

31 Day Father Devotional

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Dedication

This journal is dedicated to all the amazing dads who put the needs of their families first and work hard each day to make a difference in the lives of their children.

“Dad

He dreams, he plans,

He struggles,

That we might have

The best.

His sacrifice is quiet

His life is love expressed.

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Welcome to this 31 day Dad's Daily Devotional Journal. Each day you are guided through a "personal value" supported by a Biblical reference. There are several questions for you to think about and respond with your own personal thoughts. Each day ends with a thoughtful prayer as you build upon your relationship with God.

Proverbs 13:1 says, "A wise son heeds his father's instructions,..."

This journal will give you an opportunity to search your own heart and soul to see if the instructions you are providing to your son(s) and or daughter(s) are in accordance with the will of God. May God guide you and give you wisdom as you strive to be the best dad you can be for your family.

The role of the dad is one of the most powerful influences on a child's life. As a dad, you have the amazing opportunity to "teach, encourage, instruct, mentor, praise, influence, guide and inspire" the next generation.

May these words in this journal encourage you and give you hope as you become the dad God intended you to be.

Peace be with you!



What Makes a Dad

"One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

How powerful those words are from the son to the dad and from the dad to the Son of Man! We desire to be the kind of person that our Heavenly Father wants us to be and yet we know in our human nature, we sometimes fall short. Not to worry, each day is a new opportunity, start today to become the man, the dad, God has intended for you.

Our scripture lesson today comes from **Psalms 86**. Read Psalm 86 and focus on these verses;

"Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long." (Psalm 86:3)

*"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord, my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever."
(Psalm 86:11-12)*

What Makes a Dad

The following is a poem that so eloquently describes the qualities that God uses when preparing a man to become a dad.

What Makes a Dad

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so,*

He called it ... Dad

~~Author Unknown.~~

Getting Started Reflection Questions:

Who do you think your child wants you to be? Think about what your child wants to see in you as a dad, and think about how you can best meet the needs of your child. Write down your thoughts.....

Write about a time when you knew exactly what to do as a dad, how did you feel?

Now think about a time when you had no clue what to do next? How did you feel?

Through the power of prayer you will become the man, and the dad that God has intended you to be. God will answer your prayers because you are trusting in him to do so.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, teach me your ways and guide me in your truths. Help me to be the best dad I can be, guiding my family with patience, speaking with wisdom and abiding in love. Amen

Day 1: Perseverance

*And as for you brothers, never tire of doing what is right.
(2 Thessalonians 3:13)*

This verse is a warning towards idleness. This isn't talking about taking a break from working and resting, this is a command to work for your wages. As you are able work, and share the gospel with those around you. By working and putting in a full day's efforts, you are modeling behavior for your children to follow.

Reflection Questions:

Share about a time when you worked hard, and felt good about the end results of your efforts.....

Share about a time when you worked hard, and your efforts were unnoticed. How did you feel....

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, help me to remember the words from Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not for men...." At the end of the day I come to you with a grateful heart for all you have provided for me and my family. Amen

Day 2: Patience

Do everything without complaining or arguing. (Philippians 2:14)

Reflection Questions:

What do you argue about the most with your children? How can you help your children stop complaining?

How can you create an “attitude of gratitude” with your children?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to teach my children to be thankful instead of ungrateful. We may not always have the same things that others have, but we have enough. Help me to show my children that you, Oh God of grace and mercy, will provide for my family. Amen*

Day 3: Humility

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. . (Philippians 2:3)

Basically, this verse refers to keeping selfishness and pride out of your life, don't allow these qualities to burden you. Be bold and kind, not arrogant and hurtful to others.

Reflection Questions:

Think of a time when you thought you were better than someone else. How did that make you feel, in the short term and in the long term.....

Think of a time when you thought someone was so “full of themselves,” have you ever been that way yourself..... (be honest and take a look at yourself, how can you overcome that feeling)

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you asking for forgiveness, help me to see my faults. Show me where I have put my selfish desires ahead of the needs of my family. Help me to teach my children to be better. Give me strength to seek to be a better man and dad. Amen*

Day 4: Fairness

*“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height,The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
(1 Samuel 16:7)*

Reflection Questions:

*How would you describe yourself, the way you see yourself in a mirror?
(your physical features)*

*Now, how would you describe yourself, what type of person are you?
(non-physical features, think of character traits...)*

Compare your list of physical and character features. Are the features true to the person you are or are they what you want to be?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to see myself as your creation, holy and wonderfully made in your image. Guide my head and my heart in the right direction, serving you in all that I say and do. Amen*

Day 5: Peacefulness

*The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”
(Exodus 33:14)*

This verse could also read, “I will be with you and give you peace.”

Reflection Questions:

What gives you peace?

Do you have a favorite place to rest?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, my body is weary and tired. I need your rest.
Please give me a quiet space today to rest and be renewed with your holy
spirit. Amen*

Day 6: Concern

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.”
(Matthew 22:39)*

This verse in Matthew is actually part of Jesus’ response to the Pharisees who asked, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandments in the Law?” Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Reflection Questions:

Would it be difficult to love God if you didn’t love yourself? Explain.....

We are called to love others, but first we must learn to love ourselves. Once we love ourselves, we can love each other and ultimately show the greatest love to God.

***Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, help me to love myself. Show me ways to love others. Teach me that my neighbor can be anyone, not just living next door to me. As I learn to love myself, I am better able to show love to my family. Your love is pure, and I am blessed because you loved me first.
Thank you! Amen*

Day 7: Joyfulness

*“This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.”
(Psalms 118:24)*

Everyday this should be the first words to your children, rejoice in this day!

Reflection Questions:

Write about a time when you had a really bad day. What happened and how did you react?

Now think about what makes you happy? What can you do to help make every day a happy day?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for this day. Help me to rejoice in its blessings. You have given me this day to live, please guide me and show me what I can do to make a difference in the lives of my children today. Help me to be a blessing to others. Amen*

Day 8: Contentment

*“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
(Hebrews 13:5)*

Reflection Questions:

What worries you the most about money? How much time of the day do you spend thinking about money?

If you had all the money in the world, what would you do?

Think about a time when God provided for you and your family in an unexpected way. Write about it and then share it with your family. Help them to see how God is at work providing for you and your family.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive me for worshipping money rather than you. Show me how to be content with what I have. Help me to care for my family with contentment. I know you will never leave me nor forsake me. I trust in you, knowing that you will provide for me and my family.
Amen*

Day 9: Patience

*“And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:14)*

Reflection Questions:

Patience is a hard-learned skill that requires a great deal of self-discipline. Think of a time when you lost your patience. What happened and how did you respond?

When you feel overwhelmed and lose your patience, what scares you the most about how you react? We are called to be patient with everyone, do you believe that God can help you have a spirit of patience?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, you have commanded us to show patience to everyone, please help me to be patient. Show me how to be kind and to encourage those in need. Help me to avoid evil and to hold on to what is good, right and true. God grant me peace! Amen*

Day 10: Joyfulness

*Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice!”
(Philippians 4:4)*

Reflection Questions:

Find something to be happy about today. What gives you joy? What makes you want to sing, “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!”?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, I rejoice today knowing that you are always with me. I am never alone. I see your goodness all around me, in your creation, and in my family. Help me to remember to put you first in my life knowing that you bring me joy and everlasting happiness. Amen*

Day 11: Gentleness

*...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
(Matthew 5:44)*

Reflection Questions:

This is a commandment, we are to love our enemies and pray for those who treat us unfairly. Who is your enemy?

How can you show love to them? Are you ready to forgive and move on?

When you let go of your anger towards someone who has done you wrong, do you think you are being weak? Is retaliation an option? As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to forgive and not hold a grudge. Can you let go and let God show you how to pray for others?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive me for not always forgiving those who treat me unfairly. Help me to show kindness to everyone, especially to my family. Give me grace and mercy to deal with those that are difficult to handle. I pray for my enemies and ask that you will touch their hearts and turn them towards you. Help me to be a light for you in this world.*
Amen

Day 12: Obedience

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

(James 1: 22-24)

Reflection Questions:

How often do you really take a look at yourself in the mirror? Who do you see?

Do you remember Michael Jackson’s song, “Man in the mirror”? One of the lyrics says, “I’m starting with the man in the mirror, I’m asking him to change his ways...if you want to make the world a better place then look at yourself and make a change.” What’s one thing that you might want to change about yourself?

James 1:22 calls believers to not only read the word, hear the word but to act on the word. You must do what the word says, keep looking at yourself each day and make sure that your words, actions and deeds reflect the Bible. List some things that you are doing that reflect what the Bible teaches such as choosing carefully the words you say, holding your tongue when you would rather lash out, showing kindness, compassion, hospitality, self-control, talking to others about how Jesus is working in your life.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to remember that my actions reflect my relationship with you and I want those around me to see your light shining bright in my life. Guide me each day to be the best I can be to serve you and to follow your will for my life. Amen*

Day 13: Confidence

*“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”
(Philippians 4:13)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever felt as though you didn't have the strength to go on another day?

This is a good memory verse, try to repeat it to yourself when you feel tired, weary and unable to go on. Always know that God will give you strength, you just have to ask for it.

You may be physically strong, but how would you rate your emotional or inner strength? Do you see being emotional as a sign of weakness? If so explain and think about how God has given you emotions and it's ok to share those with your family.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, I want to praise you and thank you for giving me strength when I feel weak. Help me to remember to call upon you in those times of doubt. Let me show my emotions to my family in a healthy way, knowing that you are the source of my strength. Amen*

Day 14: Respectfulness

“Listen, my sons, to a father’s instructions; pay attention and gain understanding.” (Proverbs 4:1)

Proverbs 4 is a book on **Wisdom**. Please take out your Bible and read through Proverbs 4. As a father, your job is to guide, instruct and provide wisdom to your children. There are many ways that a father can help lead their children in behaviors that will prove to be successful. This book is filled with many examples of living a righteous life.

Reflection Questions:

What are some examples of “words of wisdom” that you have received either from a relative or a friend?

Proverbs 4:7 commands us to “get wisdom”, how do you get wisdom?

The path to righteousness is not always easy. We stumble, we fall, but ultimately we keep moving forward and ask God to lead the way. Talk honestly to your children about how you have stumbled and what you did to recover.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to teach my children to be wise in their daily lives, to guard their hearts to be pure and to keep away from evil. Guide their words so that they will speak only words of encouragement and kindness, bind their tongues so that no evil will come out of their mouths. Keep their eyes fixed forward so that they will not swerve to the left or to the right and fall astray to wickedness. Help me to be a loving example of your wisdom and mercy. Amen*

Day 15: Gentleness

*“Love is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”
(1 Corinthians 13:5)*

1 Corinthians 13 is known as the book of **love**. It's message is all about the characteristics of love, such as love is patient, love is kind, love always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres. In the end love never fails.

Reflection Questions:

How would you describe someone who is rude?

What does it mean that love is “not rude or self-seeking?”

If love doesn't get angered easily, are you a loving man?

Do you hold on to the wrongs of the past or are you able to forgive and move on?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to love my children with an everlasting love that is not rude, does not insist on its own ways, and is a love of compassion and kindness. Help me to guard my anger and temper and keep myself under control. Bless me with an overwhelming love for my children so that everyday they will know that they are loved unconditionally.*
Amen

Day 16: Love

*“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”
(Luke 6:31)*

This verse is known as the “Golden Rule.” It seems such a simple concept but has gotten lost in our society today. What have you done today that shows you remember the “golden rule?”

Reflection Questions:

Has there been a time that you wished someone else would have remembered the Golden Rule? Share this with you children and describe how you felt. What do you wish would have happened instead?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, please help me to remember to love others even when it is difficult to do so. We are taught to love our enemies and lend them a helping hand without expecting anything in return. Please help me to show mercy and kindness to everyone. Amen*

Day 17: Commitment

*“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”
(Psalms 25:4-5)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you recently taught your child anything new? (maybe how to walk, say “da da”, kick a ball, ride a bike, drive a car, change a tire, sort the laundry, cook a new recipe, etc.)

List any struggles you had while teaching your child a new skill.

God is good, he teaches his children to be free from sin, He guides the humble with what is right and teaches them in His ways. “All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful...” (Psalm 24:10) How has God been teaching you? (for instance, He may be teaching you about being patient, there may be obstacles in your way that you wish were removed, and yet as you look back you see that God used those to teach you a lesson.) Share your thoughts and examine the ways God is reaching out to teach you.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, you are the good and great teacher. Help me to be a better student, listening, observing and learning from your ways. “May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.” (Psalm 25:21) Amen*

Day 18: Honesty

*“Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.”
(Psalms 34:12-14)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever told a lie? Share about a time you told a lie and the consequences.....

Share with your children that one lie stirs up another and then another and before you know it that one little lie has turned into a huge snowball about to cause an avalanche!

Is one “little” lie really a big deal? Why is it important to keep your tongue from speaking lies?

How can you seek peace and pursue it?

Can you trust someone who has lied to you in the past? Can they be trusted again, why or why not?

What can they do to regain your trust?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, I want to turn from evil and do good, my hope is that my life will be a reflection of your love and mercy. Help me to speak the truth always and to never disgrace your words. Guide me to live peaceably with all your creation. Amen*

Day 19: Self-Discipline

*“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”
(Romans 8:5)*

Basically we are sinful by nature, however when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, that sinful nature is now weakened by the cross. Our lives are now set on what the Spirit desires for us and that is to have a relationship with God and to do what pleases Him. Our old sinful nature is cast aside.

Reflection Questions:

What is something that causes you to stumble back into your sinful nature? (ie something that takes your time away from your relationship with God)

You know that the Spirit wants to give you life and that nothing will ever separate you from the love of God. How does that make you feel, knowing that God is for you? He wants all of you to pursue Him and get to know Him, He desires to be in a relationship with you everyday, not just when trouble arises. Praise Him and give Him your thanks!

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, you desire all of me, my heart and soul. Help me to follow your Spirit. Thank you for sending Jesus Christ to set me free from my sinful nature. My mind lives according to the Spirit and that gives me peace. May the Spirit of God guide me daily to make good choices for me and my family. Amen*

Day 20: Self-Discipline (again!)

*“... set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”
(Colossians 3: 1-2)*

Reflection Questions:

We tend to waste a lot of time thinking about things we wished we had or things that have no everlasting impact. What do you think about that takes away from your thinking about what God would want you to do?

While you were thinking about what you wished you had, what could you be doing instead with what you already have?

Have you ever heard the phrase, “store up treasures in Heaven not here on earth?” What earthly treasures are you storing up and why?

What are some heavenly treasures you can store up? (is, showing kindness, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, compassion, etc) Give some examples of what you have done recently....

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to remember to set my sights on Heaven, for earthly desires will pass but you are everlasting. My desire is to please you rather than to please others. Show me ways to please you with my life, most importantly show me ways to love others. Help me to be peaceable, gentle and open to reason. Amen*

Day 21: Perseverance

“.....let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

Reflection Questions:

Why do you think the word perseverance is used to describe what it takes to live a Godly life?

Living a Godly life means enduring hardships, being a witness, living in peace with one another, serving others, avoiding immorality, just to name a few. Which ones of these listed above do you find most difficult and why?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, prepare my heart to not get tired and give up, help me to persevere when things get tough. Help me to serve you with gladness and live in peace with my family. Guide me on this race towards You so that I can have a clear conscience and live honorably in every way.*
Amen

Day 22: Goodness

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”
(Psalms 107:1)*

*“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful
deeds for men.”
(Psalms 107:31)*

Reflection Questions:

What is something that you can give thanks to the Lord for today?

What does it mean to have an “unfailing love” for someone?

What causes you to praise God? Do you find “praise God” moments in your day, if not think about times when you should be praising God and make a habit of doing so, just a quiet thought in your head to praise God will help your relationship grow.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, I praise you for who you are, for all the blessings you have given me. I praise you for your enduring and unfailing love. I praise you for your faithfulness. I praise you for your provisions for me and my family. Thank you dear God for your goodness. I praise you now and forever. Amen

Day 23: Commitment

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)

Reflection Questions:

What does “love” mean to you?

What are some ways in which you show love with your heart?

How do you show love with your soul?

How can you love with your mind?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me love with my whole heart, soul and mind. Show me ways in which I can love myself, I know that I cannot love others unless I love me first. Help me to respect myself so that I can love others as you have loved me. Thank you for loving me all the days of my life.*
Amen

Day 24: Friendliness

“A friend loves at all times.....” (Proverbs 17:17)

Reflection Questions:

Who is your best friend? Why do you think you are best friends?

What qualities in that person do you find most appealing to you?

Have you ever gotten into an argument with your best friend? What happened?

Can you forgive a friend? Why or why not?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me all the time, unconditionally. Help me to share that love with my friends too, knowing that loving someone has no conditions wrapped around it, we love others because You first loved us. Thank you for my friends and help me to love my friends and family with an everlasting, and unconditional love. Amen*

Day 25: Stewardship

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; (Psalm 24:1)

Reflection Questions:

Do you believe that God created the heavens and the earth? (Read Genesis 1 if you have any doubts)

What makes you wonder about the earth?

What have you done to teach your children about taking care of the earth?

How do you show respect to God's creation?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, I am amazed by your creation, the world and all its glory. Each season brings an opportunity to see your mighty handiwork, from rainbows to snow falling to budding flowers in the spring to the colorful leaves in the fall. You create a masterwork for us to view each day. Help me to take the time to truly appreciate your amazing creation. Thanks be to God!*
Amen

Day 26: Unselfishness

“Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

Reflection Questions:

Do you consider yourself to be a rather selfish person, or are you always thinking of others first?

Why is it important to think of others, why should we care about what others might need?

What is one thing you can do today to show that you care about someone other than yourself?

Is it important to you that your children learn to think of others before themselves at times? Can you teach compassion to your family and what would that look like to you?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for caring so much about me that you sent your son, Jesus Christ to be a living example to me. Help me to be more Christ like in my everyday dealings with people. Show me ways to think of others before my own needs. Help me to have a compassionate spirit so that my family will see how to care for others. Amen*

Day 27: Courage

*“...say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.”
(Isaiah 35:4)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever been afraid of anything?

Do you have any daily worries or anxieties?

The Bible says to be “strong” and not to be fearful. Share about a time when you were afraid, but needed to be strong for your family.

Can you trust God to come and save you when you are afraid?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to be strong and not afraid of the unknown. I pray that you will give me the courage and strength to trust in you at all times. Guide my thoughts and take away any fear that lingers in my head. I will trust in you at all times. Praise be to God! Amen*

Day 28: Love

*“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God....This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”
(1 John 1-12)*

Reflection Questions:

In 1 Corinthians 13, the attributes of love are listed, for instance love is patience, kind and not self seeking, etc. However in 1 John 1, we see that we can love others simply because God first loved us. Is there a difference between the love we have for each other and the love God gives freely to us?

What was the biggest sacrifice that God made for you and me?

Think of someone that you are finding it hard to love right now? How do you feel differently about them, knowing that God loves them?

1 John 4:21, says “And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (the word “brother” means everyone) Do you have trouble loving everyone?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to love others as you have loved me. I don't always love the way I ought to love, please forgive me. Show me ways to love others even when it may be difficult to do so. Guide me words and my actions so that they are pleasing to you, showing loving kindness to all. Amen*

Day 29: Praise

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, His love endures forever.”
(Psalm 136:1)*

This is such a beautiful Psalm, I want to encourage you to read the entire Psalm 136. The refrain, “His love endures forever”, is in each verse from 1-26. That is such a powerful statement that His love endures forever. His love is never ending.

Reflection Questions:

Do you say a blessing before each meal with your family? Have you ever heard this prayer: “God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for our food, by His hands we all are fed, give us Lord our daily bread, Amen” (If you haven’t heard this prayer before, try to teach it to your children to say before every meal.)

What are some ways you can give thanks to God?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you God for this day, thank you for my family, thank you for your love for me. I praise you God for your creation. You are the maker of the heavens and the earth, “praise God from whom all blessings flow.” Amen*

Day 30: Obedience

*“...Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”
(Luke 11:28)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever heard a great sermon at church and thought wow, that's great pastor, I loved what you had to say today. No sooner than you walk out the church you find yourself, thinking or responding to a situation that is not “Christ like”?

How hard is it to truly hear the word of God and obey it?

What can you do to remember to obey the word of God?

Over the last 30 days, you have taken time each day to review a verse from the Bible and glean a lesson from it. Go back now and think about one verse that you can put to memory to help when you find yourself in a situation needing to rely on the word of God to help you. Write that verse here and meditate on it, put it to memory. If you find there are several verses that spoke to you, write them all down. May God bless you and your family.

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, help me to be the light in this world, shining your love, kindness, and compassion. Help me to be bold in my sharing of your word with all I meet. Guide me to use the word as a foundation for raising my family. Let me serve you with gladness in all my comings and goings throughout the day. Amen*

Day 31: Salvation

*“...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 23)*

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever thought that eternal life was a “gift” from God?

As a believer in Jesus Christ you will live forever with Him in heaven. Can you imagine what that day will be like?

Prayer: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of life through your son, Jesus Christ. Guide my life so that I will always be a reflection of your love for me, to my family. Grant me wisdom and grace as I daily seek ways to share my faith with those around me through my words, actions and deeds. Guard my comings and goings so that I will not stumble into sin. I ask forgiveness for not always putting you first in my life. Help me to teach my children that their relationship with you should be the most important thing in their lives. I ask that you surround my family with a hedge of protection against Satan. You are the solid rock on which my family stands, guide us in ways to serve you and give you glory. Amen*

Your legacy as a father will be forever remembered by your children, and their children, etc. What do you want your legacy to be....? Start today making changes if needed, walk in the truth of the Lord your God, remembering that He is always with you, you are never alone. There isn't anything you can't share with Him, let him speak to your heart today. God bless you and your family.

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My Dad
***“A man to respect.
A life to admire.
That’s my
Dad!”***