



Malachi 1:

Life Group Guide: God's Unconditional Love

Opening Question:

Share a time when you felt deeply loved by someone. How did that experience impact you?

Key Takeaways:

1. God's love is unconditional and based on His promise, not our performance.
2. We often question God's love during difficult times or when we fall short.
3. Understanding God's love is foundational to our Christian life and faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. PJ's sermon mentions that the Israelites questioned God's love despite His faithfulness. Can you relate to times when you've doubted God's love? What circumstances led to those doubts?
2. How does the story of Jacob and Esau illustrate God's sovereign choice in love? How does this challenge or comfort you?
3. The PJ states, "God's love is not based on your performance, but on His promise." How might this truth change the way we approach our relationship with God?
4. Discuss the danger of believing God loves us more when we're obedient and less when we're not. How can we combat this misconception?

5. How does understanding God's unconditional love impact our view of failure, guilt, and shame?

6. The sermon emphasizes that God's love is constant because it depends on Him, not us. How can we remind ourselves of this truth in our daily lives?



#### Practical Applications:

1. This week, whenever you feel unworthy or unloved, consciously remind yourself of God's unconditional love for you.

2. Write down three specific ways God has demonstrated His love in your life. Share these with the group next time.

3. Identify one area where you struggle to accept God's love. Pray for each other to grow in understanding and accepting God's love in these areas.

4. Choose a verse about God's love (e.g., Romans 8:38-39, Jeremiah 31:3) to memorize and meditate on this week.

#### Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His unconditional love. Ask for His help in truly understanding and living in the reality of His love, allowing it to transform our lives and relationships.

5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide.

Day 1: God's Unconditional Love

Reading: Jeremiah 31:3-6

Devotional: God's love is not based on our performance but on His promise. Reflect on times when you've doubted God's love, especially during difficult circumstances. Remember that God's love for you is everlasting and unconditional. How can you internalize this truth and let it transform your daily life and relationships?

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Day 2: Chosen by Grace

Reading: Romans 9:10-16

Devotional: God's choice to love us is not based on our merits but on His sovereign will. Consider the story of Jacob and Esau, and how God chose Jacob despite his flaws. How does this challenge your understanding of God's love and grace? Reflect on ways you can extend this unmerited love to others in your life.

Day 3: Love that Overcomes

Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: God's love is powerful enough to overcome any obstacle. Meditate on the ways God has demonstrated His love in your life, even in the face of adversity. How can you cultivate a deeper trust in God's love, especially during challenging times? Consider sharing your testimony of God's enduring love with someone who needs encouragement.

Day 4: From Doubt to Faith

Reading: Psalm 89:1-8, 46-52

Devotional: Even in moments of doubt, we can turn to God with our questions. Reflect on times when you've questioned God's love or presence. How can you develop a habit of bringing your doubts to God in honest prayer? Consider journaling your journey from doubt to renewed faith and trust in God's steadfast love.

Day 5: Living in God's Love

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Devotional: Understanding and accepting God's love should transform how we live and love others. Reflect on how God's love has changed you. In what ways can you more fully

embody God's love in your relationships and daily interactions? Consider one practical step you can take today to demonstrate God's love to someone in your life.

