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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The women writers of *Our Daily Bread* welcome you on a refreshing forty-day journey with the One who loves you unconditionally and understands you completely.

You're invited to

Draw closer to God through forty beautiful devotions on God's nearness,

Meditate on Scripture with curated Bible passages and reflection questions—to let your heart ponder truth and life,

Pray and journal using prompts that free you to love God with your heart, mind, and emotions.

Let these forty days lead you to lift your eyes to the One who sees you with gentleness, who loves you without conditions or limits, and who desires to refresh your soul with His perfect peace.

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33:27

Anna Haggard
General Editor

PSALM 136:1–9 NLT

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who placed the earth among the waters.

His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—

His faithful love endures forever.

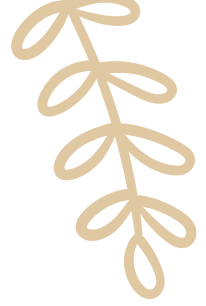
the sun to rule the day,

His faithful love endures forever.

and the moon and stars to rule the night.

His faithful love endures forever.

The almighty God who sustains
the universe has chosen to love
me freely and unconditionally.



FOREVER LOVE

Years ago, my four-year-old son gave me a framed wooden heart mounted on a metal plate with the word forever painted in its center. “I love you forever, Mommy,” he said.

I thanked him with a hug. “I love you more.”

That priceless gift still assures me of my son’s never-ending love. On tough days, God uses that sweet present to comfort and encourage me as He affirms I’m deeply loved.

The frame also reminds me of the gift of God’s everlasting love, as expressed throughout His Word and confirmed by His Spirit. We can trust God’s unchanging goodness and sing grateful praises that confirm His enduring love, as the psalmist does (Psalm 136:1). We can exalt the Lord as greater than and above all (vv. 2–3), as we reflect on His endless wonders and unlimited understanding (vv. 4–5). The God who loves us forever is the conscious and caring Maker of the heavens and earth, who maintains control of time itself (vv. 6–9).

We can rejoice because the everlasting love the psalmist sang about is the same continuing love our all-powerful Creator and Sustainer pours into the lives of His children today. No matter what we’re facing, the One who made us and remains with us strengthens us by asserting He loves us unconditionally and completely.

Xochitl Dixon

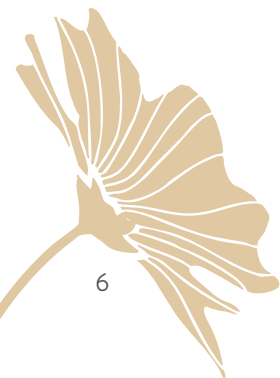


Write

As you begin this forty-day journey, reflect on your personal relationship with God. How would you like to draw closer to Jesus in the days ahead?

*We know and
rely on the love
God has for us.
God is love.*

1 JOHN 4:16





Connect

The Hebrew word *hesed* shows up twenty-six times in Psalm 136—a rich Hebrew word translated as “faithful love” in the New International Version. But *hesed* is loaded with more meaning than any one English word can communicate. It’s a love without limits—unearned yet freely given, never-ending, completely committed.

Check out just a few ways Bible translations share about this love.

His steadfast love endures forever. (ESV)

His love never quits. Thank the God of all gods, *His love never quits.*

Thank the Lord of all lords. *His love never quits.* (MSG)

His mercy endures forever. (NKJV)

His loving-kindness lasts forever. (NLV)

His faithfulness is everlasting. (NASB)

Sit with one translation that speaks to your heart and journal why it’s meaningful to you.

Pray

Invite God to reveal His infinite love to you in new, fresh ways over the next forty days.

PROVERBS 19:20–23

Listen to advice and accept discipline,
and at the end you will be counted among the wise.

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

What a person desires is unfailing love;
better to be poor than a liar.

The fear of the LORD leads to life;
then one rests content, untouched by trouble.





God's plans for my future
are always good, purposeful,
and filled with hope.

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IMPERFECT PLANS

I was exploring a library on the bottom floor of a new community center when an overhead crash suddenly shook the room. A few minutes later it happened again, and then again. An agitated librarian finally explained that a weight-lifting area was positioned directly above the library, and the noise occurred every time someone dropped a weight. Architects and designers had carefully planned many aspects of this state-of-the-art facility, yet someone had forgotten to locate the library away from all the action.

In life as well, our plans are often flawed. We overlook important considerations. And it's tough to account for accidents or surprises as we make plans. Although planning helps us avoid financial shortfalls, time crunches, and health issues, even the most thorough strategies can't eliminate all problems from our lives. We live in a post-Eden, imperfect world.

With God's help, we can find the balance between prudently considering the future (Proverbs 6:6–8) and responding to difficulties. God often has a purpose for the trouble He allows into our lives. He may use it to develop patience in us, to increase our faith, or simply to bring us closer to Him. The Bible reminds us, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21). As we submit our goals and hopes for the future to Jesus, He'll show us what He wants to accomplish in us and through us—no matter what the circumstances.

Jennifer Benson Schuldt



Pray

Bring to Jesus an unfulfilled dream or desire.


Connect

With Jesus, take inventory of what matters most to you right now—your priorities, goals, and plans. As you share them with God, listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance about what to take hold of, what to adjust, and what to let go of.



Write

Think back to a time when your plans or expectations weren't met and talk honestly about it with Jesus.



*Many are the
plans in a
person's heart,
but it is the
LORD's purpose
that prevails.*

PROVERBS 19:21



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