

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK



 Madagascar | Phil & Vala Long

PRAY

- Pray for a brand new church that is starting.
- Pray for the relationships with local leaders within the government.

PRAISE

- Cyclone Freddy did hit Madagascar but it had very little wind and rain.
- That the new church has found building in an old sewing factory.
- Our Son, Gabriel is spending 4 months with Shane and Katie Salmon in Thailand, ministering and assisting them with their mission work.



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Best Love Ever

Do you realize how great God's love is for you?

Jesus, an innocent man, was willingly accused, spat on, and mocked while we were still sinners

Jesus was willingly flogged and beaten to the point of being unrecognizable while we were still sinners

Jesus willingly carried His own cross up a hill to His crucifixion while we were still sinners

Jesus willingly wore a crown of thorns while we were still sinners

Jesus willingly took the nails while we were still sinners

Jesus willingly endured the worst death possible—crucifixion—while we were still sinners

Jesus willingly bore our wounds, our sin, so we could be healed while we were still sinners

Jesus was "pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities" while we were still sinners

I could go on and on with all He willingly did for us; how He demonstrated His love for us in the greatest, possible way—while we were still sinners—but there isn't room!

It is an unconditional love that rescues and restores us when we are helpless and broken. An unconditional love that is not dependent on anything we have done, but solely on what God has done for us. It's an eternal love that brings us out of our darkness and into the light, from death into life. It's the love story of the Gospel.

The fact that we were sinners did not lessen God's love towards us whatsoever. In fact, His love has never depended on what we do, so you can always be secure in God's love for you. If you ever have moments of doubt, just look again at the cross. What Jesus did to save us is the most loving action that has ever taken place. What took place on the cross was a once in history event and the magnitude of it should blow us away every time we think about it.

How can we not love and surrender our lives to a Savior like that...to a Savior who so willingly bore all our sin, who heals all our wounds through His, and who bled and died for us—while we were still sinners. And how can we not give a measure of grace and love to our enemies, people who are sinners like me. Oh, what a Savior, oh what a demonstration of love that none of us deserve!

Source: “God Demonstrates His Love for You!” by Shelly Esser

KEY VERSE

I John 4:9 (NKJV)

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I John 4:7-21; Ephesians 3:14-19

Introduction

1. What do you think of when you hear the word love?
2. List ways that love is described in today's readings.

Tuesday: I John 4:7-8; John 3:3-7; Psalm 86:5

Receive God's Love

3. What does it mean to be born of God? How does someone become born again?
4. How does being born again impact your ability to receive God's love?

Wednesday: I John 4:9-10; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 5:6-8

Understand God's Love

5. How has God demonstrated his love for us?
6. For what purpose did Jesus come to earth?

Thursday: I John 4:13-14, 17; Romans 8:14-16; John 14:20-26

Experience God's Love

7. List ways in which you have experienced God's love in your life.
8. How does today's readings describe the relationship between God and a person who believes in Him?
9. How has experiencing God's love made you more confident in your faith?

Friday: I John 4:20-21; Philippians 2:2; James 2:8; Luke 6:27

Share God's Love

10. How can you share God's love in your home?
11. How can you share God's love in your church?
12. What do you sense that God is teaching you through our Best Relationships ever series?