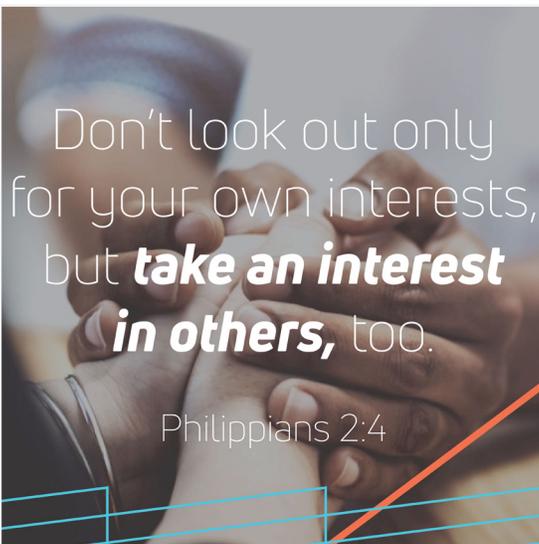


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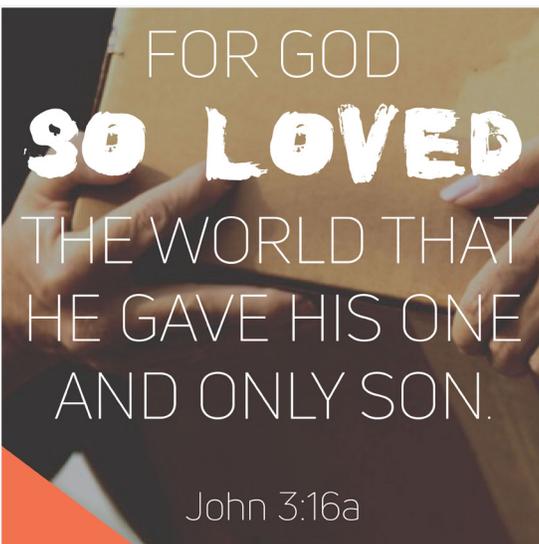
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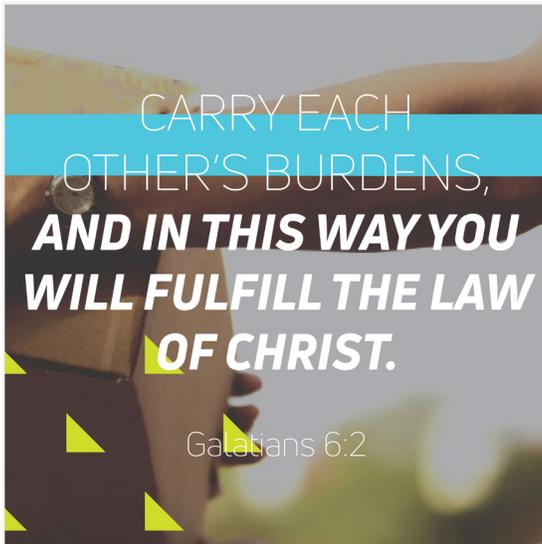
LIVE // We often miss opportunities to help other people because we're too focused on ourselves. To make a real difference in the world, we need to shift our focus. This week, find some ways to intentionally show interest in the needs of others. Maybe you could research information about some of the big humanitarian needs in the world. Or maybe you could learn about the most pressing needs in your local community. You could even learn about the needs of individuals and families in your church! No matter what direction you turn, this week, find a way to take interest in the needs of others. Taking an interest is often the first step toward making a real difference in the world around you.



DAY 2

PRAY // We've all seen how great love stories play out in the movies. You know the ones: a guy runs through an airport to get to the girl before she leaves, or a girl leaves everything behind to be with the man of her dreams. These kinds of stories usually end with one person doing something crazy for the other. Believe it or not, this is what makes the story of Jesus the greatest love story ever. God loved everyone so much that He gave everything to save them. And now God is asking us to share this kind of love with everyone we can. Today, spend some time asking God to help you love everyone around you the way He does: unconditionally.





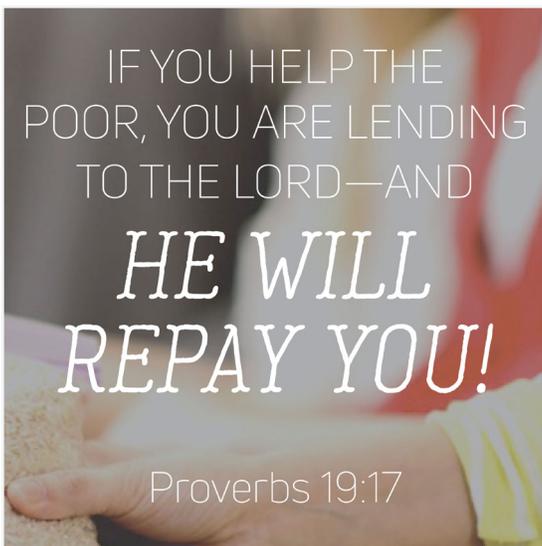
DAY 3

LIVE // Have you ever seen a box labeled “two person lift”? This warning is meant to keep someone from getting hurt by trying to carry heavy weight alone. Well, sometimes the weight of life’s burdens shouldn’t be carried alone either. This is why Jesus wants us to help others by carrying their burdens with them. If we want to live in obedience to Jesus, we have to choose to help people in need. Today, write down the names of people you know who are carrying the weight of something difficult. Next to their names, list a few ways that you can help them this week.



DAY 4

HEAR // This is such a challenging question. The point this verse makes is that we can’t really claim to love God and ignore other people. Yet, we all know that sometimes our schedule or our priorities can get in the way of us caring for the needs of others. The good news is that we can start to change this. Today, sit for a few minutes and think about the implications of this question. Does your life line up with your love for God? If not, ask yourself this question: What would it look like for me to start using what I have—my things, my money, and my time—to help those in need around me?



DAY 5

HEAR // When we help people in need, God says it’s as though we are helping Him personally. We don’t have to wonder if giving of our time, money, or energy to help means anything to God. To Him, serving the needs of other people is always worth the effort. In fact, He will even repay us for the help we lend to those in need. Whether it’s now or in heaven someday, God promises to bless us for all that we invest in other people. Let these words motivate you to find ways that you can help others this week.

