





ITS ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH A PERSON

- ➤ Initial Attraction
- Quality time getting to know character. Like a date.
- Healthy relationships are based on communication.(Listening & Talking).
- Listening (Word) & Talking (Prayer).



JESUS' DEVOTIONAL LIFE WITH THE FATHER

- ➤ Jesus was alone with the Father.
- ➤ Jesus set aside time to be with the Father.
- Jesus set aside a place.(Usually in nature).
- ➤ Jesus did it often (daily).



TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED

- ➤ Be Alert.
- ➤ Find a Solitary Place.
- ➤ Bring Your Bible.
- ➤ Use a Highlighter.
- ➤ Bring a Pen.
- ➤ Music.
- ➤ Bring a Journal.



Song - Sing to God or listen to one song of praise, worship or devotional meditation that draws you close to Him.



> Prayer - Pray a short prayer of thanksgiving, that welcomes God's presence. Ask Him to reveal to you what He is like in what you read. Ask Him to give you the assurance of salvation in Jesus in what you read. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the bible reading.



> Read - Read the portion of scripture you've been given from the bible reading plan for the day. Read at a pace that allows you to absorb what you are reading. It helps to sometimes pause to meditate on what you are reading. Allow yourself to be drawn into each scene. If it is a story, allow your mind to use your senses in each scene.



➤ ...What do you smell, see, taste, touch or hear? Is what you are reading poetry, prophecy, wisdom literature or narrative? Do you identify with the experience of one of the characters? These are just some of the things to think about as you read.



A GOSPEL ORIENTATION

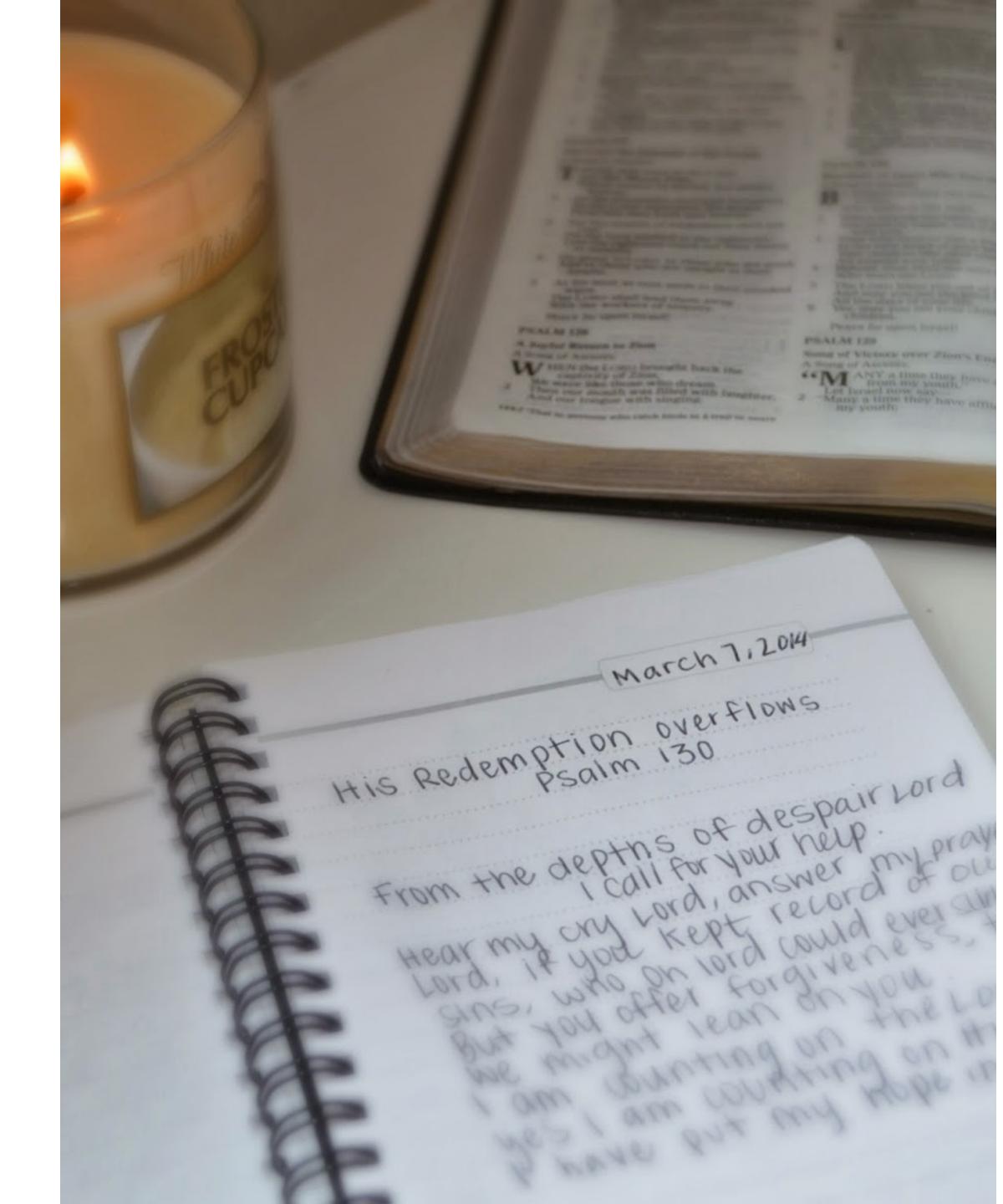
The Bible is the epic unfolding story of the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the salvation of the world.

4 SPECIFIC THINGS TO HIGHLIGHT AND JOURNAL

- 1. How did God reveal His character of love to you in today's reading?
- 2. What picture of Jesus or the Cross gave you the assurance of your salvation today?
- 3. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through today's reading?
- 4. What verse(s) will you meditate on and memorize today?

HOW DID GOD REVEALHIS CHARACTER OF LOVE TO YOU IN TODAY'S READING?

See Ex. 34:5-7; 1st Jn 4:8



"The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth...

-Exodus 34:6-7 NKJV

who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...

-Exodus 34:6-7 NKJV

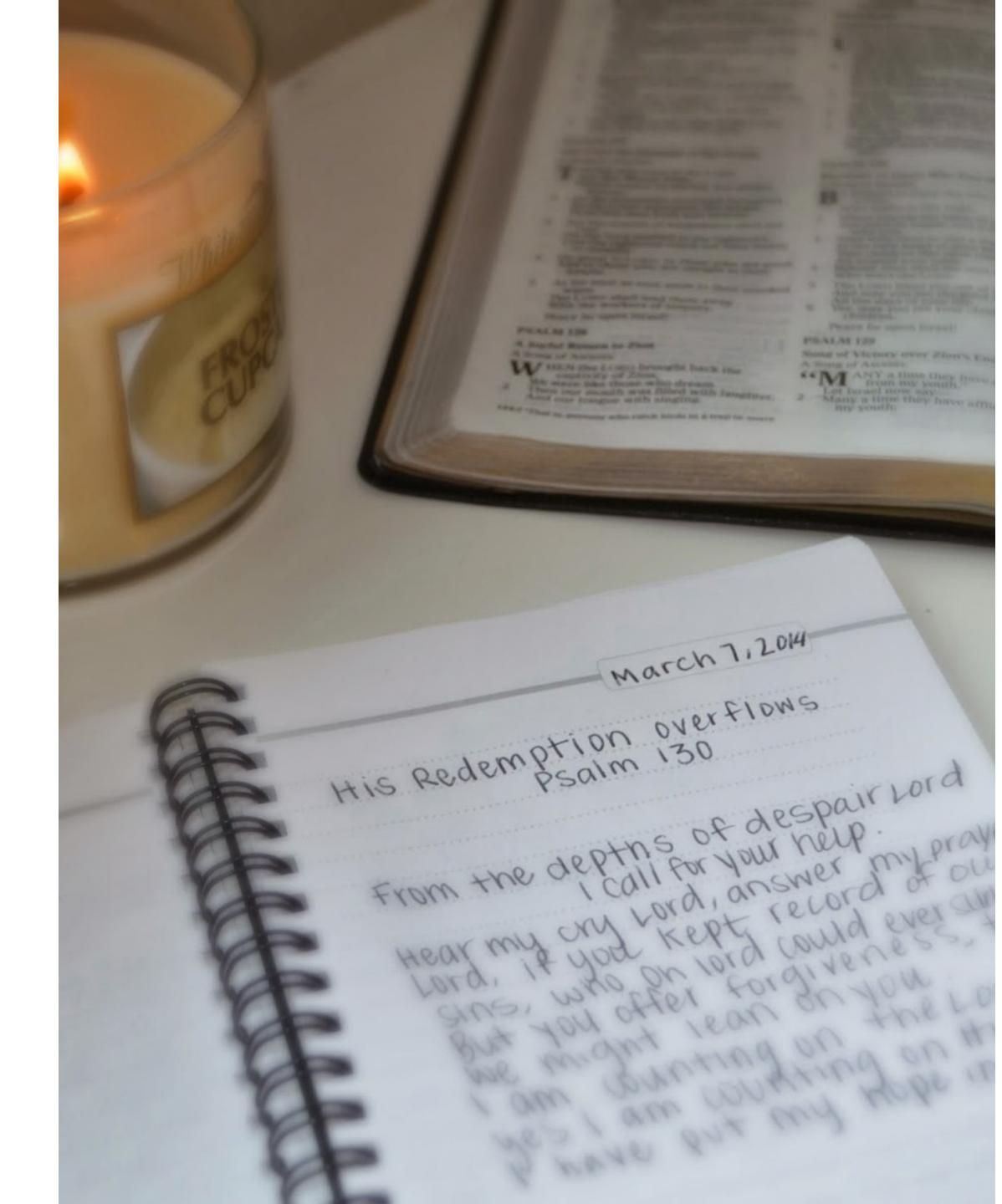
Suddenly, God appeared beautiful. I could see Him. Not a face, but a person, a character composed of desirable qualities I had so long wished could exist.

-Ty Gibson, See With New Eyes p. 13

God is love.

WHAT PICTURE OF JESUS OR THE CROSS GAVE YOU THE ASSURANCE OF YOUR SALVATION TODAY?

See Jn 5:39; Lk 24:27, 32; 1Cor. 2:2



You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

-John 5:39 NKJV



And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

-Luke 24:27 NKJV

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

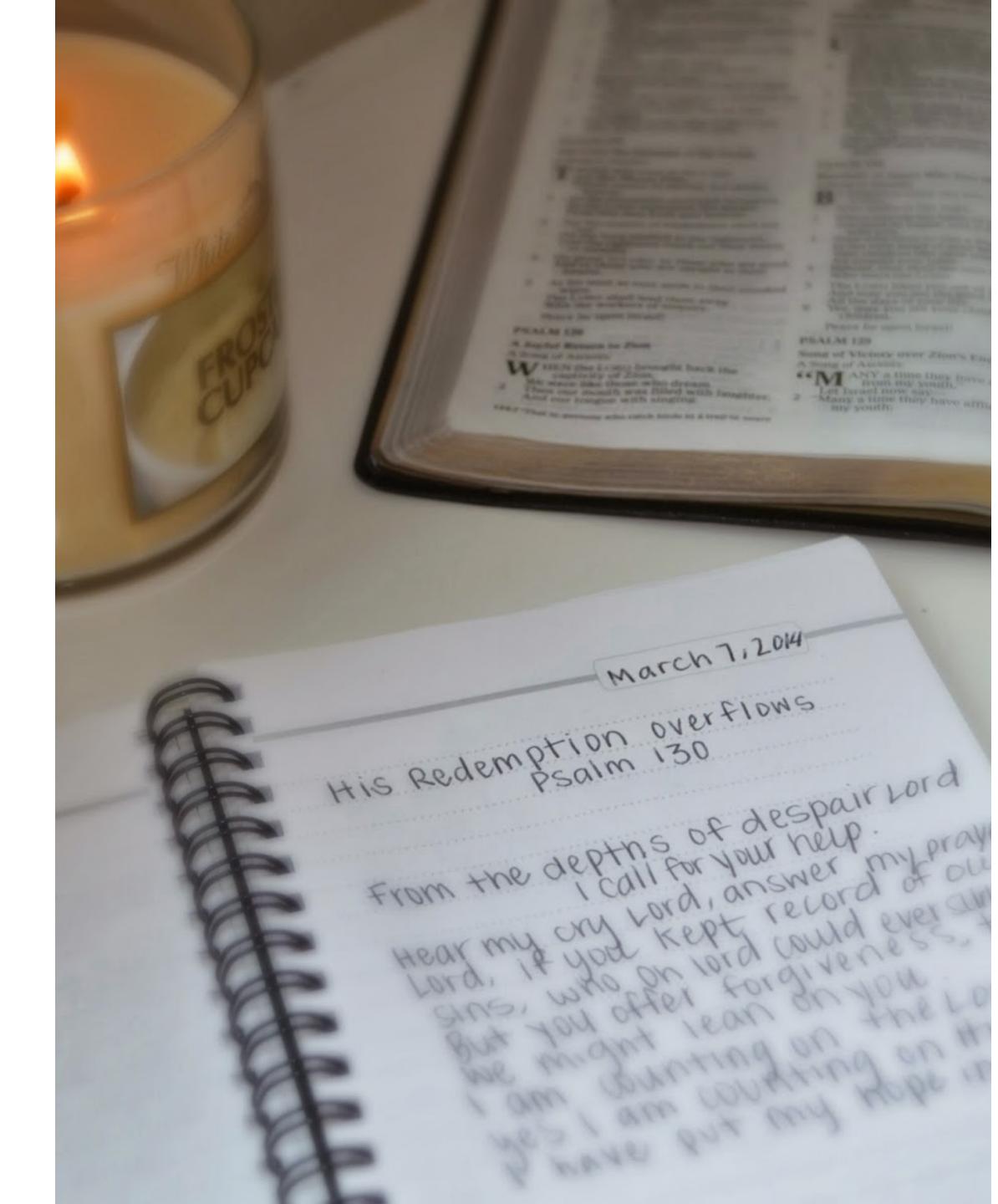
WALK WITH JESUS

In Nature



WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU THROUGH TODAY'S READING?

See John 14:26

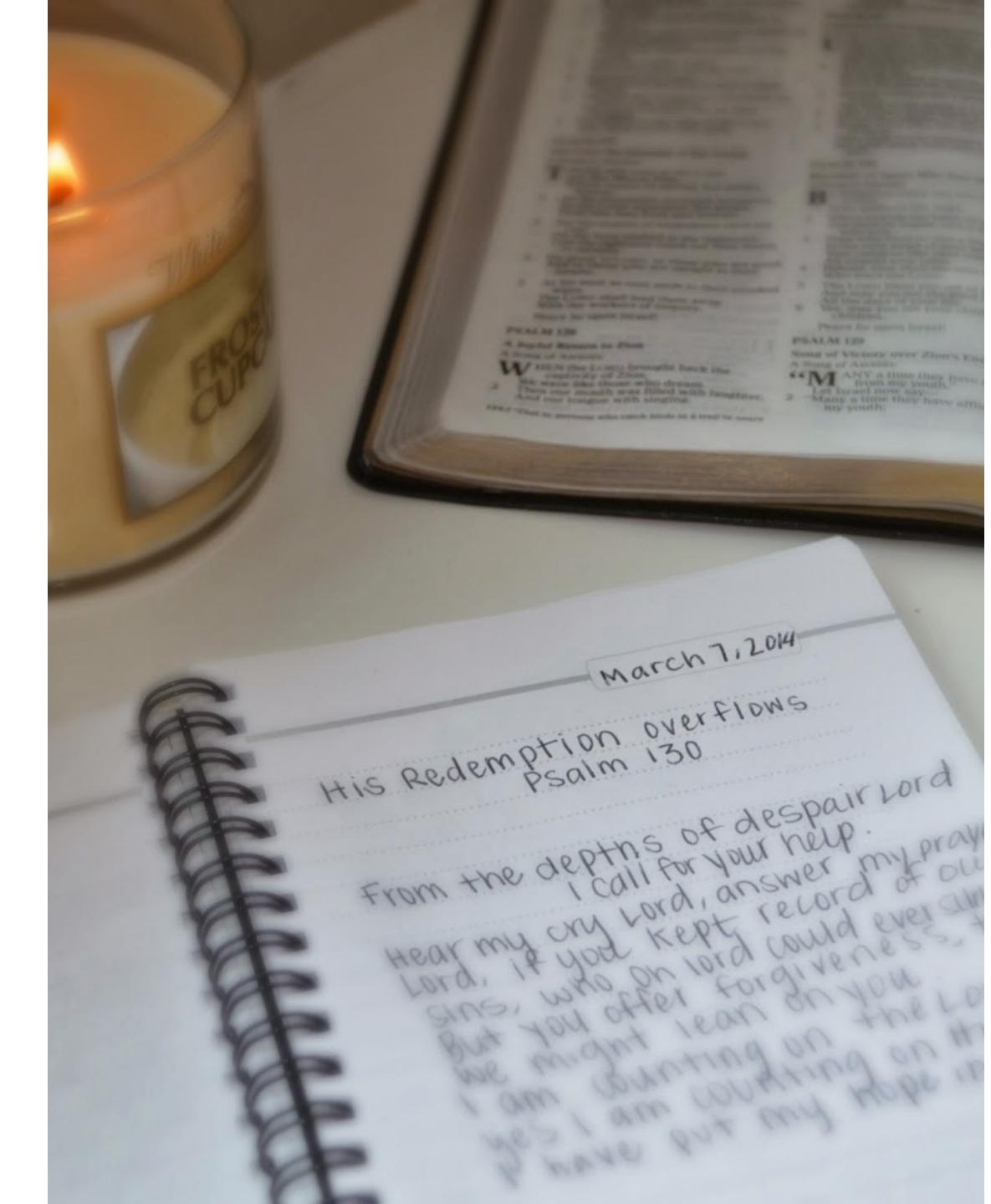


But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

-John 14:26 NKJV

WHAT VERSE(S) WILL YOU MEDITATE ON AND MEMORIZE TODAY?

See Psalm 119:11, 15



Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You... I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

-Psalms 119:11, 15 NKJV

RECOMMENDED PRAYER GUIDE TO CLOSE

- 1. Thank God for at least one attribute of His character of love that He has revealed to you today.
- 2. Go to the Cross, confess any sin and accept, by faith, God's forgiveness in light of what He revealed in Jesus and the Cross today.
- 3. Pray for Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Ask God to bring someone into your life today to reach for Jesus.
- 5. Pray for people (in your life that need Jesus/His truth, their needs)

RECOMMENDED PRAYER GUIDE TO CLOSE

- 6. Pray for your personal needs
- 7. Close... by thanking Him, surrender requests to His will,
- In Jesus name.

