



## FEBRUARY THEME

### God's Love

#### Week Two

#### Monday ~ READ

READ | John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5 in your preferred translation and in The Message Translation. Then choose one of them to also read out loud. \*[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) is a great place to read many Bible Translations

#### Tuesday ~ COPY

COPY | John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5. Then additionally, copy I John 3:1 and Ephesians 1:5 from two other translations of your choosing.

#### Wednesday ~ PONDER

PONDER | John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5 by using the following questions:

- I John 3:1 begins this way in the NASB translation, *"See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us..."* How is your vision to *"see"* His great love for you? Clear? Fuzzy? Blind? Journal your thoughts.
- I John 3:1 identifies us as the object of God's love in that He called us *"His children."* Write down at least 10 ways that a parent expresses love for his/her child. Then read through your list and one by one thank God for how He expresses His love for you in each of these ways.
- Ephesians 1:3-5 identifies one of our great blessings from God as being, *"chosen by God for adoption"* In fact, it says, *"He predestined us"* meaning He planned for us! What thoughts and emotions does the word *"chosen"* evoke in your mind and heart? How does it make you feel to know that God planned for you? How could these things minister to you in the places where you may feel rejected or less than?
- Read I John 3:1 and ask yourself these questions: Do I identify myself as a child of God? How so?

#### Thursday ~ PRAY

PRAY through both I John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5 using each phrase of the verses as conversation starters. For example, from I John 3:1a, your prayer might begin something like this, *"Father thank you for bestowing Your love upon me and calling me Your child. Help me to see Your love more clearly every day, especially in the realm of \_\_\_\_\_."*

#### Friday ~ LISTEN

LISTEN to a **brief message** where we expound on I John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5. You will find the message on our YouTube channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

\*This video will be posted by Friday and a link will be sent to you via email.

#### Saturday ~ SHARE

SHARE | John 3:1-3 and Ephesians 1:3-5 with a family member or friend, describing why the Truths in these passages are so meaningful to you.