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DAY 9*Made to Love*

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” —Ephesians 5:1-2

HEART // In today’s passage, God gives us a clear picture of what it looks like for us to follow Him: “walk in the way of love,” just as Christ did in His life and death. For those blessed with the good gift of mobility, walking is something that happens without thought, seamlessly and constantly throughout the day. Love should be like that, too. Love defines us, as children of Love Himself (1 John 4:8).

Still, loving like God is not always ‘safe.’ It’s risky! We often feel hurt or disappointed when we sacrifice ourselves for others and do not receive the same love in return. Wouldn’t it be great if we could walk in love without encountering bumps in the road? When we are tempted to believe that the easiest path is the best path, we must remember that Christ didn’t just encounter a few potholes as He walked in love. His life was filled with suffering and rejection. When Christ “loved us and gave himself up for us,” we were unlikable. His closest companions were selling Him out, reacting out of faithless desperation or running in fear (John 18)—much like we tend to do, perhaps more often than we’d like to admit.

More than this, we were in complete opposition to Him, yet He still lovingly chose to die for us when we could neither comprehend nor appreciate His sacrifice (Romans 5:8). Getting hurt or feeling disappointed can be heartbreaking, but Christ is the ultimate example of sacrificially loving others despite the context and regardless of the consequences.

The Good News of Jesus is that in Him we are strong enough to face any disregard, rejection, or even betrayal. Confidence in Him makes us miraculously brave! Security in Him makes us courageous enough to love the people in our lives who aren't necessarily life-giving, people who believe differently than we do, people who are unlikable, or people who

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cannot possibly understand or appreciate us. ALL with healthy boundaries that promote love, of course!* Our love is supposed to be completely, ridiculously incomprehensible to anyone who doesn't have an understanding of Jesus living through us. Look for that kind of love growing in your life today!

Being defined by love should impact every relationship, calling, job, vote, or decision in our lives because it's in the fabric of our spiritual being. As today's verse reminds us, it's the way that we walk. There will be times we need to sit down, lay down, or calm down, getting our feet under us again. But when we move, may we move in the love of Christ.

*If you haven't come to a point of knowing what healthy boundaries are in certain relationships, it's best to seek God and wise counsel for that truth before continuing in codependent un-health in the name of 'love.'

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In Christ, we are “dearly loved children” of God. Because we are *beloved*, we are called to *be loving*. In your life, have you ever tried to “walk in the way of love” toward an abortion-vulnerable woman, an unborn baby, or an unwanted child? If you haven't—don't worry. Today we're going to begin our second fast, and we're sure that you'll have a bit more time to show love to vulnerable people because of it!

Make a list of the social media that you use. (Think: Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook.) Include other media that takes up your time. (TV shows, podcasts, news stations, video games, etc.) This week, you are invited to take a break. **No (nonessential) posting, checking, listening, watching, or playing.** This fast will address at least two items: identity and time.

To get started, write these two questions in your journal and try to make notes on them today, as well as several other times throughout the week. Just write whenever God gives you insight!

1. How has your media usage shaped your identity?
2. What kinds of media drive you to “conform to the pattern of this world,” as Romans 12:2 warns against?

In Christ alone do we realize *our true identity*. In Christ alone do we have enough motivation and the right resources to love others well. Pray that God would allow you to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind” as you take a break from media this week (Romans 12:2).

Our time is a valuable resource that we often squander. While there is much to be said for rest and relaxation, one major issue in our society today is media usage. Why? We so often go to our phones or flatscreens to ‘veg out,’ but it is not true rest.

A 2018 study showed that the average American checks his or her phone 52 times per day.*

Imagine how much time we are giving each and every day to nonessential, distracting, and even harmful media usage in our lives! Author Sherry Turkle says, “Technology doesn’t just do things for us. It does things to us, changing not just what we do but who we are.”**

Rather than getting swept away in the river of social media, news, constant work, or entertainment, let’s spend just a week being more intentional than usual, giving our time to things that challenge our status quo, learning about pregnancy resource center options in our own cities, or looking someone in the eyes while listening to his or her story. Though we can often “expect more from technology and less from each other,” as we use it to create the “illusion of companionship without the demands of friendship,”*** our prayer is that this week we will learn to expect more from the relationships in our lives.

DAY 10

Healed by Grace

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.” —Ephesians 1:3-10

HEART // There are so many ways to ‘handle’ the sin and shame that we collect along this journey on earth. We may try to overcome our shortcomings through self-importance and pride: we hide internal sins and shame behind external good deeds. When we live this way, we are quick to judge others, becoming angry and unapproachable. Some of us respond to our own and others’ misdeeds with passivity: we dismiss them, acting like it’s not a big deal to walk opposed to the Creator God. Or, in order to protect ourselves from the criticism of others, some of us try the approach of carrying shame around like a shield, refusing to forgive or give grace to ourselves.

In all of these reactions, we are acting as the judge and jury in our own case. Today’s verse reminds us to let God be the Judge, individually

blessing us with *His* glorious grace and corporately with *His* inevitable will for the cosmos. But often, as Ephesians 3 says, we naively deem ourselves—and our actions—as right and just.

What we need more than arrogance, passivity, or control, is *humility*. We need to bring our sins, weaknesses, and brokenness to God, so that we may walk in the light of His promises to us: “In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.” It is God’s amazing, unmerited grace that absorbs our shortcomings, overcomes them, and makes us new.

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When we are made new by the blood of Jesus, we join the eternal family of God. We can know that God cares about parent-child relationships because He is infinitely invested in them, both with His Son and with us. We are all, in a sense, orphans of this world. Left to our own devices, we end up isolated and powerless. However, as children who lift our eyes, hands, and heart to God, we are adopted into an everlasting family.

We can care as God does about the sanctity of the parent-child relationship by encouraging abortion-minded parents to make choices that affirm life. We must do more than encourage them, though. Today’s verse ends with Jesus bringing “unity to all things in heaven and on earth.” He doesn’t just *talk* about unity; Christ *enacts* unity.



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As Christians, we must join God in the family business of establishing unity on earth. Let's try reaching out to help women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy who feel lonely and afraid!

Go to the *Reimagining Pro-Life* website, watch and reflect on this story of a young woman named Beth who felt shocked and confused by her pregnancy.

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As you think about your adoption as a son or daughter of God, **brainstorm ways that you can help to establish solidarity for abortion-vulnerable moms, by being a conduit of grace and love toward them and their unborn child.** Diane Ferraro, with Save the Storks, describes a few ways that you can help to give women and children a new hope and an action plan: "This doesn't always mean being a donor. It could mean that you come alongside a pregnancy resource center, become a family that adopts, or use social media to share information with others."

Write down the ideas that you come up with in your journal!



DAY 11

An Inseparable Tribe

“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.”

—1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

HEART //

As we read about in Day 10, once we're healed by the blood of Jesus...*we join the family of God.* In his first letter to the church at Thessalonica, Paul twice calls the people gathered there “brothers and sisters.” Their church wasn't made up of one family of believers though. It wasn't one group of Smiths or Johnsons who all met up in grandma's house. In fact, the people that gathered to read his letters were beautifully diverse—“brothers and sisters” in a much fuller, more long-lasting, and absolutely wondrous sense.

Something far stronger than DNA binds us together: the blood of Christ! In Him, we become a spiritual family, an inseparable tribe. Today's passage gives us a vivid picture of what that looks like for us. It looks like...encouraging pastors and elders who lead the church near and far; living peaceably among not only the believers who regularly sit next to us on Sundays, but also Christians who disagree with us (perhaps especially online, where all the world can see). It also means counseling those who lack motivation, direction, or joy; and gently warning those who stir up trouble in the church. And Paul ends by saying, “Always strive to do what is good for each other.”

Can you imagine what our spiritual family, what our tribe of believers, would look like to the watching world if we always worked to do good to each other? One thing is certain: people facing unplanned pregnancies would be much more likely to look at the church and say, “I am safe here.” Or, “I want to be a part of what’s going on in *there*. If they love each other like that, I bet they can love me and my unborn child that much, too...”

Those who are abortion-minded or post-abortive may already be a part of the family of God, or may yet need to be invited. No matter where they are, the question is, *are we loving them well?* Are our hearts, attitudes, and actions toward them one of genuine inclusiveness to our Tribe? If so, true healing can begin and the precious life of a child can be saved!

Paul’s words in today’s verse remind us that things will not be perfect in the Family of God. Implicit in his words of counsel, we remember that there will be those who are disheartened, weak, or requiring patience! We will do wrong! Sometimes we will fail! But just like in any healthy family, failure is not the end of anything. It’s an opportunity to grow and love well.

So let us remember not to be surprised that weakness and discouragement find their way into the hearts of people facing unplanned pregnancies. In our hearts, our words and our actions, we are called, to do good. We encourage all vulnerable, afraid and disheartened people to draw near to the inseparable family of God.

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Today we want you to show the watching world what it looks like to be a part of the Body of Christ. Not online, but in your real life. **Choose one of the things Paul talks about in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 and put it into practice.** Are you in disagreement with a fellow believer? Send them a text that exudes peace. When was the last time that you encouraged pastors or leaders in the church? Send a few of them notes of encouragement and pray for them. Practice supernatural patience today in your home, with difficult family members or co-workers. Do you know someone who is disheartened? Ask that person to meet up for coffee, text him or her a Psalm that speaks of God’s sustaining grace. Bow your knees before God on his or her behalf, but make sure to listen for how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus in their life today.



“When I boarded the Stork Bus, I wanted an abortion. I was scared out of my mind, but the mobile staff helped me feel comfortable enough to express my fears. Seeing my son on the ultrasound was like a breath of fresh air. My fears vanished and I just wanted to keep him and be his mother.”

—Jas

DAY 12

In His Image

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” —Psalms 139:13-16

HEART //

When the psalmist reflects on the marvelous intricacies with which God created humans, he doesn’t bow at the feet of the next passerby or even praise the massive and incredibly crafted universe. No! *The psalmist immediately praises God.* As Christians, we do not worship created things. Christians worship Christ, in whom all Creation has being and breath (Colossians 1:16-17). Christ is the only ‘human’ worthy of worship because He is “the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being” (Hebrews 1:13).

In human life, we glimpse the image of God: “So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27). In the garden, God chose to create one single thing in resemblance of Himself. Humanity is that one thing. *You*, reader, are that one thing! The psalmist writes that God has “knit” us together in a fashion so remarkable that, if we really stopped to think about it, we would stand with mouths open, hands raised, in absolute reverence of His awe-someness. Plus, we would see others as beings made in the image of God. We would use our gaping mouths to encourage and bless, our upraised hands to help and uphold God’s most beloved creations!

We don't really stop to think about the way that God has made us, though. At least, not enough. We know this to be true because of the way that we treat each other. Pause, just to think for a moment about the ways that you may have treated the people that you have come into contact with today. Have you gossiped about someone? Have you cut another off while driving down the highway? Have you ignored a request that your family member made or ignored a need as you walked down the street in a hurry? Jesus teaches us (Matthew 5:22) that the heart is what truly matters and we sin against God when we sin against the people that He has created in His own image. When we practice seeing all people as God sees them, we are kinder and more gentle in all our interactions.

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One tangible way that Save the Storks celebrates and protects human life is by providing abortion-vulnerable women with access to free ultrasounds. Storks Buses are driven to strategic places within communities to be able to serve women where they're at: outside of abortion clinics, on college campuses, and in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. Everyday, these services are being used to help them to make informed, life-affirming decisions. There is something about seeing an ultrasound image and hearing your baby's heartbeat that cannot be shaken. It's a witness to the miracle of human life.

In your journal, reflect on this question: Do the images that you put in front of your eyes and the things you hear everyday have an effect on you? Here's another way to put it: Does your favorite social media, TV show, or video game *help* you to see every human being as an amazing creation of God? Often, media has the opposite effect. It makes us culture-centered, rather than Christ-centered.

Media affords us the opportunity to compare CONSTANTLY, and, in doing so, it may sometimes encourage us to put others categorically above or beneath us—rather than seeing them simply as diverse, beautiful people that reflect God in incredible and unique ways. It is believed that President Theodore Roosevelt once wisely pointed out,

“Comparison is the thief of joy.” That’s why we have to be careful with what we regularly put in front of our eyes and into our ears.

There is one image that we know has a positive, life-changing effect, though: the ultrasound. Have you ever had the opportunity to see one in person? It is truly humbling and a breathtaking reminder of how we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

What would it look like if I decreased my media usage long-term?

Ask yourself and then journal about this:

What would it look like if I decreased my media usage for the long-term? Could that help me to see more consistently that I am made in His image vs. what culture dictates?

How could the gifts God has given me, the way I reflect *His* image, be used for the Kingdom? (Perhaps I could support the work of a pregnancy resource center that is helping to educate pregnant moms about the life being knit together in their womb?)



DAY 13

Adopted

“Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.” —Psalms 68:4-6

HEART //

Four times in Psalm 68, we are called to worship God. Inwardly, our hearts should rejoice in Him. Outwardly, our lives should sing His praises. What reasons does this particular passage give us to rejoice and sing? God is the Father to orphans; the Defender of vulnerable women; the relational Refuge for lonely individuals; the Liberator of prisoners. Every human soul needs this Father, this Defender, this Refuge, this Liberator. Worship is the most natural reaction to the reality of who God is and how He loves us.

We, as His children, know the wonders of being a part of His family. And so we rejoice, and so we sing, and so we praise—worshipping so unashamedly that His glorious presence would be made known to every soul in every nation on earth! Every single person needs to be spiritually adopted by God.

One way for us to make God's truth known is through a willingness to consider adopting a child or supporting those who do. The more open we are to adoption, the more we encourage abortion-minded women to make life-affirming choices. The more open we are to adoption, the more we provide hope for both children *and* women. The more we champion adoption, the more we mirror the way that God lovingly took us in.

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In short, to adopt a child in desperate need of a family *is to worship*.

You may be thinking, *There is no way that I have the right resources for adoption*. We want you to ponder this quote from Paul Isaacs, with Save the Storks: “It’s better to ask God, ‘Is this what you want me to do?’ than ‘How could I ever do this?’”

Paul and his wife decided to focus on the first question, asking God to reveal His will to them. The resounding answer was that they should adopt. With that answer in mind, they knew that God would take care of any anxiety-producing *how?* questions. God was faithful: they were able to adopt a little girl from Southeast Asia in 2008. Paul describes adoption as an amazing picture of the gospel. “We went to her, chose her, when she could never have made her way to us. And that’s exactly what God did for each one of us.” Their little girl, who, left in the orphanage would, statistically, likely be a victim of trafficking today, is now finding her passions in life and growing up in a safe home. He says he never misses the word “adopted” in the Scriptures anymore, he hears the word “orphan” in songs and it strikes his heart in ways he never could have understood before adopting. “If I am pro-life, I must be open to adoption or support those who do,” he says.

So as you worship, whether it’s in your quiet time, at church, or as you drive around today, “sing in praise of His name” like today’s verse reminds us to do. It is such an honor to speak out into the world today the truth about who God is. He is a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, He cares about the lonely and imprisoned. It’s an amazing reality! And it is also such an honor to live out that truth, learning to jump into this stream of redemption with our Father, caring for the most vulnerable in our world.



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Check out our video of Ahna Cameron, Kirk and Chelsea Cameron's daughter, sharing about being adopted by a loving family. As she beautifully articulates her personal experience of Isaiah 68:6, she reminds us, "You *can* create something good out of a crazy, sometimes horrific situation... It's *your choice* to choose the good."

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As children of God, we all have something to offer to this world. We offer hope in Christ! Together as the Body of Christ, our resources really are abundant, and one tangible way that we can extend their reach far and wide is by considering adoption. **Spend some time asking God if it is His will for you to worship Him through adoption.**

If you know adoption isn't God's plan for you, consider finding and supporting adoptive families in your community! God invites us to be His hands and feet. There are so many ways to do this! Financially supporting adoptions; providing meals, gifts, or childcare for foster parents; looking for organizations that support adoptive parents on a larger scale...Collectively, we have all of the resources we need to care for every orphaned child.



DAY 14

Transformed

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.” —1 John 3:1

HEART //

The Christian life is a great series of transformations. When God lavishes His redeeming love on us, we become His children. As His children, we seek to share our newfound freedom with others. Once we know the power of God's love

to provide healing and hope, we cannot help but bring others to the Living Well that is Jesus Christ! Our Father sets us on a transformative adventure, growing us

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closer to Him and giving us opportunities to bring others close to Him! Where the abortion-minded are concerned, there are a variety of ways that Christians can bring them much-needed spiritual/physical/emotional water.

Surely, some of the earliest members at Save the Storks had to be quite adventurous when they began their journey. They had a vision to save lives through the use of mobile medical units that would provide women with access to free ultrasounds. What would they call these units? How about—*Stork Buses*. They imagined these units would be owned and operated by local pregnancy clinics, those who best know the needs of women who are navigating an unplanned pregnancy in their communities. Can you believe this dream began in a renovated van? Their story might just encourage you to adventure where God leads you—no matter how crazy it might seem. Check out the video of a Save the Storks return to the Bronx, where it all started!

It's no small secret that people are more likely to receive the Good News as "good news" when its messengers seek to provide for their physical and emotional needs alongside their spiritual ones. Today's verse describes God's love as "lavish." It's generous to the point of being considered excessive. And that's what Stork Buses are! An over-the-top, beautiful, safe, loving blessing to women who are in desperate need of a glimpse of the life growing within them.

In order to increasingly encourage and provide for abortion-vulnerable women and their unborn child, the pro-life movement needs to be continually reimagined and regularly innovated. It's got to be readily transformed by its already-transformed members. Think about your own life. If you are in Christ, you have experienced God's love enough to pour that love out onto others. As you continue to spend time in His presence, contemplating His glory, you are being transformed into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18). Plus, though your identity is firmly rooted in Christ, your life branches and blossoms in utterly unique ways! To promote the reimagination of the pro-life movement, we must all cultivate a spirit of innovation in order to impact the current culture of abortion and save the lives of the unborn.

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In what ways can you use the story and particular gifts that you have received from God to further flavor the pro-life movement? It's time to get thinking.

Jot down the ways that you can be a transformative member of the new pro-life movement. Quite literally, Save the Storks wants to partner with you to introduce creative ideas!

Email your God-given vision to reimagine@savethestorks.com. God wants to use you—your story, your gifts, your ideas—to transform the lives of women and children, fathers and families, everywhere.

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DAY 15*We Are Not Alone*

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

—John 14:15-18

HEART //

Imagine how the disciples of Jesus must have felt when they first realized he was giving His life up rather than conquering and ruling here on earth as they may have imagined. They had given up their normal lives, given their reputations, their ambitions, everything for Him! They had lived with Him and seen incredible miracles, surely the worst thing they could imagine was being without Him (see Matthew 16:21-23 for a peek). And Jesus, in John 16:6-7 says his disciples “are filled with grief” about Him leaving, but that it’s actually better if He leaves and the Holy Spirit comes! What a statement about the incredible nature of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Better than Jesus in person, here on the earth? That’s got to be pretty good.

Are we fully realizing what this means for our lives?

The Holy Spirit is our assurance that we are not alone. Jesus says in today’s verse, “I will not leave you as orphans.” We are His. In Him, we are safe. Even in this wild and crazy world, when we are with Him, we are okay. That’s probably how the disciples felt about being with Jesus, right? As long as they were with Him, as crazy as circumstances got, things always seemed to work out. And that same presence of God, of goodness, of real greatness is with us in the tangible presence of the Holy Spirit.

As we have learned throughout Identity Week, only God can give us wholeness in who we are. We are made in His image. We are healed whenever He lavishes His grace upon us. Our rescue and adoption transform us: instead of being lovers of ‘Self,’ we become lovers of God and want to help bring rescue to others. God calls us to live a righteous life, but He does not ask us to do it alone. The Father—in His perfection!—has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to steer our hearts *away* from sin and *toward* Christ.

The Spirit enables us to obey God, which is to act like His kids, because we are! After all, the best way for us to determine *who we really are* is by looking at *what we consistently do*. As children of God, we have been “created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10). Christianity is not a club or a hobby—it is a new life to live. As we move into Compassion Week tomorrow, we want you to keep this truth in mind: because we are children of God, He has prepared Kingdom work for us to do. And we can do all things through Christ! (Philippians 4:13)

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Today, ask the Holy Spirit to point out a person to whom you can show out-of-the-ordinary kindness. If you’re a young person, maybe you can eat lunch with someone who usually eats alone. Maybe you can play outside with a younger sibling who usually gets left out. Adults, maybe you can visit an elderly neighbor, or you can bring dinner to a sick friend. In a nutshell, pause the hustle and bustle of your life for a moment and remember the best of who you really are. Consider how you can brighten someone else’s day.

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In showing genuine kindness to someone, we usually have to meet that person wherever he or she is at. We have to get up close and personal. That can be scary, but let God encourage you. Not only did the Son come to dwell among us, but the Holy Spirit has also come to dwell in us. It doesn’t get more up close and personal than that! He knows the needs of everyone in your life and wants to meet them through you. It’s not your strength, insight, or compassion that can transform a life—it’s His!

As we wrap up Identity Week and move into Compassion Week tomorrow, remember that you are defined by God. He is love, and He willingly meets us right where we are. As a pro-life people, it is essential that we are the same way—especially toward abortion-vulnerable women, who often feel voiceless, alone, and without options. Tomorrow, we're going to begin to look at the ways that we can lovingly meet these moms where they are. We meet others with love because we have been met with Love!

Your media fast is now over! We hope that it has helped you to reconsider what you take in, what images influence you. As you jump back into media, whatever that looks like, keep listening to the Holy Spirit inside of you to guide you in what to look at, listen to, and how your identity can be influenced by your eyes and ears!

Pray that God would continually keep your identity in line with how He defines you in Scripture.





**When I boarded the Stork bus,
not only did I find a huge support system,
I found God.**

**When I saw the love of God
through Save the Storks
and the Pregnancy Resource Center,
I found LOVE for myself.**

**They showed me who I was
through God's eyes.
They showed me
my unborn child,
the child who needed me
to be strong
to choose life.**

- Hannah



APPENDIX

Day 1

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