

February

Week 8th - 14th February

The Look of Love.

THE FIRST TIME OUR EYES MET ACROSS A CROWDED ROOM, IT FELT AS IF TIME STOOD STILL. SOMETHING STIRRED WITHIN ME AND I WAS CAPTURED FROM THAT DAY ONWARDS. ROLL THE CLOCK FORWARD 39 YEARS AND I REMAIN MESMERIZED AND INTRIGUED, A STUDENT OF THE ONE I AM ENCHANTED BY.

IN A WORLD FULL OF DISTORTION, MARRIAGE – AND THE IDEA OF LOVE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN – IS BEING CHALLENGED ON ALL FRONTS. WHAT A PRIVILEGE, THEN, FOR US TO PRAY THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES ON THIS SPECIAL “VALENTINE WEEK OF LOVE”. YOU WILL DISCOVER THAT THIS MYSTERY IS GOD’S IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE. OUR PRAYER IS THAT WHATEVER GOD HAS IN STORE FOR YOU, YOU TOO WILL DISCOVER THAT “WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US”. THIS IS THE MESSAGE SCRIPTURE UNION OFFERS OUR YOUNG PEOPLE – “GOD LOVES US!”. THE SAME LOOK OF LOVE, WE EXPERIENCED AT THE CROSS.

Thursday, 8 | God’s Love

Scripture: Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4: 16,19 God is love. We love because he first loved us.

Prayer points: We give the Lord thanks for his love and goodness as we recently celebrated our first staff conference after 4 years. We also hailed our 100 years at a grand event held at Rocklands campsite. Pray that the SU story & testimonies continue...

Action/Gratitude point: Take a moment to give thanks for the love of the Father. Consider how many ways he has shown you his love.

Friday, 9 | God’s gift

Scripture: John 3:16 For God so Loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish.

Prayer points (EC): We give the Lord thanks for his protection of all staff who travelled home after conference, but especially for our Eastern Cape team, following a near accident experience.

Action/Gratitude point: In what ways could you share this verse / message with someone who needs it today?

Saturday, 10 | Benefits

Scripture: Genesis 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Prayer points (EC): Please join SU Amatola in prayer for their Surfer’s Marathon fundraiser (17th Feb). We ask for the 100K target to be well met.

Action/Gratitude point: Set aside time today to pray for families that you know that are separated or divorced.

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Sunday, 11 | Truth

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one. Because they have a good return for their labour; If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

Prayer points (EC): We pray for both the married and unmarried today. Help us as a movement to present accurate biblical truth around identity and marriage.

Action/Gratitude point: Pray today for the many young people who are in pain, struggling with identity and choosing not to marry.

Monday, 12 | Partnership

Scripture: Philemon 1:4-6a I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers because I hear about love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us may be effective.

Prayer points (EC): Our focus for prayer today is for the Term 1 activities including the 100-year regional events planned. May commitments be renewed and many new potential partners reached.

Action/Gratitude point: Text or call someone who is alone and struggling today – to encourage them.

Tuesday, 13 | The look of love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4,7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Prayer points: Where we need to change, Lord help us this day. Forgive us for our critical attitudes and culture of blame. Help us as an SU family to become the men and women of God you desire.

Action/Gratitude point: Ask the Lord to bring mind those areas of change you desire. Secondly, seek out an accountability partner to help you.

Wednesday, 14 | Wonder/mystery

Scripture: Proverbs 30:18

There are 3 things that are too amazing for me, 4 I do not understand: The way of the eagle in the sky, the way of a snake, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a woman.

Prayer points: Enable us as a movement to gain a fresh wonder of who you are Lord and the mysterious and marvelous ways in which you work. May we never tire or grow accustomed to these!

Action/Gratitude point: If married or in relationship, find 2 ways to express your love for your partner today. If single, ask God for peace as you trust him.