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Ministry to Women Newsletter

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CONFIDENT FAITH WELCOMING & PRAYING

We've had a busy New year at THQ. We welcomed Our New Territorial Commander Commissioners Jim Betts, and newly appointed President of Women's Ministries - Commissioner Sue-Ellen Betts, New Chief Secretary Colonel Ivan Wild, Colonel Jennifer Wild as Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Lt. Colonel Charles Fowler as Territorial Secretary for Personnel and Lt. Colonel Shari Fowler as Territorial Associate Secretary for Personnel.

That is significant change for any organization, and it certainly is for the Western Territory. This new leadership team has hit the ground running and they haven't stopped!

As we have watched our new leadership team begin together, I believe we need to be in prayer for them, for their ministry, their spiritual and physical wellbeing, for their families. We want to pray for God's leading, for His wisdom, discernment and strength. We pray for them to have time needed for rest and renewal in the midst of the many travels, meetings, and other requirements they will have. We pray for them as a leadership team. That God will give them a united Sense of Ministry and Mission Priorities.

Let's Keep them in our prayers. "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you". [Hebrews 13:17](#) ESV

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Confident Faith: God Hears and Keeps His People

Written by Commissioner Sue-Ellen Betts

Hebrews 11:23-29 Exodus 1:1-35:3; Deuteronomy 31-34

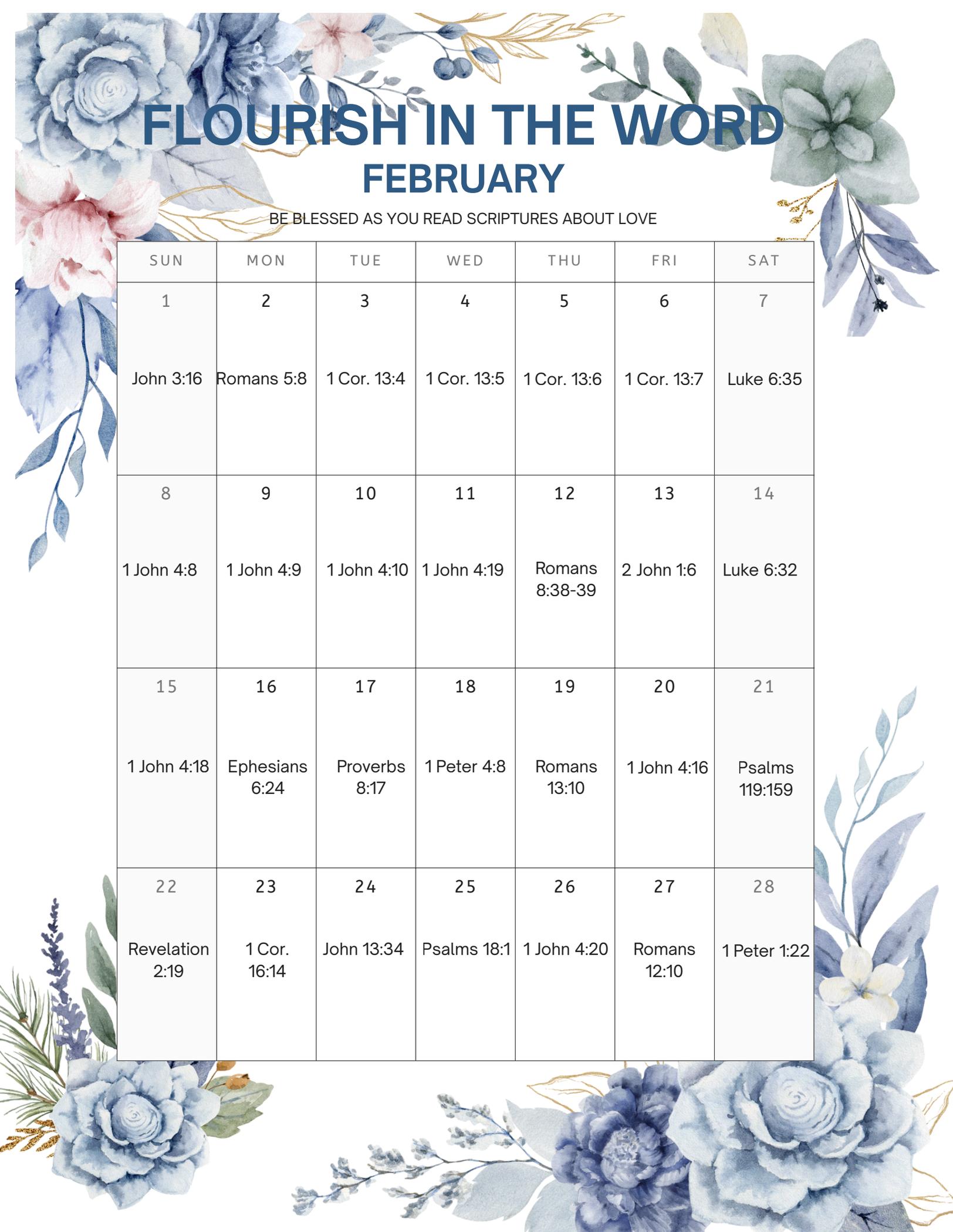
The month of February is often associated with love. It is a season when people pause to show appreciation, admiration and affection to “the one” that has captured their heart. When I first met my husband, one of the things I appreciated most about him was that he truly listened to me. He took the time to hear what I was saying, listening deeply to both my spoken words and my unspoken words. He showed genuine interest in what was coming from both my mouth and my heart. He did these things because he wanted to know me and be in relationship with me. That act of listening worked... He won my heart!

Throughout the book of Exodus, we read the story of the Israelites and how God lovingly redeemed his people from slavery. We see the suffering they endured under the authority of Pharaoh, the cries that rose from their oppression, and the chase that led them through the Red Sea. We see the wilderness wanderings, the establishment of the covenant, and the building of the tabernacle. The one central truth that is woven throughout the entirety of the book though is that God desired a relationship with His people. God wanted to be in relationship with the Israelites, so He listened and He acted.

Exodus 2:23-24 tells us: “The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.”

These verses are exciting because we see a god that heard the pleas of His people and acted on them because of His deep love for and commitment to them. God’s response to their cries came in the form of a man named Moses, who through great faith and obedience, led God’s people out of their bondage and toward the promises God made to their forefathers. God listened to His people, and He acted because He loved them.

Just as God heard the cries of the Israelites and others throughout the scripture, He hears us too when we cry out to Him. Philippians 4:6 reminds us to “not be anxious about anything, but in EVERY situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” And verse 7 assures us the response to our prayers is “the peace of God” that surpasses our understanding. God calls us to a confident faith that leads us to cry out to Him with both our spoken words and our silent pleas. And He wants us to know that He hears, He listens, and He is always present with us. Why? Because He loves us. John 3:16 declares the depth of that love, a love so great that He gave His only son for us. Are you willing today to go in confident faith before the God that loves you and share your heart with Him?



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FEBRUARY

BE BLESSED AS YOU READ SCRIPTURES ABOUT LOVE

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1 John 3:16	2 Romans 5:8	3 1 Cor. 13:4	4 1 Cor. 13:5	5 1 Cor. 13:6	6 1 Cor. 13:7	7 Luke 6:35
8 1 John 4:8	9 1 John 4:9	10 1 John 4:10	11 1 John 4:19	12 Romans 8:38-39	13 2 John 1:6	14 Luke 6:32
15 1 John 4:18	16 Ephesians 6:24	17 Proverbs 8:17	18 1 Peter 4:8	19 Romans 13:10	20 1 John 4:16	21 Psalms 119:159
22 Revelation 2:19	23 1 Cor. 16:14	24 John 13:34	25 Psalms 18:1	26 1 John 4:20	27 Romans 12:10	28 1 Peter 1:22

MUSIC FOR THE HEART

Confident Faith requires us to learn about God, who He is, and how much He loves us. When we do, we also learn to be grateful and give Him praise. Listen to the words of these songs and let them speak to your heart.

These songs are found on YouTube. Copy and paste these into your browser or simply go to youtube and search by title and artist.

Love of God by Brandon Lake, Phil Wickham

<https://youtu.be/2LapBD80200?si=G4hNI8z1DO-42Mj8&t=4>

Goodness of God by CeCe Winans

https://youtu.be/-AwLTeMyq20?si=t-iM_STHJV5p9lmy&t=5

How Deep the Father's Love For Us by Selah

<https://youtu.be/7BmxhQTptiw?si=PnTkZ2AdOLzkAk9S&t=-2>

Resources For Us All

[Looking for inspiration? Check out these Salvation Army Women's Ministries websites:](#)

The Salvation Army Women's Ministries Websites

International Headquarters

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/womens-ministries>

USA National Women's Ministries Resources

<https://wmresources.org>

USA Western Territory WM

<https://usw-womensministries.org>

USA Southern Territory WM

<https://www.sawomensministries.org/>

USA Eastern Territory WM

<https://women.saconnects.org>

USA Central Territory WM

<https://uscwomensministries.com>