

Mother's Day – The First Influencers

Psalm 139 | John 8:32 | Ephesians 1:6; 2:5; 5:1 | Colossians 3:12
1 Thessalonians 1:4

A Living Example

- How To
- Course Correction
- Restart
- Recover
- Fly – to Risk and Reach

God's Truth For You

- Deeply Loved
- Personally Chosen
- Fully Known
- Completely Accepted
- Empowered with His Spirit
- Full Access to the Father
- Set Free
- Sufficient

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. If you're not in a Life Group, consider taking that Next Step and joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

Describe a person who had a profound influence on you when you were young?

Who is someone that influences you today? Why? Do you realize the influence you have on others as well? Why might this be important?

Connect to God's story

Read Ephesians 2:4-7.

What ways have you experienced God's love? How is God's love different than what you expected? Than the love people tend to give?

How have you shared God's love? Why is it important that God's love flows through you to others in your circle of influence?

How does God's love for you help you have grace toward others? What makes us an example of God's love and how does that speak to our potential influence on others that He puts in our path?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

How does this passage help you begin to understand what God's self-sacrificial love (Greek: Agape) is? What do you notice about the love Paul describes?

How does this description help you see love as an action? Where are you strong in love? Where do you need to grow?

Everybody alive has had a mother. What are times where your mother has shown you self-sacrificial love? As you get older what are some ways you have shown her self-sacrificial love?

Read John 19:26-27.

John records how much Jesus loved his mother and wanted her cared for in his absence. In fact, it was one of the things on his mind as he was dying on the cross. Consider taking some time and writing a note to your mother or to a significant woman in your life telling them how valuable they are to you. Then take the next step and show this appreciation by putting those words into action this week!

Real Life Prayer for 2022

Lord Jesus,

I affirm that I am fully known by You; my thoughts, fears, hopes, and dreams. You know my past, present, and future. I am fully known and loved by You.

I desire to know You more - Your heart, Your will, Your purposes.

I commit to making You known in my areas of influence through my words, actions, attitude, and joy. I commit to love as You love.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to use me daily for Your purposes.

I pray this with a heart of gratitude,

Amen.

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