

# CRESTVIEW



## JOHN 15:16

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*



## MONDAY - MATTHEW 22:37-39

*He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.*

Father, I have experienced your ever-faithful love in my life. I love you because you first loved me and gave your Son for my redemption. It is your love for me that gives life and I desire more of your love in me. Cause my love for you to grow everyday, moment by moment, that I may experience the joy and peace that is found in you. Stir up my affections for you when they become dull. Then let this love pour out of me and onto others around me.

Give me a genuine love for my neighbors, friends, relatives, coworkers, and everyone that you put in my path. Cause me to give of my life in love towards those whom I don't think deserve it. Reveal to me the love that you have for others and put that same love into my heart. May others see your love through me and might you use it to impact their souls for your glory.

So open my eyes and soften my heart to the hurting and broken around me that I might love them sacrificially. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.



## TUESDAY - TITUS 2:1-10

*But you are to proclaim things consistent with sound teaching. Older men are to be self-controlled, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance. In the same way, older women are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not slaves to excessive drinking. They are to teach what is good.. Make yourself an example of good works with integrity and dignity in your teaching. Your message is to be sound beyond reproach, so that any opponent will be ashamed, because he doesn't have anything bad to say about us... that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything.*

Thank you for the church and putting your people in my life who teach me of your love for me and how to practically walk in your ways. Put others in my life and show me how I can teach others the same. Use this discipleship of one another in your church to make disciples of others in our community. Cause me to be a model of good works in every area of my life. Do not let your Word be reviled or slandered because of me. Don't let the enemy use my brokenness and sin to mock your name. Rather let your love and grace shine through me so that evil and darkness would be put to shame. Cause me to be a blessing to others. Shine your light through me that others may see you as wonderful and true. Let me model your sacrificial love so that my life would cause the Gospel to be attractive to those who reject your love. Allow them to see you and not me. So strengthen me when I am at my weakest that you would be glorified through me. I ask this, not for myself, but in the name of Jesus. Amen.



## WEDNESDAY - COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

*Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, so that I may make it known as I should. Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.*

God, I praise you as the one who reveals Himself to the humble. You make the blind to see and the deaf to hear of your greatness. I could speak until I'm blue in the face but that will not change a person's heart to know and love you. But you can do it. You can break a hard heart by the word of your power. You can open doors to places that were once closed off. You have done this work in my own soul, and I know that you can do it in the lives of many others in our community. So give me opportunities to tell of your redemption to others. Guide my words and actions that they would point to you, especially in moments that I feel weak and don't know what to say. Spirit, make my words to be the right balm to hurting, confused, or stubborn people. Give me the answers to their burning questions about life and about your ways in the world. Be the hope, peace, and joy that our community is looking for and use me to point to you as that answer. I ask this for the sake of Jesus and in His name, Amen.



## THURS - COLOSSIANS 1:24-2:7

*God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me. For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you... So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.*

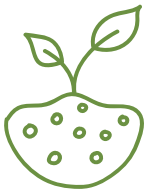
Father, you are the great teacher. You are wisdom & in you is hidden all the treasures of knowledge. You are incomprehensible and yet at the same time you want to be known. Reveal to us, according to your word, the mystery of the cross and its implications for our lives. Your people must know the realities of the gospel. Make your truths real and powerful in the lives of your people. You have worked Christ in us, this is our hope and glory! Cause us to know him more deeply and intimately over this next year. We desire, as a church, to grow up into Christ. So strengthen us and powerfully work in us to establish one another in the gospel. Use each of us ground one another in your truth as your disciples. Knit us together as a church to know you and be found in you. Protect us from false gospels and worldly wisdom that tries to tear us from you & one another. Establish us, firm in our faith, as a church that we may glorify and enjoy you forever. All this I ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.



## FRIDAY - ROMANS 12:3-16

*...Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Detest evil; cling to what is good. Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another....*

Jesus, you have not left us as orphans. You gave us your Spirit to empower us to glorify yourself in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Thank you for this incredible gift and may he have his way in my life. Keep me in step with your Spirit in every area of my life. Cause me to know and use the gift and talents that he has given me. Give me confidence to use your gifts to bless those in the church and community. Strengthen me to serve sacrificially. In every way, I want to show others and help others know the love that you have for me. Equip me to teach and train others in the basics of discipleship and service to others. By your Spirit, cause me to love others, be zealous in service, rejoice in my sufferings, have patience in trials, and to show radical hospitality to strangers. Let me be a conduit of your grace to those in our community and to help others in the church to do the same. All for your glory, I pray in Jesus name, Amen.



## SATURDAY - 1 COR 3:5-9

*What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building.*

God, in everything you give the growth. With every effort and work that we do as a church, you are the one who is changing lives. You are the one who makes disciples and shapes your people in the likeness of Christ. So would you take all of our energy and use it for the growth and maturity of your people. Take all of our talents and use them to make yourself great in our community. Guard us from the temptation to make service about ourselves, our institution, our little kingdoms, or our comforts. Keep our hearts from making everything we do to show others how great we are. Humble us and glorify yourself through us. At the same time, give us grace to see the fruits of all our labors in the moment. Don't let us be discouraged, but reveal to us how you are moving and making disciples of Christ. Have mercy on all our labors and may we enjoy the fruits of our work in making you known in our community. I ask all this in the name of Jesus, Amen.



## SUNDAY - LUKE 10:2

*He told them, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.*

Jesus, you have said that you are the Lord of the harvest. You know your sheep and they hear your voice. There are many in our community, in our families, in our spaces who need your saving grace and mercy in their lives. They need the deliverance from their sins against you, that only you can provide. You are able to save to the uttermost those who come to you by faith. You have to be the one who makes the harvest in our community ready. Spirit, regenerate hearts that are able to see Jesus as their one and only true Savior and Master of their souls. But how can they hear about this forgiveness and restoration without someone going to them? You must send your people into this harvest. So cause your people to stand up, to rise up, to go and speak your gospel in Reno County and beyond. Impress upon your servants to go and make disciples. And send workers into your harvest that your name would be great and you would obtain the worship that only you deserve. Do this in your name I pray, Amen.