

**ONE LOVE DEVOTIONALS**

**#SEEK  
THE  
MOST  
HIGH**

***“This is how God showed His love among us:  
He sent his One and Only Son into the world that we might live through Him.”  
- 1 John 4:9***



Hope Community Church



Each day, during your **#SeekTheMostHigh** time you will be **praying** ↑ and **downloading** ↓ the word, you will have a One Love Value, Verse, & an **Action Item** To Learn.

# 1L Devos

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**DAY One - One Love Core Value 1- #SeekTheMostHigh**

↑ Pray. ↓ Download the Word.

*“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.”-Isaiah 55:6*

Read **Isaiah 55:1-13**

**Action Item:** Apply the SWORD Method to this passage:

1.)

**2.) What does this passage say about God?**

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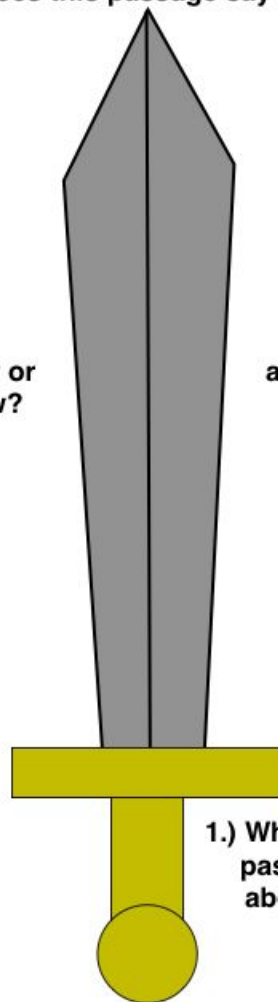
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**4.) Is there a sin to confess or a promise to claim?**

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**1.) What does this passage say about man?**





**DAY Two - One Love Core Value 2 #WYMUDGUFU**

↑ Fess Up. ↓ Forgive Others.



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*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9*

1.) Pray and ask God to make you aware of any imperfections in your spiritual life. Ask him to bring to mind specific sins that you have committed against Him and against other people.

***Fess up without minimizing or blaming anything or one.***

2.) Ask God to bring to mind anyone who you need to apologize to. Ask Him to give you the power to make things right through repentance and a conversation.

*“Two twin brothers grew up together, and in high school they chose different paths. The older brother pursued academic excellence and became a judge. The other chose the wrong friends, got involved in drugs and a life of crime. His choices one day caught up with him and in an attempted robbery, he shot and killed an innocent person. He ended up standing trial. His own brother was the judge, and the jury found him guilty of first degree murder. His brother, the judge, was forced to sentence him to the death penalty. During his transportation to prison, he managed to escape and ran to Mexico. While in Mexico, he saw on the news that he was caught and quickly put to death.*

*He realized that his older twin brother had switched his identity and turned himself in. His brother, who had done no wrong and lived his life for the good of others and became a judge, had taken his sentence of death and paid for the murder that he committed. The younger brother was overcome with guilt and turned himself in. He explained that they killed the wrong person. The court told him that there was a law called "Double Jeopardy" that didn't allow two people to be charged for the same crime. Because his brother had died for the murder he committed, they could not kill him as well. He was a free man. He realized that he received a second chance but only because his brother paid for it with his life. He vowed to change his ways and live a life that was worthy of the sacrifice his brother had made for him.”*

*- An Illustration of Grace by Jonavan Asato from an E-mail Sent 6/6/17*

3.) Say a prayer to thank God for dying in our place to forgive us and rising to set us free.

4.) Because Jesus forgives you, ask God to bring people to mind who you need to forgive.



Pray out loud quietly for a few minutes, and close with this:

***Jesus, thank You for allowing me to receive Your One Love. Please equip me with Your power to love You and love people!  
In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

**Action Item** – Memorize your favorite 1L Core Value and verse, & write a prayer to God thanking Him for what He showed you in devotions today.

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**DAY Three - One Love Core Value 3 #DiscipleCycles**

↑ Love God. ↓ Love & Disciple People.

“Take the Bible. Make disciples who make disciples—disciple cycles”

– Lecrae Moore



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*And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

– Matthew 28:18-20

**Action Item:**

Pray and ask God to show you his desire for your life as you read **Matthew 28:18-20**.

Apply the SWORD Method to this passage:

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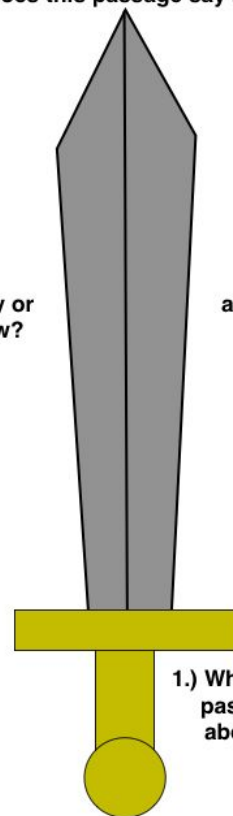
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Every believer should have a “Paul” and “Timothy” in his or her life (2 Timothy 1:2; 2:1). Think about who is on your disciple cycle with you...

- Who is “steering” and teaching you?
- Who are your steering?



**DAY Four - One Love Core Value 4 #GodTheBuilder**

**↑ He Must Increase. ↓ I Must Decrease.**



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*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.  
Psalm 127:1-2*

Read Psalm 127:1-2 at least three times, and pray for God to show you new insights.

*“Only one life, will soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.” Anonymous*

Pray and ask God to reveal something you are investing in with your life that will have significance for eternity?

List things that are of eternal significance as God has revealed to you:

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**Action Item** – Write out first four core values with a verse for each one.  
Say and listen to first four core values with a friend.

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**Day Five - One Love Core Value 5 #1LConvos**  
↑ Talk to God About People ↓ Talk to People about God.

*And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people."-Luke 24:19*

Read Luke 24:13-23

As Jesus walked along the road after rising from the dead, he was willing to ask questions and listen instead of just making statements about what he believed. In the book Questioning Evangelism, Randy Newman writes: *"More and more we should hold back our answer, and with a question, pave the way to receptivity."*

As we prayerfully use the two 1L questions God often opens the door for great conversations: From your heart, write answers to the two 1L Conversations:

1.) What is One Love to you?

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2.) Who is Jesus to you?

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**Action Item:**

In the context of a conversation, **ask someone** the two One Love Questions. **E-mail a pastor** the person's name, their answers, and any prayer requests as a result of the 1L Conversation.





**Day Six - One Love Core Value 6 #LiveOneLove**  
**↑ Know the Love. ↓ Be The Love.**

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9*

Pray ask God to show you how 1 John 4:9 applies to your life personally.

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**Action Item:** Spend time memorizing

**1 John 4:9**



## Day Seven - One Love Core Value 7 #OneLoveToTheNations



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↑ **Worship the King of All** ↓ **Rep the King to All.**

*8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

-Acts 1:8

After reading Core Value 7 and saying it out loud. Read through the following story:

*Charlie Sifford is an important name in American sports. He became the first African- American playing member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour, joining a sport that, until 1961, had a "whites only" clause in its by-laws. Enduring racial injustice and harassment, Sifford earned his place at the game's highest level, won two tournaments, and in 2004 was the first African-American inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Charlie Sifford opened the doors of professional golf for players of all ethnicities. Opening doors is also a theme at the heart of the gospel mission. Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). Jesus' work on the cross opened the way to the Father for everyone. The word nations (v. 19) is from the Greek word ethnos, which is also the source of the word ethnic. In other words, "Go and make disciples of all ethnicities." Jesus' work on the cross opened the way to the Father for everyone. Now we have the privilege of caring for others as God has cared for us. We can open the door for someone who never dreamed they'd be welcomed personally into the house and family of God. Lord, help me to be sensitive to others I meet today. Give me the words to tell others about You. Jesus opened the doors of salvation to all who will believe.*

Opening Doors from "Our Daily Bread" - February 17, 2016

**Write out and work on memorizing today Core Values and Verses. Ask God to help you do these values by the power of His Holy Spirit.**

### **Action Item:**

Start a 1L Conversation with at least 2 Friends and 1 Stranger.



**Day Eight - One Love Core Values 8 #ShoulderToShoulder**

↑ **Be One With God** ↓ **Be One With Others.**



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*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.- Philippians 1:3-5*

Are you one with God? Our sins can separate us from God and hurt our relationship with Him and with others, but Jesus' death and resurrection provide a right relationship with God that gives us the grace to love God and love people.

- List specific sins you need to confess today?

Ask God to help you "throw off" weights of sin that entangle you. Freely receive his forgiveness today, and forgive those who have sinned against you. When we have a right relationship with God, He helps us have right relationships with others. Read the "One Love Anthem," and ask God to reveal what He wants for your life.

- List the names of people you need to ask to forgive you?
- Write down the wrongs you did toward these people and how you made them feel?
- Come up with a plan to ask them to forgive you?

How are you called to be: "Shoulder to shoulder with soldiers for God's Kingdom?"

- Today?
- Tomorrow?



**Day Nine - One Love Core Value 9 #OnMission**

**↑ Live in Jesus. ↓ Go into all the World.**

*I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. - John 17:15-17*

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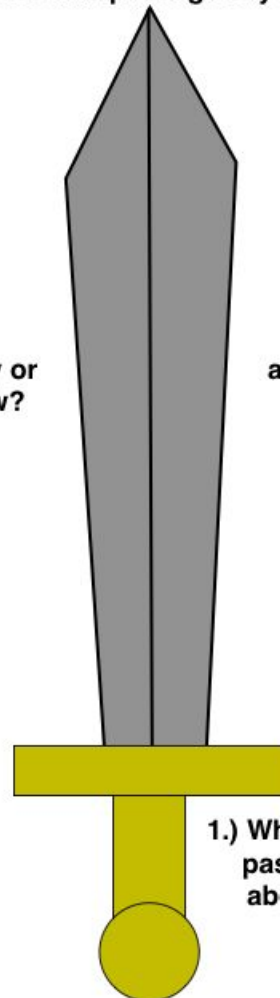
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**Action Item -**

1. Sign up to attend a "Care Saturday" or "Adopt A Block." Contact Pastor Jeremy for more info. and/or
2. Read the 1L Anthem on the back. Do something creative to worship our Creator.



**Day Ten- One Love Core Value 10 #Sightings**  
↑ Thank God for Where He is Working ↓ Join Him in His Work.

*I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High. - Psalm 7:17*

Read study on "El Elyon" – Names Of God Study From:  
[https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name\\_god.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/name_god.cfm)

In the Old Testament El Elyon occurs 28 times. It occurs 19 times in Psalms. El Elyon is first used in Gen 14:18. Meaning and Derivation: El is another name that is translated as "God" and can be used in conjunction with other words to designate various aspects of God's character. Elyon literally means "Most High" and is used both adjectivally and substantivally throughout the Old Testament. It expresses the extreme sovereignty and majesty of God and His highest preeminence. When the two words are combined - El Elyon - it can be translated as "the most exalted God."(Psa 57:2) Further references of the name El Elyon in the Old Testament: Gen 14:18; Gen 14:19; Gen14:20; Gen 14:22; Psa 57:2; Psa 78:35

**Action Item:** Write 5 Things You Are Thankful For:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Action Item:** Consider buying a special journal to keep track of #Sightings. Journaling will help you remember answered prayer and other ways God is working in your life.



## 1L Core Values

### 10 Convictions to #LiveOneLove

#### **1 #SeekTheMostHigh - ↑ Pray. ↓ Download the Word.**

- Because of the 1L of Jesus, Know & Love the God of the Bible.
- Isaiah 55:1-13; Acts 2:42, Acts 4:12; John 14:6

#### **2 #WYMUDGUFU - ↑ Fess Up. ↓ Forgive Others.**

- Forgiven people forgive others. Confess Jesus as the boss and grow as a work in progress.
- 1 John 1:9; John 21:17; Acts 20:21

#### **3 #DiscipleCycles - ↑ Love God. ↓ Love & Disciple People.**

- Because of the 1L of Jesus, ↓ Love People & Make Jesus Known.
- Be a positive presence in the community, and see cycles of disciples.
- Matthew 28:18-20; 1 John 4:19; John 13:34-35; Matthew 22:36-40; 2 Timothy 2:1-2

#### **4 #GodTheBuilder - ↑ He Must Increase. ↓ I Must Decrease.**

- We are part of something much bigger than ourselves, and we need to follow God.
- Psalm 127:1-2; John 3:30; Psalm 138:6; Hebrews 3:4

#### **5 - #1LConvos - ↑ Talk to God About People ↓ Talk to People about God.**

- One conversation can be the difference between heaven and hell.
- Encourage people we engage to look up ↑ and listen ↓ to God.
- Luke 24:17-19; Romans 10:6-15; John 3:14-18; John 12:32-36; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
- “More and more we should hold back our answer, and with a question, pave the way to receptivity.” — Questioning Evangelism, Randy Newman*



**6 #LiveOneLove - ↑ Know the Love. ↓ Be The Love.**

- “Works of service” - Ministry To Non-Believers: Give away resources & meet physical needs to build relationships. With Other Believers: Equip believers with resources to live the 1L of Jesus.

- 1 John 4:9; 1 Peter 2:12; James 1:18; 1 Cor 12:12; Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:12

**7 #OneLoveToTheNations - ↑ Worship the King of All ↓ Rep the King to All.**

- Multicultural ministry “Go & make disciples of all [ethnicities].”

- Speak truth in love in the context of relationships to all people.

- Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-22; Romans 1:14-20; Ephesians 4:15

**8 #ShoulderToShoulder - ↑ Be One With God ↓ Be One With Others.**

- All Jesus-followers are soldiers & ministers in God’s Kingdom.

- As elements in God’s work, form partnerships to maximize gifts of people & ministries.

- Philippians 1:1-11, 27; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matt 16:18; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; 1 Peter 2:5-13

**9 #OnMission - ↑ Live in Jesus. ↓ Go into all the World.**

- Live “in Jesus & the world---of Jesus not the world” (1L Rap).

- Create, support, & inspire art to influence attitudes about the love of Jesus.

- John 17:15-17 - Jesus prayed for this!!! ; 1 Peter 2:12; Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 2:10

**10 #Sightings - ↑ Thank God for Where He is Working ↓ Join Him in His Work.**

- Realize when El Elyon is working, & give thanks to the Most High.

- Psalm 7:17, Colossians 3:15; 2 Peter 1:13; Philippians 3:1-3



*Be Creative #OnMission! Customize This One Love Anthem!*  
We are praying that many people will sing this 1L anthem in their own language with their own style to God's Glory:



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## **One Love Anthem**

*We wanna be-  
Shoulder to shoulder with soldiers for Your Kingdom.  
Representing You, King Jesus, a slave to Your freedom.  
In You AND this world; of YOU, Not this world.  
Livin' solely for Your Glory proclaiming Your Kingdom.*

*Proclaiming ONE LOVE – the love of a perfect judge.  
A righteous, Holy God, whose justice won't budge.  
But who made a way to redeem the obscene by crushing  
Jesus Christ on Calvary's tree.*

*That because of grace alone through faith alone in  
Jesus Christ alone,  
God's justice is satisfied by Jesus' perfect life,  
So that we can die to sin and LIVE IN Christ.  
One Love.*

This 1L Anthem is rooted in the truth of God's Word.  
Spend some time studying these Bible verses & reflect on each phrase:

2 Timothy 2:2-4

1 Timothy 6:15-17

1 Peter 1:1

Isaiah 6:8

1 John 4:9; 2 Timothy 4:8

Isaiah 6:3

Isaiah 53:5-6

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 1:16

1 Peter 2:24

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