

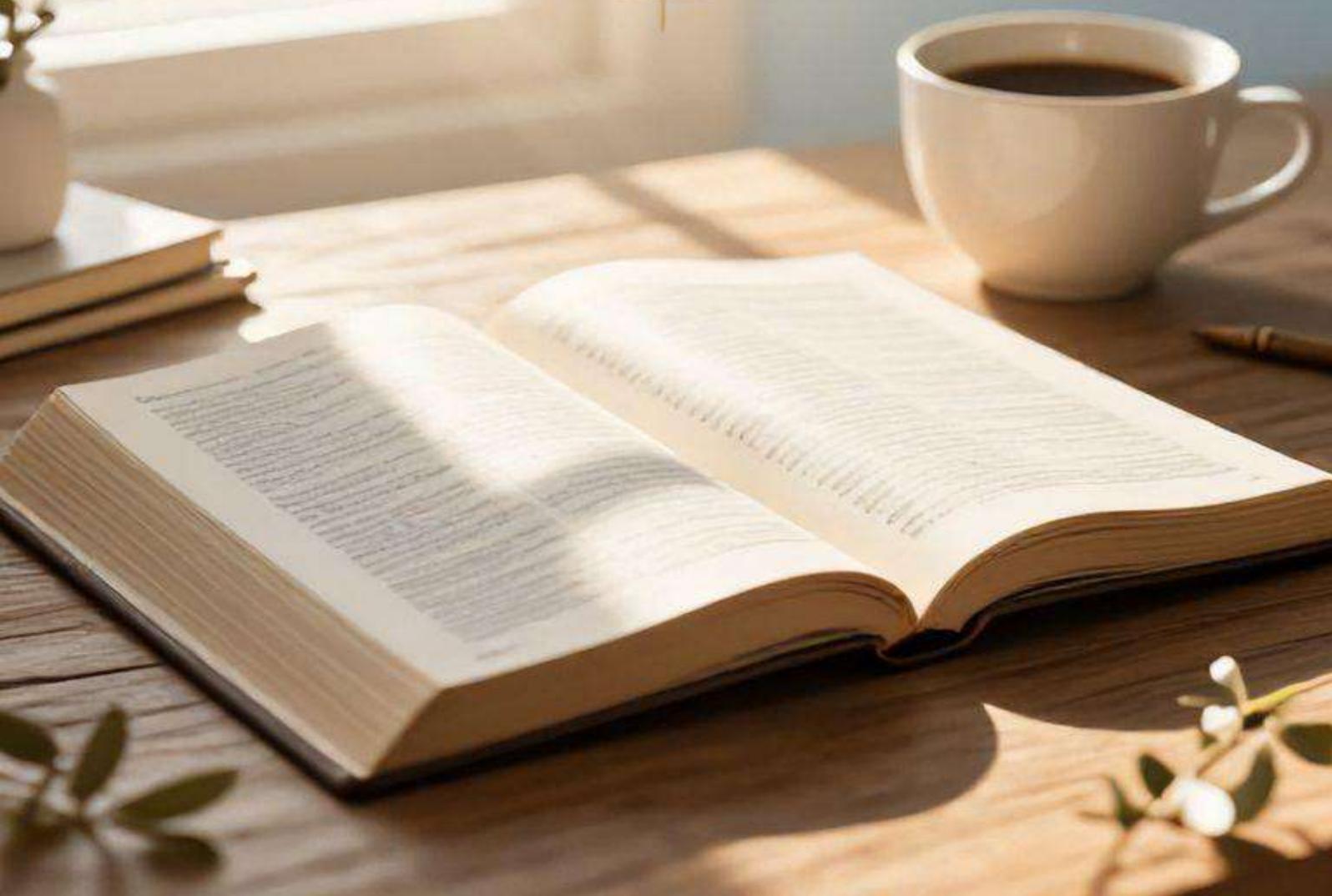


Sunday

Hopeful Hearts Ministry



A Message from
Hopeful Hearts
Ministry



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the second edition of our Sunday magazine for 2026. It is a joy to walk this journey of faith with you as we continue to grow together in God's Word and in His love.

This week, our focus is Knowing God as Our Loving Father. This truth is at the very heart of our faith. God is not distant or detached, He is a Father who knows us by name, who cares deeply about every detail of our lives, and who invites us into a personal relationship with Him.

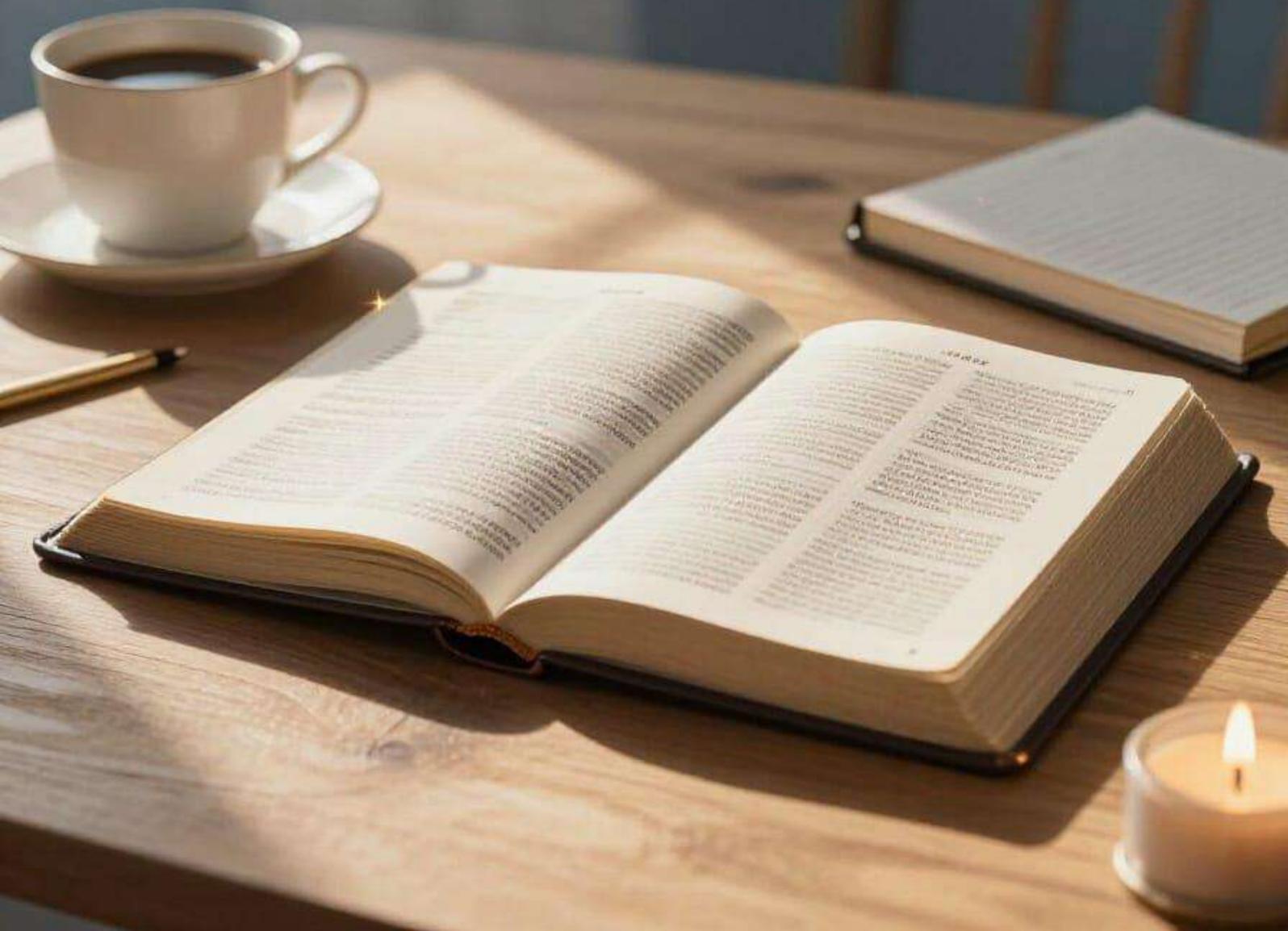
Many people view God through the lens of fear, performance, or past experiences. But Scripture reminds us that through Jesus Christ, we are welcomed as sons and daughters. We are loved not because of what we do, but because of who He is. His love is patient, faithful, and unchanging.

As you reflect on this lesson, I encourage you to open your heart to the Father's love in a fresh way. Bring Him your worries, your hopes, and your needs. Rest in the assurance that you are never alone and never forgotten. Our Heavenly Father delights in walking with us, guiding us, and shaping us through every season of life.

May this week be a time of deeper trust, renewed confidence, and growing intimacy with God. Let us learn to live each day knowing that we are fully loved, fully accepted, and fully cared for by our Father in heaven.

**With love and blessings,
Pastor Dan
*Hopeful Hearts Ministry***

Bible Lesson of the Week.



Knowing God as Our Loving Father

***See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are.
1 John 3:1***

The apostle John invites us to stop and truly see the depth of God's love. He calls it a love that has been *lavished* on us freely given, generously poured out, and undeserved. This verse reveals one of the most beautiful truths of the Christian faith: God is our loving Father, and we are His children.

Knowing God as Father changes how we relate to Him. He is not distant or harsh, but close, compassionate, and personal. As a loving Father, God delights in His children and cares deeply for every part of their lives. His love is not earned by good behavior nor lost by our weaknesses. It is a gift of grace.

Through Jesus Christ, we are welcomed into God's family. Being called children of God means we belong to Him. Our identity is no longer shaped by fear, failure, or the opinions of others, but by the Father's love. John emphasizes this truth by saying, *And that is what we are*. It is not just a title it is our reality.

As God's children, we are invited to live with confidence and trust. We can come to our Father in prayer, knowing He listens. We can rest in His care, knowing He provides. Even when He corrects us, it is always done in love, guiding us toward growth and maturity.

When we truly know God as our loving Father, our hearts are filled with gratitude, security, and hope. We begin to live not as orphans trying to survive on our own, but as beloved children resting in the faithful love of a perfect Father.

A person's hands are clasped in prayer over an open book. To the left, a lit candle sits on a small saucer. The scene is set on a table in front of a window with soft light. There are some decorative elements like a small plant and a starburst light.

This Week's Prayer



Heavenly Father,

I pause this week to truly see the great love You have lavished on me. Thank You for calling me Your child and for welcoming me into Your family through Jesus Christ. Help me not just to know this truth with my mind, but to believe it deeply in my heart.

Teach me to see You as a loving Father kind, patient, and full of grace. Heal any wounds or misunderstandings that make it hard for me to trust Your love. When I feel unworthy or alone, remind me that I belong to You and that Your love never changes.

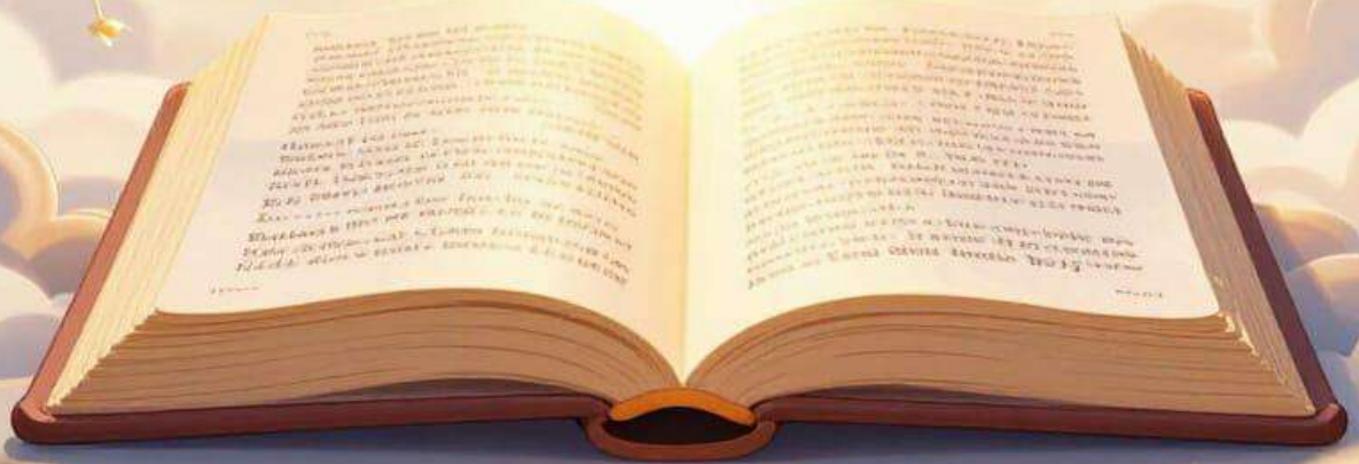
This week, help me to live with confidence as Your child. Guide my steps, guard my heart, and draw me closer to You in prayer. May Your Spirit remind me each day that I are deeply loved, fully accepted, and never forgotten.

I rest in Your care and rejoice in the truth of Your Word: I am a child of God.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Quiz

Learn. Grow. Shine





1. According to 1 John 3:1, what does the Father lavish on us?

- A. Wisdom
- B. Mercy
- C. Love
- D. Power

Answer C - Love

2. What name does God give believers in 1 John 3:1?

- A. Servants of God
- B. Friends of God
- C. Children of God
- D. Followers of God

Answer: C — Children of God

3. What word does John use to describe how God gives His love?

- A. Carefully
- B. Gradually
- C. Sparingly
- D. Lavishly

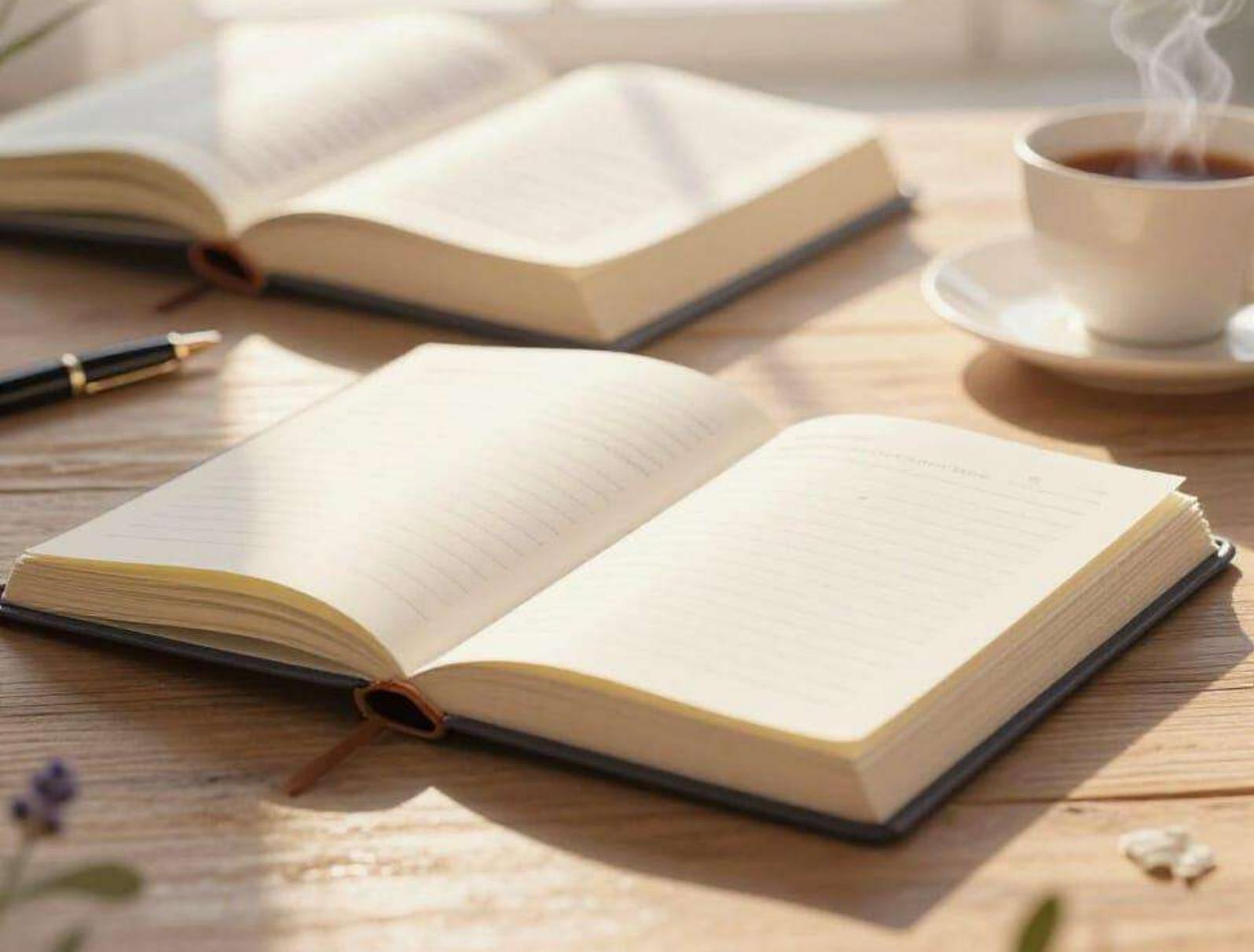
Answer: D — Lavishly

4. What does being a child of God say about our identity?

- A. It is based on performance
- B. It depends on others' opinions
- C. It is secure in God's love
- D. It can be easily lost

Answer: C — It is secure in God's love

*My Practice
for This Week*



This week's practice helps you move from merely knowing about God to experiencing Him as our loving Father. It invites you to slow down, receive His love, and live each day as His beloved children.

1. Pause and Read.

Each day, read 1 John 3:1 slowly. Read it aloud if possible. Pause after reading and reflect on the phrase children of God

2. Receive God's Love

Quietly say.

Father, help me receive Your love today.

Spend a moment in silence, allowing God's love to settle in your heart.

3. Speak the Truth

Declare this statement out loud or in your heart:

I am a child of God, loved and accepted by my Heavenly Father.

4. Respond in Prayer

Bring one need, worry, or decision to God as a loving Father. Trust Him with it instead of carrying it alone.

5. Live as God's Child

Choose one situation this week where you intentionally respond with trust instead of fear. Ask yourself.

How would I act if I truly believed God is my loving Father?

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This magazine is completely free. my Bible reading plans are free, and the monthly devotional is also free, because I believe God's Word and encouragement should be accessible to everyone, without cost.

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Thank you for being part of the Hopeful Hearts family. Together, we are spreading hope, one heart at a time.

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