seeking God's truth above cultural norms or feelings. Dating with discernment helps us avoid impulsive decisions that lead to pain.

Remember, discernment is a growth process. It requires maturity and intentionality, nurtured by prayer, the Word, and spiritual counsel. Today, ask God to sharpen your insight and help you identify what will build up your relationship and what will break it down. Trust God's wisdom over feelings or external pressures.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | What areas in your romantic life need more discernment?                           |
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|    | How do you balance feelings with godly wisdom when making relationship decisions? |
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| 3. | Who can you seek counsel from to gain clearer discernment in dating?              |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

|    | Reflect on a past decision where discernment was lacking and what you learned. |
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| 2. | Write a prayer asking God to reveal what is best in your relationships.        |
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| 3. | List qualities or behaviors that indicate wisdom in dating partners.           |
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#### Prayer for Today

Father, grant me the gift of discernment as I navigate relationships. Help me to see beyond surface attraction and understand the heart of situations. Guide my steps so I may choose wisely and honor You in every decision. Mold my heart to pursue what reflects Your love and truth. Amen.  $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigcirc$ 

















#### Your Verse

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 - "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 13:4 "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure..."
- Ephesians 5:3 "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality..."







#### Devotional: Embrace God's Design for Purity

**Purity is the cornerstone of God-honoring relationships.** As believers called to follow Christ, honoring God with our bodies is a crucial expression of wisdom and self-respect. Sexual immorality can lead to brokenness and distance from God, but God's design for purity brings freedom and blessing.

Learning to control your body in a holy and honorable way means valuing yourself and the other person. It means being patient, setting boundaries, and placing God's standards above cultural messages pushing immediate gratification.

Purity is not a restriction but protection. It safeguards your heart, promotes healthy intimacy in marriage, and reflects respect for God's intention. Today, reflect on how honoring God's will in this area can build trust and deepen love in your relationship.







## Reflect and Apply

| How do you define purity in the context of dating relationships?                   |
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| What practical steps can you take to maintain purity and respect for your partner? |
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| How does honoring God with your body impact your emotional and piritual wellbeing? |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about challenges or victories you have experienced in maintaining purity. |
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| 2. | Create a list of personal boundaries that reflect holiness and honor.           |
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| 3. | Pray for strength and clarity to pursue purity in your relationships.           |
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#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me honor You with my body and choices.** Teach me to pursue purity and respect in my relationships, guarding my heart and my actions. Give me strength to set and uphold boundaries that glorify You. May my love be patient, holy, and pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

















Day 4: See Communicating with Wisdom

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 15:1 - "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:19 "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."
- Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up..."







Day 4: 🙅 Communicating with Wisdom

#### Devotional: Speak to Build Up and Encourage

**Wise communication is vital in dating and marriage.** How we speak can either build intimacy or cause division. Proverbs reminds us that gentle words can diffuse anger and foster peace, while harsh words create strife.

In relationships, being quick to listen and slow to speak promotes understanding and empathy. It also opens the door for God's peace to guide conversations.

Building up your partner with encouraging words strengthens trust, while unwholesome talk creates wounds. Wise communication means choosing words that reflect love, patience, and respect. Today, consider how your speech can nurture or harm your relationships and ask God to teach you to communicate with grace.







Day 4: 🙅 Communicating with Wisdom

## Reflect and Apply

|    | How do you typically communicate when disagreements arise in relationships? |
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| 2. | What changes can you make to communicate more gently and wisely?            |
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| 3. | How can listening more actively impact your relationships?                  |
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Day 4: 🙅 Communicating with Wisdom

## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Recall a time when gentle words changed a difficult situation.         |
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| 2. | Write about how active listening improves your connection with others. |
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| 3. | Pray for God to guide your words to bring healing and love.            |
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Day 4: 🙎 Communicating with Wisdom

#### Prayer for Today

Father, teach me to communicate with kindness and wisdom. Help me to be slow to anger and quick to listen. May my words bring life, encouragement, and peace to those I love. Guard my tongue and fill my heart with Your love so I can speak in ways that honor You. Amen.









## Day 5: **(** Guarding Your Heart









Day 5: **(**) Guarding Your Heart

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"
- Psalm 139:23-24 "Search me, God, and know my heart..."







Day 5: **(**) Guarding Your Heart

#### Devotional: Protect Your Heart as Your Life's Source

Our hearts are the wellspring of life, emotions, and decisions. God warns us to guard our hearts carefully because they influence every aspect of our lives, including who we choose as partners and how we love them.

The heart can deceive us with false feelings, desires, or justifications that lead away from God's best. That's why *ongoing examination and surrender* to God are vital.

Guarding your heart means protecting it from harmful influences and temptations, seeking God's truth, and allowing Him to cleanse and lead you. In relationships, this often means being cautious about how quickly and deeply we invest emotionally and spiritually.

Today, ask God to search your heart, reveal any hidden motives or fears, and give you the wisdom to protect and nurture it well.







Day 5: ① Guarding Your Heart

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | What areas of your heart need God's cleansing or protection?         |
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| 2. | How do you guard your heart in dating and relationships practically? |
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| 3. | In what ways can you cultivate a heart that aligns with God's will?  |
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Day 5: ① Guarding Your Heart

## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about what 'guarding your heart' means to you personally.        |
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| 2. | List ways you can safeguard your emotional wellbeing in relationships. |
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| 3. | Pray for God to reveal and heal any brokenness in your heart.          |
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Day 5: **(**) Guarding Your Heart

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, guard my heart above all else.** Protect me from deception and harm in relationships. Search my heart and purify my motives. Help me to trust You fully and rest in Your guidance as I navigate love and companionship. Amen.











# Day 6: 2 Patience in the Process









Day 6: 

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#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."







Day 6: 
☐ Patience in the Process

#### Devotional: Trust God's Perfect Timing in Love

**Patience is a profound quality in romantic relationships.** It requires trusting God's timing, even when feelings push for immediate gratification or answers.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that life unfolds in seasons. Sometimes our waiting seasons include singleness or searching, which can feel lonely or frustrating, but God's timing is always perfect.

Patience protects your heart from rushing into relationships that may not be God's best for you. It also develops character, endurance, and deeper trust in God's goodness.

Today, be encouraged to wait on God's timing with hope, knowing He is preparing you and your partner for a relationship grounded in His wisdom.







Day 6:  $\overline{\Sigma}$  Patience in the Process

## Reflect and Apply

| How do you handle frustration or impatience in your romantic journey? |
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| What might God be teaching you during a season of waiting?            |
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| How can you cultivate hope and strength during this time?             |
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Day 6:  $\overline{\Sigma}$  Patience in the Process

#### **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about a time when waiting on God's timing brought blessing. |
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| 2. | List ways you can use waiting periods productively for growth.    |
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| 3. | Pray for patience and faithfulness in your current season.        |
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Day 6: 

☐ Patience in the Process

#### Prayer for Today

**Father, teach me patience as I wait for Your timing.** Help me to trust Your plans and prepare my heart for the relationship You have for me. Give me strength and peace during seasons of waiting and growth. Thank You for Your perfect timing in all things. Amen. ∑ Д ❤ □

















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 25:28 - "Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 "Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit... honor God with your bodies."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is... self-control... against such things there is no law."







#### Devotional: Set Godly Boundaries with Self-Control

**Boundaries are essential for wisdom and self-control in dating.** Without clear boundaries, our hearts and minds are vulnerable to confusion, temptation, and hurt.

Proverbs compares a lack of self-control to an unprotected city—open to attack. Setting godly boundaries protects your heart and honors God, helping you avoid sin and safeguard your emotional well-being.

Boundaries reflect respect for yourself and your partner. They allow love to grow within God's design, rooted in purity and commitment. Remember, self-control is not restrictive but fruitful—a fruit of the Spirit to nurture healthy relationships.

Today, evaluate your boundaries and invite the Holy Spirit to empower you to uphold them wisely.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | How clear and effective are your personal boundaries in relationships?   |
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| 2. | What challenges do you face when establishing or maintaining boundaries? |
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| 3. | How can reliance on the Holy Spirit help you practice self-control?      |
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#### **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about boundaries that have protected you or could protect you better. |
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| 2. | List ways the fruit of the Spirit helps in relational self-control.         |
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| 3. | Pray for strength and wisdom to maintain healthy boundaries.                |
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#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, empower me to establish and keep boundaries that honor You.** Help me exercise self-control and respect in my relationships. May my life reflect the fruit of the Spirit as I pursue love the way You desire. Amen. () () ()

















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 11:14 – "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 15:22 "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one..."







#### Devotional: Victory Through Wise Counsel

Godly counsel provides clarity and protection in relationships. Even when we feel confident, wise advice helps us avoid pitfalls and gain perspective. Proverbs teaches that many advisers lead to victory.

In dating and marriage, talking openly with trusted mentors, pastors, or mature believers brings wisdom and encouragement. They can point out blind spots, confirm God's leading, and pray over your relationship.

Don't isolate yourself. Instead, cultivate a community where wise voices speak life and truth into your journey in love. Today, seek out godly counsel if you haven't, and be willing to listen humbly and implement wise advice.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | Who are trustworthy advisers in your life regarding relationships?  |
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| 2. | How do you respond to godly counsel—embracing or resisting it?      |
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| 3. | What steps can you take to invite wise input into your dating life? |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| Write about a time when counsel helped guide a decision. |
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| List qualities of wise counselors you can seek.          |
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| Pray for humility and openness to receive godly advice.  |
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#### Prayer for Today

Father, surround me with godly counselors who speak Your truth. Give me humility to receive their guidance and courage to apply it. Thank You for community and wisdom shared through others. Lead me by Your Spirit into relationships that glorify You. Amen.  $\heartsuit \square \bigwedge \lozenge$ 

















Day 9: O Purposing Your Relationship

#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:17 – "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
- Ecclesiastes 9:10 "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."







Day 9: O Purposing Your Relationship

#### Devotional: Relationship Aligned to God's Glory

Relationships with purpose honor God and reflect wisdom. Whatever you do as part of your dating or marriage journey—words spoken, decisions made—should be done as unto the Lord, not merely for personal satisfaction or approval from others.

When our romantic relationships are purposed for God's glory and aligned with His kingdom, they become a testimony and blessing beyond the two individuals.

*Define your purpose together.* Is your relationship cultivating Christlikeness, mutual growth, and service? Or are distractions dimming the sacredness of your bond? Today, ask God to reveal and align your relationship's purpose to His heart.







Day 9: **@** Purposing Your Relationship

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | What purpose do you believe God has for your relationship?          |
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| 2  | How can you ensure your words and deeds honor Jesus in romance?     |
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| 3. | Is your relationship growing toward spiritual maturity and service? |
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Day 9: **@** Purposing Your Relationship

## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Describe the purpose you desire for your dating relationship.  |
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| 2. | Write about ways to glorify God through your romantic choices. |
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| 3. | Pray for God to deepen your focus on His purposes in love.     |
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Day 9: O Purposing Your Relationship

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to live and love for Your glory.** May every aspect of my relationship honor You and bear fruit for Your kingdom. Align my heart with Your purposes and empower me to pursue love that reflects Christ's love. Amen.









# Day 10: 🌣 Building Trust









Day 10: 🎔 Building Trust

#### Your Verse

Proverbs 3:3-4 - "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 13:7 "Love always protects, always trusts..."
- Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."







Day 10: 🎔 Building Trust

# Devotional: Cultivate Trust Through Love and Faithfulness

**Trust is a cornerstone of any meaningful relationship.** Building trust takes time, faithfulness, and consistent love that honors commitments.

Proverbs encourages us to let love and faithfulness be ever-present qualities. When these are written on our hearts, relationships flourish with safety and respect.

Trust requires patience and humility. It's established through honesty, reliability, and grace. Recognize that past hurts or fears may make this difficult, but God can heal and rebuild trust in your heart and with your partner.

Today, focus on actions and attitudes that nurture trust in your relationships.







Day 10: 🌣 Building Trust

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | How is trust demonstrated in your current or past relationships?     |
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| 2. | What areas need healing or strengthening in trust with your partner? |
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| 3. | How can humility and patience help deepen trust over time?           |
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Day 10: 🌣 Building Trust

#### **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Recall moments when trust was built or broken and lessons learned. |
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| 2. | List ways you can show faithfulness and love consistently.         |
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| 3. | Pray for God's healing and growth in trust relationships.          |
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Day 10: 🎔 Building Trust

#### Prayer for Today

**Father, help me to build trust through love and faithfulness.** Soften my heart where trust is fragile and give me patience to grow it steadily. Teach me to be reliable and gentle in relationships, reflecting Your perfect faithfulness.

Amen. 🤝 🙏 💙 🔲

















Day 11: 🐯 Peace Amid Uncertainty

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 26:3 – "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything... the peace of God... will guard your hearts and minds."
- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you..."







Day 11: W Peace Amid Uncertainty

#### Devotional: Trust God's Peace Over Uncertainty

Uncertainty in relationships can breed anxiety and fear. The future, intentions, and feelings aren't always clear. Yet God offers His perfect peace to steady our hearts.

Isaiah promises peace to those who keep their minds focused and trust in Him. This peace surpasses circumstances and calms worries about dating or marriage.

Foster steadfastness by bringing your concerns to God in prayer. Allow His peace to guard your heart and mind rather than fear or impatience. Remember, His timing and plans are good, even if unclear now.

Today, surrender uncertainty to God and rest in His peace.







Day 11: 💙 Peace Amid Uncertainty

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | What uncertainties about your relationships cause you anxiety?           |
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| 2. | How can you cultivate steadfastness and trust in God during these times? |
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| 3. | In what ways have you experienced God's peace amid relational fears?     |
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Day 11: 💙 Peace Amid Uncertainty

## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about fears or doubts you can give to God today.      |
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| 2. | Describe moments of peace you've felt through trusting God. |
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| 3. | Pray for steadfastness and the peace that holds your heart. |
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Day 11: 💙 Peace Amid Uncertainty

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, I surrender my relational uncertainties to You.** Anchor my mind and heart in Your steadfast love. Replace anxiety with Your perfect peace that guards all I am. Teach me to trust Your good plans and rest confidently in You. Amen. 🥰 🙏 👀 🗀









# Day 12: TReceiving God's Grace









Day 12: TReceiving God's Grace

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 2:8 - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you..."
- Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."







#### Devotional: Love Rooted in God's Amazing Grace

**Grace is foundational to healthy relationships.** We all fall short, make mistakes, and struggle. God's grace covers our flaws and calls us to extend grace to others.

Understanding and embracing grace frees us from perfectionism and fear of rejection. It shapes our capacity to forgive, to be patient, and to love unconditionally.

Apply grace daily in your dating and marriage relationships. Recognize that God's love and forgiveness empower you to love beyond faults and challenges.

Today, rest in God's grace and reflect on how it impacts your relationships with yourself and others.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. F | How have you experienced God's grace in your life and relationships?          |
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|      | n what areas do you need to extend more grace to yourself or your<br>partner? |
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| 3. F | How does grace influence your expectations and reactions in dating?           |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about a time you received or gave grace in a relationship.  |
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| 2. | List ways grace can transform your approach to love and conflict. |
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| 3. | Pray for a heart that reflects God's grace in every relationship. |
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#### Prayer for Today

**Father, thank You for Your unending grace in my life.** Help me to extend that grace to myself and others. Teach me to love as You love—patiently, forgivingly, and freely. May Your grace shape every relationship I have. Amen.











# Day 13: **7** Growing in Humility









Day 13: 🍞 Growing in Humility

#### Your Verse

Philippians 2:3 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."
- Micah 6:8 "Walk humbly with your God."







Day 13: F Growing in Humility

#### Devotional: Value Others Above Yourself in Love

**Humility is essential for lasting, godly relationships.** It shifts focus from self-centered desires to valuing the other person and honoring God.

Paul exhorts believers to act without selfish ambition but with humility—considering others as more significant. This posture nurtures empathy, patience, and unity.

Humility requires vulnerability and the willingness to admit mistakes. It unlocks healthy conflict resolution and mutual respect in dating and marriage.

Today, invite God to cultivate humility in your heart so you can love well and grow together with your partner in grace and truth.







Day 13: 🎖 Growing in Humility

## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | Are there ways your pride has impacted your relationships?         |
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| 2. | How can embracing humility foster greater understanding and unity? |
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| 3. | What does walking humbly with God look like in your romantic life? |
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Day 13: 🎖 Growing in Humility

## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about a time humility helped improve a relationship. |
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| 2. | List attitudes that reflect humility you want to grow.     |
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| 3. | Pray for a humble heart that places others before self.    |
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Day 13: 🍞 Growing in Humility

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, cultivate humility in my heart.** Teach me to love by valuing others above myself and to walk humbly with You daily. Help me set aside pride and selfishness so I can build relationships that glorify You. Amen. ?















#### Your Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"







#### Devotional: Joy and Gratitude Transform Love

**Joy and gratitude enrich our relationships profoundly.** Cultivating a thankful heart changes how we see our partners, circumstances, and God's blessings.

Paul's instruction to rejoice always and give thanks even in challenging times encourages us to maintain a positive spirit. This attitude fosters peace, reduces negativity, and infuses relationships with hope.

Choose joy intentionally. Celebrate small moments, express thanks regularly, and pray continually to experience God's sustaining presence in your romantic journey.

Today, focus on God's abundant blessings and cultivate a heart of gratitude in love.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | How do joy and gratitude influence your relational outlook?      |
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| 2. | What daily habits can increase thankfulness in your dating life? |
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| 3. | How can rejoicing in the Lord sustain you through challenges?    |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | List five things about your current or future relationships to be thankful for. |
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| 2. | Write about a joyful moment that strengthened your faith or love.               |
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| 3. | Pray for a spirit of joy and gratitude amidst all circumstances.                |
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#### Prayer for Today

**Thank You, Lord, for Your unfailing joy and blessings.** Help me to rejoice always and give thanks, even during trials. Fill my heart with gratitude that overflows into my relationships and glorifies You. Amen. �� 🙏 😊 🛡

















Day 15: 🕰 Patience with Imperfections

#### Your Verse

Romans 12:12 - "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind..."
- Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive one another..."







Day 15: 🕰 Patience with Imperfections

#### Devotional: Love Bears Imperfections Patiently

Patience also means accepting imperfection in ourselves and others. Love is patient and kind, not rushed or harsh. It is a virtue that sustains relationships through flaws and failures.

Often, we expect too much too soon or fail to extend grace for growth. God calls us to patience—waiting expectantly and lovingly while allowing character to develop.

Today, reflect on your attitudes toward imperfection. Pray for a heart that bears with others gently and is quick to forgive, building a foundation for lasting love.







Day 15: 

Patience with Imperfections

#### Reflect and Apply

|    | Are you quick to grow frustrated or patient with flaws in yourself or others? |
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| 2. | How can forgiveness and patience transform your relationships?                |
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| 3. | What role does prayer play in developing patience and love?                   |
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Day 15: 

Patience with Imperfections

## **Journaling Prompts**

| Write about a time patience helped restore or strengthen a relationship. |
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| List ways you can practice more kindness and forgiveness daily.          |
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| Pray for God's grace to cultivate love's patient heart in you.           |
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Day 15: 🕰 Patience with Imperfections

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, teach me to be patient and kind in love.** Help me bear with imperfections, forgive freely, and grow stronger through challenges. Let Your love flow through me to others, building relationships that glorify You. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

Genesis 2:24 – "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife..."
- Mark 10:9 "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."







#### Devotional: Pursue Unity God's Way

**God's design for marriage is unity and oneness.** This biblical picture shows two becoming one—not only physically but emotionally and spiritually.

Oneness requires commitment, sacrifice, and shared purpose. It grows from love rooted in God, reflected in mutual respect and submission that honors both partners.

Seek to understand this unity early in dating. Is your relationship building towards the sacred covenant God intends, where both hearts and lives weave together?

Today, pray for unity and alignment with God's purposes in your romantic journey.







## Reflect and Apply

|    | How does the concept of 'one flesh' affect your view of dating and marriage? |
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| 2. | What steps can you take to cultivate emotional and spiritual unity?          |
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| 3. | Are your current relationships moving toward the oneness God desires?        |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | . Write about the qualities that foster unity in a relationship.  |
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| 2. | Describe ways you and your partner can grow together spiritually. |
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| 3. | . Pray for a relationship grounded in true oneness and love.      |
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#### Prayer for Today

**Father, build unity in my relationships.** Help me pursue oneness that reflects Your perfect design. Draw my partner and me closer to You and to each other in love, respect, and commitment. Amen. ② 🙏 💙 🗀

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers..."
- Psalm 37:4 "Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart."







#### Devotional: Pursue God First as a Couple

**Spiritual intimacy forms the foundation of dating and marriage.** Prioritizing your relationship with God ensures that your romantic relationship aligns with His will.

Seeking God first means growing in righteousness individually and as a couple. Being equally yoked spiritually brings harmony, shared values, and strength to face life's challenges.

*Evaluate your spiritual connection today.* Is God central to your relationship's heart? Are you growing together in faith and prayer? Such foundations produce lasting love rooted deeply in Christ.







## Reflect and Apply

| 1. | Is God the center of your dating or marital relationship?        |
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| 2. | How do you and your partner cultivate spiritual growth together? |
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| 3. | What does 'equally yoked' mean to you personally?                |
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## **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about ways you seek God as an individual and couple. |
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| 2. | List spiritual habits that strengthen relationships.       |
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| 3. | Pray for deeper spiritual intimacy in your romantic life.  |
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#### Prayer for Today







# Day 18: Balancing Freedom and Commitment









Day 18: 🐠 Balancing Freedom and Commitment

#### Your Verse

Galatians 5:13 – "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
- Ecclesiastes 4:12 "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."







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#### Devotional: Serve Humbly While Enjoying Freedom

Healthy relationships balance personal freedom with committed love. God calls us to freedom in Christ, but warns against selfish indulgence that damages others.

Serving one another humbly in love requires commitment and responsibility. It respects individuality while cultivating unity and sacrifice.

Consider how you balance freedom and commitment. Are your relationships grounded in mutual honor and selflessness? Such balance creates a strong partnership woven with God's presence—the third strand in the cord that is unbreakable.

Today, reflect on ways to serve your partner and honor God through commitment.







Day 18: 💯 Balancing Freedom and Commitment

# Reflect and Apply

| 1. | How do you experience the tension between freedom and commitment? |
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| 2. | What are ways you can humbly serve your partner in love?          |
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| 3. | How does recognizing God's presence strengthen your relationship? |
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Day 18: 🕦 Balancing Freedom and Commitment

# **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about areas where you seek more freedom or commitment. |
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| 2. | List ways to honor and serve your partner daily.             |
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| 3. | Pray for a heart that balances freedom with godly devotion.  |
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Day 18: Palancing Freedom and Commitment

### Prayer for Today

Father, help me balance the freedom You give with humble commitment.

Teach me to serve my partner in love and honor You in our relationship. May our bond be strengthened by Your presence and grace. Amen. 🐠 🙏 💙 🔲

















Day 19: 🗱 Reflecting Christ's Love

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 5:2 - "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."
- John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."







Day 19: 🗱 Reflecting Christ's Love

### Devotional: Love Sacrificially as Christ Did

**Christ's love is the ultimate model for all relationships.** It is sacrificial, unconditional, and patient. Walking in His love means prioritizing others' good above our own desires.

In dating and marriage, reflecting Christ means serving selflessly, forgiving freely, and loving relentlessly. This kind of love transforms relationships and points others to God.

Ask yourself: Is my love a reflection of Jesus's love? Are my actions and words a testimony of His grace?

Today, commit to imitate Christ's love in every interaction with your partner and others.







Day 19: ╬ Reflecting Christ's Love

# Reflect and Apply

| How does Christ's love challenge your current relationship behavior? |
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| In what ways can you imitate His selflessness and patience?          |
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| How is your love a witness of God's transforming power?              |
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Day 19: ╬ Reflecting Christ's Love

# **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about a time you experienced or showed Christ-like love. |
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| 2. | List practical ways to love more like Jesus daily.             |
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| 3. | Pray to be filled with Christ's love to share generously.      |
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Day 19: 🗱 Reflecting Christ's Love

### Prayer for Today

















#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him..."
- Psalm 33:11 "But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever..."







#### Devotional: Trust God's Hopeful Plans

God's plans for your life and relationships are full of hope. Even in uncertainty, God promises a prosperous future shaped by His love and goodness.

Trusting His plans brings joy and peace that sustains us. No matter your current stage—single, dating, or preparing for marriage—God's hope is constant.

Hold on to His promises. Meditate on His faithfulness and commit your romantic journey to His hands, confident that He is shaping a beautiful future.

Today, embrace hope and live joyfully in God's guidance.







# Reflect and Apply

| What hopes do you hold for your romantic future?      |
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| How does trusting God's plans bring you peace now?    |
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| How can you foster joy while waiting on God's timing? |
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# **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write about your hopes and dreams in your love life.          |
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| 2. | List ways to cultivate joy and peace in your waiting seasons. |
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| 3. | Pray for trusting God's perfect plan for your relationships.  |
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### Prayer for Today

God of hope, fill me with joy and peace as I trust You. Help me to rest in Your plans that are good and steadfast. Guide my romantic future according to Your perfect will. May I walk confidently in Your love and timing. Amen. (A) (C)







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Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating God's Wisdom in Love

#### Your Verse

James 3:17 - "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 2:6 "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."
- Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."







Day 21: Celebrating God's Wisdom in Love

#### Devotional: Embrace God's Wisdom Forever

As you conclude this 21-day journey, celebrate the wisdom God has imparted. True wisdom is pure, peace-loving, and full of mercy—it transforms how you love and relate.

God is the ultimate source of knowledge and understanding, and daily walking in His wisdom leads to relationships marked by grace, respect, and joy.

Reflect on your growth and renewal. Commit to continue seeking God's wisdom as the foundation of all your relationships, pursuing love that honors Him and blesses others.

May your dating and marriage journey be guided by heavenly wisdom that brings glory to God and abundant blessing to your life.







Day 21: 🏂 Celebrating God's Wisdom in Love

# Reflect and Apply

| 1. | How has your understanding of wisdom in relationships evolved? |
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| 2. | What steps will you take to keep seeking God's wisdom daily?   |
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| 3. | How can you share God's wisdom with others in your life?       |
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Day 21: 🕭 Celebrating God's Wisdom in Love

# **Journaling Prompts**

| 1. | Write a summary of key lessons learned in this study.      |
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| 2. | List commitments you want to uphold in your relationships. |
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| 3. | Pray for continuous growth in wisdom and love.             |
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Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating God's Wisdom in Love

### **Prayer for Today**

**Lord, thank You for the gift of Your heavenly wisdom.** Help me to live out the qualities of pure, peace-loving, and merciful love. May I continue to seek You daily and reflect Your wisdom in all my relationships. Bless my journey in love and keep me anchored in Your truth forever. Amen.







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