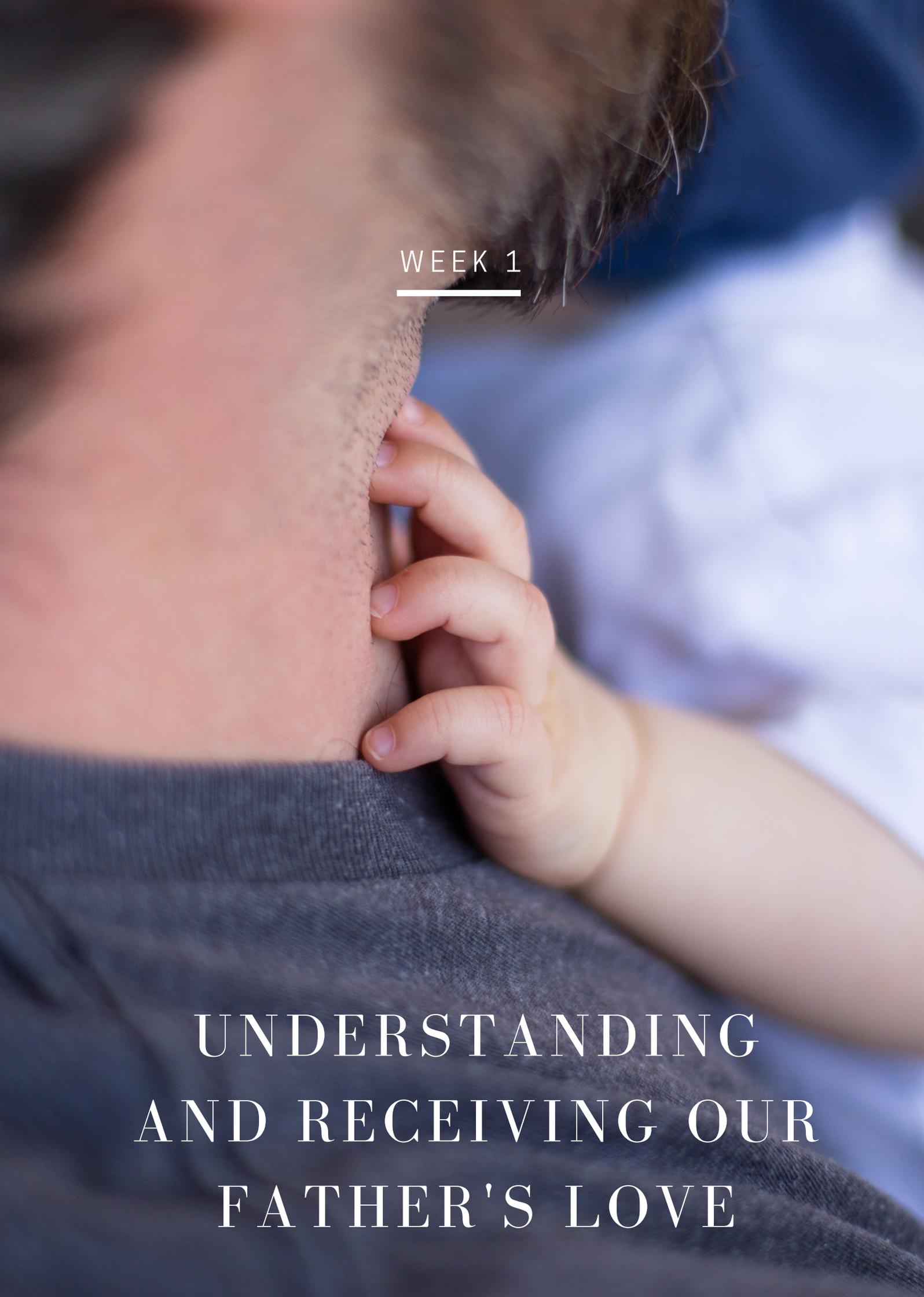


WEEK 1

OVERFLOW

THE FATHER'S LOVE



A close-up photograph of a person's neck and shoulder. A child's hand is resting on the person's neck, with fingers gently touching the skin. The person is wearing a dark grey t-shirt. The background is blurred, showing a blue and white patterned surface.

WEEK 1

UNDERSTANDING
AND RECEIVING OUR
FATHER'S LOVE

DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR REVELATION OF OUR FATHER'S LOVE FOR YOU?

Do you want to go deeper in your understanding of our Father's perfect love for you? Are you ready and willing to receive an outpouring of His love into your life?

Many of us today can have a tainted view of the Father's love because of our relationship with our earthly father. Is this you?

Papa God loves you, he has a tender and warm heart towards you as a son and daughter of Him. Do you know this tender love towards you? Or has it been tainted by another?

Maybe you think love is earned or conditional. You may think love is only given if you follow principles and rules. This is simply not true- this is the fruit of religion not the relationship with God the Father that the Word of God teaches.

Let's say a husband comes home to his wife and says "Here are some flowers" and the wife asks "Thank you, why did you give this to me?" and he says "Because you're my wife, and you have been doing things for me." Is that a loving relationship? That is not a loving relationship, but a dutiful relationship. Relationship is when the husband gives a gift of flowers not earned through task or duty, rather purely out of a loving relationship for his wife and his affection towards her. We hope this example shows you the difference between human religion and divine relationship with Father God.

The first inspiration for this week is to simply understand that your Heavenly Father is a good Father, He loves you and He wants you to know and receive His love in a deeper way.



He accepts you for who you are in Christ. If you have faith in Jesus, He doesn't see your shame and past, He sees His Son Jesus Christ and He dearly loves his Son.

When was the last time the Holy Spirit gave you a revelation from the Word of God?

A revelation is when the truth of God hits you on the inside, in your inner spirit.

In Ephesians 1, Paul calls this a "spirit of revelation and wisdom in the knowledge of Him." He also prays as follows, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you". Paul says here that our heart has eyes to show you more about God's love for you, who you are in Christ and what you are called for. Will you let the eyes of your heart see the riches of His love?

A God given revelation is simply when the penetrating truth of God's Word suddenly becomes real to you in your spirit.

It is like when a seed is planted in the ground, nurtured in good soil and watered well and then sprouts to life. This is similar to how a revelation works. When the Word of God is planted in a good heart, the living water of the Holy Spirit will help it spring to life.

During the OVERFLOW series, we are praying that the Spirit of God imparts to you a rich understanding of the Father's love so that you can receive more from Him.

Are you ready to receive from your Father?

A deep revelation in your spirit can only be received if you are open to receiving this gift. Are you willing to receive from Him? You might think "Well, I know my Father loves me, so this isn't really relevant to me." Could you know more of His love? There is a greater depth of God's love that can be revealed to us if we are willing to receive from Him.

"...I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Ephesians 3:17-18 (NIV)

The Father wants you to be rooted and established in His love, if we think we have arrived at a final place, then we need to humble ourselves and prepare to go deeper into the depths of our Father's love.

Do you want a deeper revelation of our Father's love?

We hope this week's inspiration doesn't just inspire you to understand our Father's love, but to receive an experience of His love also. For example, we can understand in our mind and heart that someone loves us, but there is also an experience of love we can receive. Think about it, you might know your family loves you but there is something more when you actually experience their love for you.

This love may express itself through spending quality time with you, physical affection, being kind to you or giving you gifts. In the same way, God wants you



to receive an experience of His love as He pours this out to you by the Spirit of God.

In the Word of God there many analogies where the Holy Spirit is compared to liquid- anointing oil, water and wine. Like all liquids, the Holy Spirit can be poured out to overflow in our lives. Many of us may have the Holy Spirit but are we filled with the Holy Spirit to the point of overflow?

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:5 (NIV)

God doesn't just have love, He is love. When the Holy Spirit fills us, He pours out His love so that we may be filled to overflowing.

Think on this again, are you filled with His Spirit to the point of overflowing ? Is there room for more of the Holy Spirit in your life? Is there anything holding you back from being completely filled by Him? Let's say you filled a cup of rocks with water, is that cup completely filled? Or is there more room for the Holy Spirit? Like rocks in a cup, we may have areas in our life that are holding us back from the fullness of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

What are the rocks in your life? Fear, sin, resentment, unforgiveness, jealousy, pain and/or trauma?

Please note the point of these questions is not to bring condemnation, but rather to see you experience greater freedom in Jesus!

Do you want these things flushed out of your system? Let the Father's love flow through the Holy Spirit and flush you clean of any sin or residual past that may be causing issues in your life.

The love of God will flush out all fear, anxiety, pain, unforgiveness and anything else that blocks you from having intimacy with the Lord.

“Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

Don't carry anything with you that may slow you down in this race of life- let Jesus take it all.

Jesus came to set us free. God loved you so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for you AND to defeat the power of sin and death in our lives. Do you believe this? Then let this truth set you free!

If we are open to being filled with God's love, then we can be filled to the point of overflowing. This love is not just to be poured in us for ourselves, but to overflow to others around us. During the 40 days we will be sharing with you 5 other core themes from the Word of God about the Father's love, how His love can flow through you, and how that impacts lives and society around us. True and lasting change can only come from a place of intimacy with God the Father, and we hope these inspirations will draw you closer to Him and strengthen your relationship with God.

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8 (NIV)

Here are the 3 activations for this week

ACTIVATION 1: FIND A QUIET PLACE

Find a quiet place free of distraction, where you can spend some time receiving a deep revelation of the Father's love.

Sometimes we can't receive because we don't trust the giver. If you are believing a lie about God's intentions towards you, then list these lies that the Holy Spirit is shining light on. Then combat those lies with God's truth. God is a Heavenly Father. Look for times where you can just sit and receive from the Father. Sit, be still, don't move. Find a place for sitting and being in His presence, read the Word of God, and pray that the Holy Spirit will bring life to the seed of God, the Word.

ACTIVATION 2: FLUSHING THINGS OUT

Bring before your Father the things you want flushed out of your life.

The Word says the Holy Spirit came to convict you of sin, righteousness and judgement. Any true move of God starts with repentance. If you are holding onto things done in the past or any sins, list them out before God. Bring them before your Father God, and think of the Cross of Christ. If we believe in the power of the blood of Jesus, He will wipe away our guilt and change us from the inside out. Jesus has come to nail that list to the cross! He has already defeated sin, sickness and death on the cross. Once you have written that list, cry out in a place of prayer "IT IS FINISHED" just as Jesus said when he died on the cross. As you do this, receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in you as you are filled with God's love.

ACTIVATION 3: PREPARE FOR OVERFLOW

Prepare yourself to be filled to overflowing.

Let there be an expectation of being filled to overflowing for others. God's love is not just for you, it's for others through you. God pours His love out on us, so that He can flow through us to others. What could be holding you back from sharing His love with others? Fear? If so, the Word of God says "He has not given you spirit of fear, but of power and of love and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV). As you go through your day, if you feel God's love prompt you to help someone, share a Word, or even the Gospel to the unsaved, and don't let fear hold you back, but step out in faith and see what the Holy Spirit can do through you!



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6 March 2019

Pray that God would show you how He sees you and loves you as a perfect Father.

2

7 March 2019

Pray to be filled with God's love so you can comprehend the heights and depths of the love in Christ Jesus.

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8 March 2019

Pray that God's love flushes out fear, unforgiveness, insecurity, and any other things that are not of Him.

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9 March 2019

Pray for an untainted and renewed revelation of the Father's love.



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