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DEVOTIONALS —— WEEK 5



WEEK FIVE

RETURN TO THE TABLE

DAY 1: What Truly Matters

November 2, 2026

Proverbs 17:1 NLT
Better a dry crust eaten in peace than a house filled with feasting—and conflict.

Something curious happens when we look back on the happiest moments we've shared with our family.

Often, we don't remember how much a meal cost, what clothes we were wearing, or how beautiful the house we were in might have been. What remains in our memory are the people, the conversations, the laughter, and those small moments that eventually became unforgettable memories.

Perhaps you recall a time when the whole family gathered around a simple table. There was nothing extraordinary to eat, yet there was joy. Someone would tell a story, another would make everyone laugh, and for a moment, worries seemed to fade into the background.

As the years go by, many of those moments take on a value that we couldn't fully grasp at the time.

BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS WHOSE TRUE VALUE WE DISCOVER NOT BY WHAT THEY COST, BUT BY WHAT THEY MEAN TO OUR HEARTS.

However, amidst our responsibilities, we may begin to confuse what we need to live with what truly makes our lives valuable.

We work to have a more comfortable home, better opportunities for our children, and a degree of financial security. There is nothing wrong with seeking the well-being of our family; in fact, Scripture teaches that we have a responsibility to care for and provide for our own.

Yet, a danger arises when our efforts to obtain good things begin to displace what should hold a significant place in our hearts.

We may become so busy working to provide the best for our family that we end up with very little time to actually enjoy them. **A home can be filled with valuable possessions, yet remain empty of what matters most.**

The writer of Proverbs offers a comparison that invites us to examine our priorities.

On one hand, he describes a table with nothing but dry bread—a simple meal, lacking in abundance or great comforts—yet peace reigns in that home. On the other hand, he presents a household with lavish feasts, where there is no shortage of food or material provisions; however,

the relationships there are marred by conflict.

The conclusion is striking: simplicity accompanied by peace is preferable to abundance accompanied by strife.

The proverb does not suggest that material possessions are inherently bad. Rather, it shows that **material abundance cannot compensate for a lack of peace within our relationships.**

This same lesson appears in Proverbs 15:17 NLT *"A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate."*

What a simple way to express a profound truth!

We may prepare the finest meals and ensure that nothing is missing from the table, but none of these things can replace the love, respect, and tranquility we need to experience when we are together.

Perhaps this leads us to an important realization: sometimes we assume our family needs more from us in material terms than what we are actually able to provide. We worry about not having enough money or not being able to provide all the opportunities we would like for our loved ones.

Yet, perhaps there is something we *can* offer—something we may have begun to neglect: our attention. A conversation free from distractions. A word of appreciation. Or simply the time needed to enjoy being together. **We cannot always give those we love everything they desire, but we can ensure they are never left in doubt about how important they are to us.**

This does not mean ignoring financial responsibilities or feeling guilty about long work hours. Many people make enormous sacrifices to support their families, and God sees those efforts.

It is about learning to value the opportunities we have to nurture our relationships.

In Luke 12:15, Jesus warned that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of their possessions. While He was addressing the dangers of greed, His words remind us that the value of our lives cannot be reduced to what we manage to accumulate.

A day will come when many of the things that concern us today will no longer matter. But the relationships we cultivate and the moments we share can leave a lasting mark that endures for years to come.

What seems like an ordinary moment today could, in time, become one of our family's most cherished memories. We don't need to wait for a special occasion to show our love; we can begin today—by setting aside time, listening attentively, and learning to enjoy the people God has placed by our side.

Ultimately, the most valuable aspect of our home is not what we have managed to acquire, but the people with whom God has allowed us to share our lives.

REMEMBER

DO NOT LET THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE MATERIAL THINGS FOR YOUR FAMILY CAUSE YOU TO NEGLECT THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING LIFE WITH THEM.

THINK

Is there a responsibility, a worry, or a material desire to which you are dedicating so much attention that you have begun to neglect your family relationships?

APPLY

Look for an opportunity to show someone in your family that their presence matters to you. Give them a few minutes of your undivided attention, share a conversation, or tell them how much you value having them in your life.

You don't need to do anything extraordinary. What matters is that your love translates into a concrete action.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the people You have placed in my life. Forgive me for the times when my worries and responsibilities have led me to neglect what is truly important. Help me to recognize the value of my family and to cultivate relationships filled with love, respect, and peace. Grant me the wisdom to fulfill my responsibilities while still enjoying the company of those I love. May your presence and your love always be the greatest wealth of our home. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 2: Don't Wait Until You Miss Them

November 3, 2026

Luke 15:17 NIV
When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!

There are people whose presence becomes so familiar that we stop recognizing how important they are to us.

We grow accustomed to hearing their voices, finding them at home, sharing our daily activities, and knowing they will be there whenever we need them. And although we love them deeply, we don't always find the right moment to show it.

Sometimes, we take for granted that we will have another chance to talk, share a meal, or simply enjoy each other's company—until something changes.

Perhaps a child leaves home to study, our parents begin to age, or life's responsibilities take us far away from those we love. It is then that we discover how meaningful those moments—which once seemed so ordinary—truly were. **Sometimes, we need to experience distance to recognize the value of a closeness we had begun to take for granted.**

In Luke 15, Jesus told the story of a young man who decided to leave his father's house. He asked for his share of the inheritance and set off for a distant land. There, he squandered his wealth until he found himself in a desperate situation. Without money, food, or the comforts he once enjoyed, he began to think back to his father's home.

Scripture tells us that he eventually came to his senses. He remembered that even his father's hired workers had more than enough to eat, while he was going hungry. That memory led him to acknowledge his true condition and decide to return.

It is important to understand that Jesus shared this parable to reveal God's mercy toward sinners who repent. Yet, the young man's experience also invites us to reflect on how we value our own family relationships.

We, too, can make a similar mistake when we allow our own desires, busy schedules, or personal interests to take such a prominent place that we begin to neglect those we love. We don't always have to leave home to become distant from our family.

We may be physically present, yet emotionally absent.

We may talk every day, and yet have stopped truly listening to one another.

DISTANCE WITHIN A FAMILY DOES NOT ALWAYS BEGIN WHEN SOMEONE LEAVES; SOMETIMES IT BEGINS WHEN WE STOP TAKING AN INTEREST IN THOSE WHO REMAIN BY OUR SIDE.

The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:4 NIV *"not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

Although Paul was teaching about humility and unity among believers, this principle should also be reflected in our family relationships.

To love means learning to consider the needs, feelings, and concerns of others—not just our own. This does not mean we should abandon our responsibilities or give up all our personal pursuits. It means we need to manage our priorities so that the people we love do not end up receiving only the time and attention we have left over.

Perhaps there is someone near you today whose presence you have begun to take for granted—your spouse, your children, your parents, or another family member with whom you share your life. Do not wait for circumstances to change before recognizing how much that person means to you.

A phone call, a conversation, a visit, or a few sincere words can be a beautiful way to express our love.

And if there is currently distance between you, remember that not all relationships can be restored immediately. Some require time, repentance, genuine change, and, at times, outside help.

But we can always begin by examining our own attitudes before God. **We do not need to wait until we miss our family to start showing them how much we value them.**

REMEMBER

DO NOT WAIT FOR DISTANCE TO TEACH YOU THE VALUE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NEAR YOU TODAY.

THINK
Is there someone in your family whose presence you have begun to take for granted—someone to whom you need to show greater attention and appreciation?

APPLY
Think of a family member to whom you have not recently expressed how much they mean to you.

Look for an opportunity to call them, talk with them, or spend time with them. Do not wait for a special occasion. Let them know, through your words or actions, that their presence is valuable to you.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the people You have placed by my side. Forgive me for the times I have taken their love and presence for granted. Help me to recognize the value of my family and not allow my busy schedule or personal interests to distance me from those I love. Give me a grateful, sensitive heart—one that is ready to show love while I still have the opportunity. Teach me to cherish every moment we share. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 3: There Is A Place For You

November 4, 2026

Luke 15:20 NIV
So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Do you remember when you were a child and had a favorite place to sit at the table? Perhaps it was the chair next to your father, the spot closest to the kitchen, or simply the seat you had grown accustomed to occupying.

And even though no one had written your name on that chair, somehow everyone knew it was your place. But what truly mattered wasn't the chair itself; it was knowing that you belonged to that family—that there were people waiting for your arrival, and that when you weren't there, someone noticed your absence.

Because we all need more than just a place to live. **We need to know that our presence matters and that we have a place in the hearts of those we love.**

In Luke 15, we find one of the most beautiful expressions of this truth.

After squandering his inheritance and acknowledging his sin, the younger son decided to return home. But something had shifted in how he viewed himself; he no longer considered himself worthy of being called a son. For this reason, he had prepared some words to ask his father to take him on as one of his hired workers.

Yet, while he was still a long way off, his father saw him. Instead of waiting for him to arrive so he could confront him about everything that had happened, the father ran to meet him, embraced him, and kissed him. He then ordered that clothes, a ring, and sandals be brought for him, and that a celebration be prepared.

What an extraordinary welcome! The young man had returned thinking he might only find a place among the hired workers, but his father welcomed him back as a son.

Jesus was revealing the mercy of our heavenly Father toward those who return in repentance. The Lord does not downplay our sin, but His grace offers us forgiveness and restoration. That is why 1 John 3:1 NLT says: *"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him."*

Through Jesus Christ, those of us who have believed in Him receive the privilege of being called children of God. And although no human family can perfectly reflect the love of our heavenly Father, His mercy should transform the way we treat those who are part of our own household.

For there are people who live surrounded by family members, yet feel profoundly alone—children who believe they only matter when they earn good grades; spouses who feel their worth depends solely on what they do for others; elderly parents who begin to wonder if they still hold any importance to their children.

**A PERSON MAY HAVE A PLACE IN OUR HOME,
YET FEEL THEY HAVE LOST THEIR PLACE IN OUR HEART.**

That is why we must learn to express our love in ways that others can recognize: by listening attentively, showing genuine interest, offering words of affirmation, and treating every individual with dignity.

This does not mean we should approve of poor decisions or ignore harmful behavior.

The father in the parable did not celebrate the fact that his son had squandered his inheritance; he celebrated the fact that his son had returned in repentance.

In the same way, we can love someone deeply while still setting healthy boundaries when necessary. Loving does not mean abandoning the truth; rather, it means learning to express that truth with grace.

Ephesians 4:32 calls us to be kind and compassionate toward one another, forgiving each other just as God forgave us in Christ.

Perhaps someone in your family today needs to hear something you haven't told them in a long time: that you love them, that their presence matters, and that you are grateful to have them in your life. Do not assume they already know.

A true home is not merely a place where we have a room; it is a place where we know our life holds a special spot in the hearts of others.

REMEMBER

**ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE IN YOUR FAMILY KNOW
NOT ONLY THAT THEY HAVE A PLACE IN YOUR HOME,
BUT ALSO THAT THEY HAVE A PLACE IN YOUR HEART.**

THINK
Can the people in your family—through your words and attitudes—recognize that they are loved and valued?

APPLY
Choose someone in your family and sincerely express to them how much they mean to you.

Try to mention something specific that you value about that person—perhaps their effort, their

companionship, their character, or a way in which they have blessed your life.

Do not take it for granted that they already know how you feel. Let your love be something that can also be heard.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the immense love with which You have welcomed us through Jesus Christ. Help me to reflect Your grace and mercy in my home. Forgive me for the times when my words or attitudes have made the people I love feel undervalued. Grant me the sensitivity to recognize their needs and the wisdom to express my love with sincerity. May our home be a place where everyone finds respect, understanding, and care. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 4: Together, But Distant

November 5, 2026

Romans 12:15 CEV
When others are happy, be happy with them, and when they are sad, be sad.

Imagine for a moment a family gathered in their living room. Everyone is there. The parents are resting after a day's work, the children are sitting nearby, and, on the surface, they seem to be enjoying a moment together. But if we look closely, we discover something interesting: one person is checking their phone, another is watching a movie, someone else is responding to messages, and another is completely absorbed in their own activities. They all share the same space, yet hardly anyone is talking.

While this scene might seem perfectly normal, it invites us to consider an important question: **Are we truly spending time together, or are we simply occupying the same place?**

It is possible to live under the same roof and, without even realizing it, begin to lead emotionally separate lives.

Responsibilities, schedules, and worries can lead each family member to develop their own individual routine. And when we finally find a moment to come together, we are often so tired or distracted that we barely pay attention to those around us.

The problem is not necessarily technology or individual pursuits—we all need moments of rest and personal space. The difficulty arises when we stop taking an interest in what is happening in the lives of those we love.

In Romans 12, the apostle Paul offers a series of teachings on sincere love and how believers should relate to one another. Among them is a beautiful instruction: to rejoice with those who rejoice and to share in the sorrow of those who suffer.

Although Paul is speaking about fellowship among believers, this principle also has a significant application within our families. Sharing life means much more than just living together; it means taking an interest in the joys, concerns, challenges, and experiences of one another.

CLOSENESS WITHIN A FAMILY IS NOT MEASURED SOLELY BY THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, BUT ALSO BY THE GENUINE INTEREST WE SHOW IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE LOVE.

Consider our children, for example. Perhaps one of them comes home excited about something that, to us, might seem insignificant. It might be a good grade, a school activity, or simply something fun that happened during the day.

To us, it may seem like a minor event, but to them, it could be the most significant thing that happened all day. And when we set aside what we are doing to listen, we are communicating something much deeper than just an interest in their story—we are telling them that their life matters to us.

The same applies to marriage. Sometimes, our spouse doesn't need us to immediately solve whatever is worrying them; they may simply need someone willing to listen—without interrupting, minimizing their feelings, or rushing to offer solutions.

That is why James 1:19 reminds us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. While this teaching has broad application in the Christian life, it is especially vital within the home.

Listening attentively is, in itself, an act of love. This doesn't mean we must be available at every single moment, nor does it mean that every conversation has to be profound.

There are days filled with fatigue, worries, and responsibilities that demand our attention. Yet, we can strive to create spaces for our families where they feel free to share what they are going through—perhaps during a meal, a walk, a conversation before bed, or a few quiet minutes at the end of the day.

We don't need to turn every family interaction into an extraordinary event. **Often, the strongest relationships are built through small, consistent moments of focused attention.**

And if we find that we have grown distant, it does not necessarily mean all is lost. We can begin to draw closer again—by asking questions with genuine interest, listening with patience, and learning to find joy in the small, everyday experiences of those around us.

After all, **sharing a home is not the same as sharing a life.**

REMEMBER

CLOSENESS WITHIN A FAMILY GROWS WHEN WE MOVE BEYOND MERELY SHARING THE SAME PHYSICAL SPACE AND BEGIN TO SHARE OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND LIFE EXPERIENCES.

THINK

When was the last time you listened with true, undivided attention to something that mattered to a member of your family?

APPLY

Find a moment during the day to talk with someone in your family, free from distractions. Ask them how they are feeling, what has brought them joy recently, or if there is anything weighing on their mind. Listen without rushing to respond. Make sure they feel that their life and experiences truly matter to you.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the people with whom I share my life. Forgive me for the times I have been so busy or distracted that I failed to pay attention to them. Give me a sensitive heart to recognize their joys and concerns. Teach me to listen with patience, to accompany with love, and to value the small moments we can share. Help us to cultivate relationships characterized by trust, understanding, and genuine closeness. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 5: The One Who Stayed Outside

November 6, 2026

Luke 15:28 NIV
The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

There are times when we may find ourselves surrounded by people we love, yet feel no desire to share our lives with them.

Perhaps someone made a remark that hurt us, a situation ended unpleasantly, or there is an unresolved conflict that has persisted.

And although we remain part of the same family, something has shifted within our hearts. We begin to avoid certain conversations, stop attending some gatherings, or simply maintain a distance that wasn't there before.

The challenge is that, over time, we can become so accustomed to this distance that we start to view it as normal.

SOMETIMES, IT IS NOT A LACK OF OPPORTUNITY THAT PREVENTS US FROM ENJOYING OUR FAMILY, BUT RATHER THE BARRIERS WE HAVE ALLOWED TO GROW WITHIN OUR OWN HEARTS.

In Luke 15, we find a scene that illustrates this reality. After the younger son returned in repentance, his father organized a celebration. There was reason to rejoice: the son who had been lost had finally come home.

But when the older brother returned from the fields and heard the music, he asked what was happening.

Upon learning that they were celebrating his brother's return, he became angry and refused to go inside. What a striking contrast!

The younger son had been far away, yet he desired to return. The older son had remained close, yet he refused to share in his family's joy.

When his father came out to speak with him, his words revealed what was happening in his heart. He began to complain about the years he had spent working and the things he felt he had never received. And when he referred to his younger brother, he didn't even call him "brother"—he said to his father, "This son of yours."

Jesus was confronting the attitude of those who resisted the celebration of sinners being welcomed with mercy. But this scene also invites us to examine how resentment can affect our own family relationships.

For when we harbor resentment, we may begin to view people solely through the lens of their mistakes. We stop recognizing people's positive qualities, forget the good times, and allow a painful experience to dictate how we treat them.

RESENTMENT DOES MORE THAN JUST REMIND US OF WHAT SOMEONE DID; IT CAN ALSO PREVENT US FROM SEEING WHAT GOD IS DOING IN THAT PERSON'S LIFE.

However, there is something important we must understand. Not all wounds remain open simply because someone refuses to forgive. Sometimes, there are harms that have never been acknowledged, behaviors that keep recurring, or situations that require attention and support.

For this reason, it would be wrong to ask someone who has been hurt to simply ignore what happened just to maintain an appearance of unity. Forgiveness is important, but it does not mean justifying mistreatment, erasing the consequences of our choices, or automatically restoring trust.

Reconciliation requires truth, accountability, and—in cases where harm has occurred—changes that become evident over time. Ephesians 4:31–32 calls us to put away bitterness and to treat one another with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, following the example of the grace we have received in Christ.

This teaching invites us to examine our own attitudes without denying the reality of our wounds. Perhaps we have allowed a minor disagreement to grow into an insurmountable barrier. Or, it may be that there is a serious situation that needs to be addressed with humility, wisdom, and the right kind of support.

In either case, we can ask the Lord to keep us from letting resentment dictate our decisions.

At the end of the parable, the father reminded the older son that the person he referred to as "your son" was, in fact, *"your brother."* The story concludes without revealing whether he ultimately joined the celebration.

The invitation was extended, but it was up to him to decide how to respond.

Perhaps today, we, too, need to examine whether there are any barriers in our own hearts that are preventing us from cultivating healthier relationships. We cannot always change what has happened, but with God's help, we can begin to respond in a different way.

REMEMBER

DO NOT LET RESENTMENT PREVENT YOU FROM RECOGNIZING THE OPPORTUNITIES GOD OFFERS YOU TO CULTIVATE HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS.

THINK

Is there any past hurt, comparison, or resentment influencing the way you treat someone in your family?

APPLY

Take a few minutes to examine your feelings before the Lord.

If you recognize that you have held onto an attitude of pride or resentment, consider what needs to change. If there is a past hurt that still requires attention, think of a healthy step you can take to begin addressing it—such as having a respectful conversation, acknowledging your own responsibility, or seeking guidance.

You do not need to pretend that everything is fine in order to begin acting with wisdom.

PRAY

Lord, You know my heart and the experiences that have affected my family relationships. Help me to recognize any resentment, pride, or attitude that needs to change. Grant me the humility to acknowledge my mistakes and the wisdom to address the wounds that still require attention. Teach me to forgive without denying the truth, and to cultivate relationships characterized by respect, mercy, and accountability. May Your grace transform my heart and guide me in every decision. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

DAY 6: Let's Meet Again

November 7, 2026

Romans 12:10 NIV
Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

There are times when a family needs more than just gathering around a table; they need to truly reconnect. We might share a meal, take part in a celebration, or spend several hours together, yet remain emotionally distant.

Perhaps conversations have become too brief; perhaps responsibilities keep us busy, or certain experiences have weakened the trust we once enjoyed.

And although love may still exist, we may have stopped expressing it in ways that allow us to feel genuinely close. The hopeful news is that many relationships can begin to grow stronger through simple choices:

A conversation we had been putting off.
An apology we needed to offer.
A word of appreciation.
Or a few minutes of undivided attention that we previously weren't willing to give.

SOMETIMES, THE FIRST STEP TOWARD RESTORING CLOSENESS WITHIN A FAMILY ISN'T DOING SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY, BUT RATHER RETURNING—WITH LOVE—TO THE THINGS WE HAD BEGUN TO NEGLECT.

Throughout this week, we have reflected on the value of our family, the importance of feeling loved, and the need to truly share life together. We have also considered how resentment, distractions, and our personal priorities can create distance between us and those we love most. But now, we must ask ourselves: ***What will we do with everything we have learned?***

Recognizing that a relationship needs attention is important, but it is not enough. We must also be willing to make choices that help strengthen it.

In Romans 12:10, the apostle Paul calls us to love one another with brotherly affection and to honor one another. This instruction is part of his teaching on how sincere love should be expressed among believers. And while it is addressed to the Christian community, it also contains essential principles for our family relationships.

Love should not be limited to what we feel; it must also be expressed through our words, our decisions, and our attitudes. To honor someone means to recognize their worth and to treat them with the consideration they deserve.

This may seem simple, but we do not always put it into practice.

Sometimes, we show more patience toward people we barely know than toward those who live in our own homes. We are careful in how we speak to our coworkers, yet we allow fatigue or frustration to dictate how we respond to our own family.

And while no one can maintain a perfect attitude at all times, we must recognize that our words and actions have a profound impact on our relationships.

THE PEOPLE WE LOVE THE MOST SHOULD NOT BE THE ONES FOR WHOM WE MAKE THE LEAST EFFORT TO SHOW OUR LOVE.

Therefore, reconnecting also means learning to treat one another with greater consideration:

Listening before responding.
Acknowledging our mistakes without making excuses.
Expressing gratitude for what others do for us.
And ensuring that our differences do not erode the respect we ought to maintain.

Colossians 3:13 exhorts us to bear with one another and forgive each other, following the example of the forgiveness we have received from the Lord. This does not mean that every family difficulty can be resolved in a single conversation.

Some relationships require time, deep-seated changes, and professional help. There are also circumstances where maintaining healthy boundaries is necessary to protect the individuals involved.

Yet, even when we cannot resolve everything immediately, we can examine our own choices and ask God for the wisdom to take the next step.

Perhaps this week you have realized that you need to spend more time with your children. Maybe you have come to understand that your marriage requires more attention. Or perhaps you have been reminded of a family member with whom you haven't had a sincere conversation in a long time.

Do not let these reflections remain merely as good intentions.

James 1:22 reminds us that we must put the Word of God into practice, rather than simply listening to it.

And that is a beautiful way to conclude this week—not only by recognizing the importance of our family, but by making choices that demonstrate just how much we value them.

Because returning to the table is not just about sitting down together again; it is about opening our hearts once more to share life.

REMEMBER

CLOSENESS WITHIN A FAMILY IS NOT RESTORED MERELY THROUGH GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT THROUGH DECISIONS THAT EXPRESS LOVE, RESPECT, AND COMMITMENT.

THINK

After reflecting throughout this week, what do you need to start doing differently to cultivate a closer and healthier relationship with your family?

APPLY

Choose a specific action you can put into practice over the next few days. This could be setting aside time for a family conversation, dedicating time to someone you have neglected, expressing gratitude, or beginning to address an unresolved situation. Make sure it is a simple, specific action that is within your control. Do not try to change everything at once; start with a step you can sustain.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for the teachings we have received this week. Thank You for reminding us how valuable the people You have placed in our lives truly are. Forgive me for my neglect, my mistakes, and the times I have failed to show the love I should have. Grant me the humility to recognize what needs to change and the wisdom to make good decisions. Help us to cultivate relationships filled with respect, understanding, forgiveness, and joy. May Your grace strengthen us to take concrete steps and learn to once again enjoy the privilege of sharing life together. In Your name. Amen.