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“LOVE NEVER
FAILS”!

CONVENTION OF
JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES

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FRIDAY / 1 THESSALONIANS 4:9
“TAUGHT BY GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

MORNING

9:20 Music-Video Presentation

9:30 Song No. 105 and Prayer

9:40 CHAIRMAN’S ADDRESS: “Love Never Fails”—Why?
(Romans 8:38, 39; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8, 13)

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11:15 DRAMATIC BIBLE READING: Jehovah Kept Showing Loyal Love
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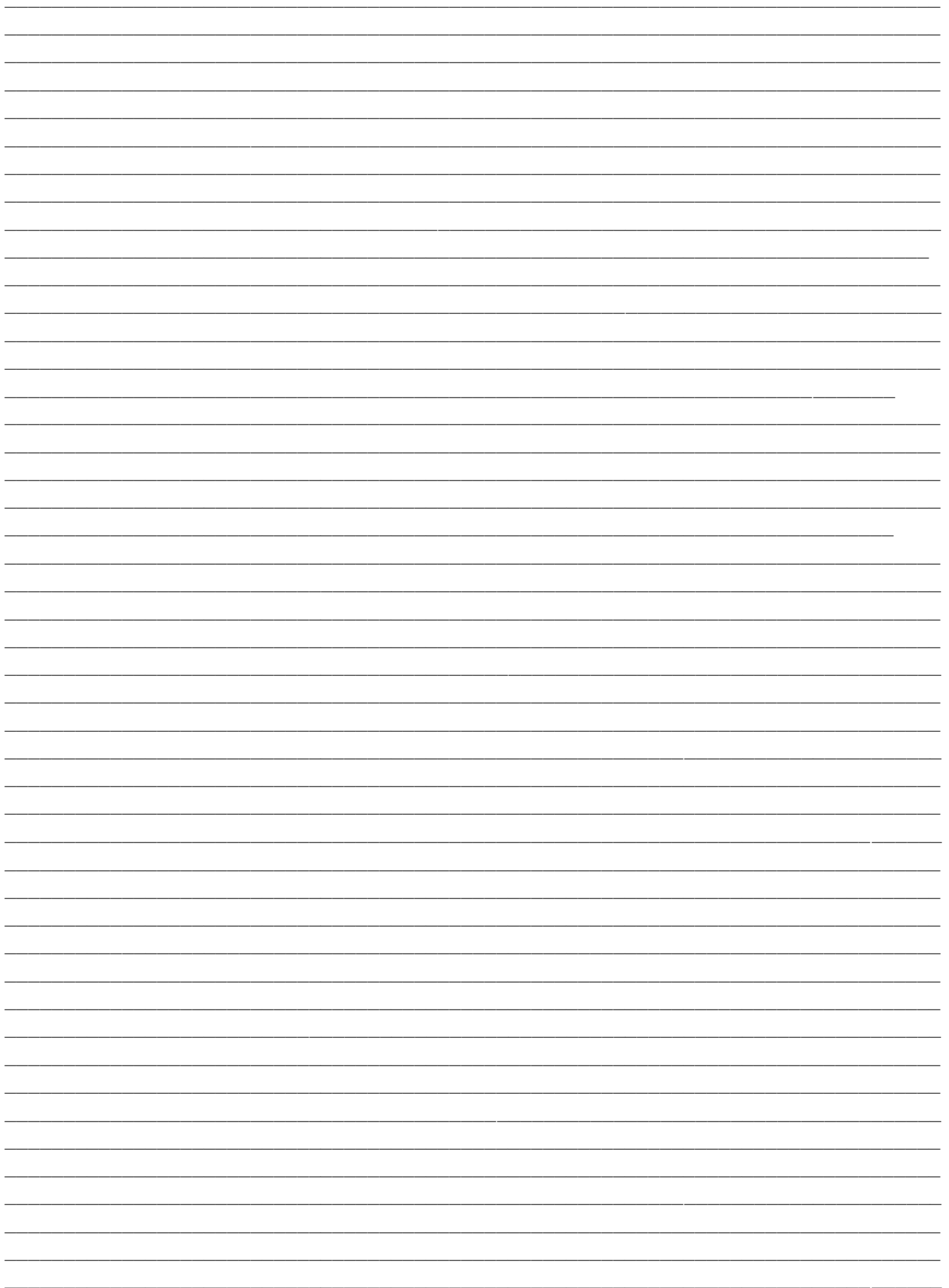
(1 Thessalonians 4:9) However, concerning brotherly love, you do not need us to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8, 13)

- (Romans 8:38, 39) For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers 39 nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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- (1 Corinthians 13:8) Love never fails. But if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with.
- (1 Corinthians 13:13) Now, however, these three remain: faith, hope, love; but the greatest of these is love.

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(Matthew 6:24) “No one can slave for two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stick to the one and despise the other. You cannot slave for God and for Riches.

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(Ecclesiastes 2:16) For there is no lasting memory either of the wise one or of the stupid one. In the days to come, everyone will be forgotten. And how will the wise one die? Along with the stupid one.

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(Romans 12:1, 2) Therefore, I appeal to you by the compassions of God, brothers, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, a sacred service with your power of reason. 2 And stop being molded by this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, so that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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(Proverbs 31:30) Charm may be false, and beauty may be fleeting, But the woman who fears Jehovah will be praised.

(1 Peter 3:3, 4) Do not let your adornment be external—the braiding of hair and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothing— 4 but let it be the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God.

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(Genesis 37:1-36) Jacob continued to dwell in the land of Ca'naan, where his father had lived as a foreigner. 2 This is the history of Jacob. When Joseph was 17 years old, the young man was tending the flock with the sons of Bil'hah and the sons of Zil'pah, the wives of his father. And Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons because he was the son of his old age, and he had a special robe made for him. 4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they began to hate him, and they could not speak peaceably to him. 5 Later Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers, and they found further reason to hate him. 6 He said to them: "Please listen to this dream that I had. 7 There we were binding sheaves in the middle of the field when my sheaf got up and stood erect and your sheaves encircled and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him: "Are you really going to make yourself king over us and dominate us?" So they found another reason to hate him, because of his dreams and what he said. 9 After that he had still another dream, and he related it to his brothers: "I have had another dream. This time the sun and the moon and 11 stars were bowing down to me." 10 Then he related it to his father as well as his brothers, and his father rebuked him and said to him: "What is the meaning of this dream of yours? Am I as well as your mother and your brothers really going to come and bow down to the earth to you?" 11 And his brothers grew jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind. 12 His brothers now went to pasture their father's flock near She'chem. 13 Israel later said to Joseph: "Your brothers are tending flocks near She'chem, are they not? Come, and let me send you to them." At this he said to him: "I am ready!" 14 So he said to him: "Go, please, and see whether your brothers are well. See how the flock is, and bring word back to me." With that he sent him away from the valley of Heb'ron, and he went on toward She'chem. 15 Later a man found him as he was wandering in a field. The man asked him: "What are you looking for?" 16 To this he said: "I am looking for my brothers. Please tell me, where are they tending flocks?" 17 The man continued: "They have pulled away from here, for I heard them saying, 'Let us go to Do'than.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Do'than. 18 Now they caught sight of him from a distance, and before he reached them, they began plotting against him to put him to death. 19 So they said to one another: "Look! Here comes that dreamer. 20 Come, now, let us kill him and pitch him into one of the waterpits, and we will say that a vicious wild animal devoured him. Then let us see what will become of his dreams." 21 When Reu'ben heard this, he tried to rescue him from them. So he said: "Let us not take his life." 22 Reu'ben said to them: "Do not shed blood. Throw him into this waterpit in the wilderness, but do not harm him." His purpose was to rescue him from them in order to return him to his father. 23 So as soon as Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped Joseph of his robe, the special robe that he wore, 24 and they took him and threw him into the waterpit. At the time the pit was empty; there was no water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat. When they looked up, there was a caravan of Ish'ma·el-ites coming from Gil'e·ad. Their camels were carrying labdanum gum, balsam, and resinous bark, and they were on their way down to Egypt. 26 At this Judah said to his brothers: "What profit would there be if we killed our brother and covered over his blood? 27 Come, now, let us sell him to the Ish'ma·el-ites, and do not let our hand be upon him. After all, he is our brother, our flesh." So they listened to their brother. 28 And when the Mid'i·an-ite merchants were passing by, they lifted Joseph up out of the waterpit and sold him to the Ish'ma·el-ites for 20 pieces of silver. These men took Joseph into Egypt. 29 Later when Reu'ben returned to the waterpit and saw that Joseph was not in the waterpit, he ripped his garments apart. 30 When he returned to his brothers, he exclaimed: "The child is gone! And I—what am I going to do?" 31 So they took Joseph's robe and slaughtered a male goat and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 After that they sent the special

robe to their father and said: "This is what we found. Please examine whether this is your son's robe or not." 33 Then he examined it and exclaimed: "It is my son's robe! A vicious wild animal must have devoured him! Joseph is surely torn to pieces!" 34 With that Jacob ripped his garments apart and put sackcloth around his waist and mourned his son for many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters kept trying to comfort him, but he kept refusing to take comfort, saying: "I will go down into the Grave mourning my son!" And his father continued weeping for him. 36 Now the Mid'i-an-ites sold him in Egypt to Pot'i-phar, a court official of Phar'aoh and the chief of the guard.

(Genesis 39:1-47:12) Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and an Egyptian named Pot'i-phar, a court official of Phar'aoh and chief of the guard, bought him from the Ish'ma-el-ites who had taken him down there. 2 But Jehovah was with Joseph. As a result, he became successful and was put over the house of his master, the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that Jehovah was with him and that Jehovah was making everything that he did successful. 4 Joseph kept finding favor in his eyes, and he became his personal attendant. So he appointed him over his house, and he put him in charge of all that was his. 5 From the time he appointed him over his house and in charge of all that was his, Jehovah kept blessing the house of the Egyptian because of Joseph, and Jehovah's blessing came to be on all that he had in the house and in the field. 6 He eventually left everything that was his in Joseph's care, and he gave no thought to anything except the food he was eating. Moreover, Joseph grew to be well-built and handsome. 7 Now after these things, the wife of his master began to cast her eyes on Joseph and say: "Lie down with me." 8 But he refused and said to his master's wife: "Here my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has entrusted everything he has into my care. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I am, and he has not withheld from me anything at all except you, because you are his wife. So how could I commit this great badness and actually sin against God?" 10 So day after day she spoke to Joseph, but he never consented to lie with her or to remain with her. 11 But on one of the days when he went into the house to do his work, none of the household servants were in the house. 12 Then she grabbed hold of him by his garment and said: "Lie down with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled outside. 13 As soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, 14 she began to cry out to the men of her house and to say to them: "Look! He brought to us this Hebrew man to make us a laughingstock. He came to me to lie down with me, but I began to cry out at the top of my voice. 15 Then as soon as he heard me raising my voice and screaming, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." 16 After that she laid his garment beside her until his master came to his house. 17 Then she told him the same thing, saying: "The Hebrew servant whom you brought to us came to me to make me a laughingstock. 18 But as soon as I raised my voice and began to scream, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." 19 As soon as his master heard the words his wife spoke to him, saying: "These are the things your servant did to me," his anger blazed. 20 So Joseph's master took him and gave him over to the prison, the place where the prisoners of the king were kept under arrest, and he remained there in the prison. 21 But Jehovah continued with Joseph and kept showing loyal love to him and granting him favor in the eyes of the chief officer of the prison. 22 So the chief officer of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners in the prison, and everything that they were doing there, he was the one having it done. 23 The chief officer of the prison was looking after absolutely nothing that was in Joseph's care, for Jehovah was with Joseph and Jehovah made whatever he did successful.

40 After these things, the chief cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the chief baker sinned against their lord, the king of Egypt. 2 So Phar'aoh grew indignant at his two officers, the chief cupbearer and the chief baker, 3 and he committed them to the jail of the house of the chief of the guard, to the place where Joseph was a prisoner. 4 Then the chief of the guard assigned Joseph to be with them and to take care of them, and they remained in jail for some time. 5 The cupbearer and the baker of the king

of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, each had a dream on the same night, and each dream had its own interpretation. 6 The next morning, when Joseph came in and saw them, they looked dejected. 7 So he asked the officers of Phar'aoh who were in custody with him in his master's house: "Why are your faces gloomy today?" 8 At this they said to him: "We each had a dream, but there is no interpreter with us." Joseph said to them: "Do not interpretations belong to God? Relate it to me, please." 9 So the chief cupbearer related his dream to Joseph, saying to him: "In my dream, there was a vine before me. 10 And on the vine, there were three twigs, and as it was sprouting shoots, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. 11 And Phar'aoh's cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes and squeezed them out into Phar'aoh's cup. After that I put the cup in Phar'aoh's hand." 12 Then Joseph said to him: "This is its interpretation: The three twigs are three days. 13 Three days from now, Phar'aoh will bring you out, restoring you to your office, and you will put Phar'aoh's cup into his hand as you did before when you were his cupbearer. 14 Nevertheless, you must remember me when things go well with you. Please show me loyal love and mention me to Phar'aoh, in order to get me out of this place. 15 I was, in fact, kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and I have not done anything here for which they should put me in prison." 16 When the chief baker saw that Joseph had interpreted something good, he said to him: "I too was in my dream, and there were three baskets of white bread on my head, 17 and in the top basket, there were all sorts of baked goods for Phar'aoh, and there were birds eating them out of the basket on top of my head." 18 Then Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation: The three baskets are three days. 19 Three days from now, Phar'aoh will behead you and will hang you on a stake, and the birds will eat your flesh from you." 20 Now the third day was Phar'aoh's birthday, and he made a feast for all his servants, and he brought out both the chief cupbearer and the chief baker in the presence of his servants. 21 And he returned the chief cupbearer to his post of cupbearer, and he continued to hand the cup to Phar'aoh. 22 But he hanged the chief baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 However, the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he kept forgetting him.

41 At the end of two full years, Phar'aoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile River. 2 And there, coming up from the river, were seven fine-looking, fat cows, and they were feeding on the Nile grass. 3 There were seven other cows that looked ugly and thin coming up after them from the Nile, and they stood alongside the fat cows by the bank of the Nile. 4 Then the ugly, thin cows began to eat up the seven fine-looking, fat cows. At this Phar'aoh woke up. 5 Then he went back to sleep and had a second dream. There were seven ears of grain coming up on one stalk, full and choice. 6 And growing up after them were seven ears of grain that were thin and scorched by the east wind. 7 And the thin ears of grain began to swallow up the seven full and choice ears of grain. At this Phar'aoh woke up and realized that it was a dream. 8 But in the morning, his spirit became agitated. So he sent for all the magic-practicing priests of Egypt and all her wise men. Phar'aoh related his dreams to them, but there was no one who could interpret them for Phar'aoh. 9 At that the chief cupbearer spoke with Phar'aoh, saying: "I am confessing my sins today. 10 Phar'aoh was indignant at his servants. So he committed me to the jail of the house of the chief of the guard, both me and the chief baker. 11 After that we each had a dream on the same night. He and I each had a dream with its own interpretation. 12 And there with us was a young Hebrew man, a servant of the chief of the guard. When we related them to him, he interpreted for us the meaning of each dream. 13 It happened exactly as he had interpreted to us. I was restored to my office, but the other man was hanged." 14 So Phar'aoh sent for Joseph, and they brought him quickly from the prison. He shaved and changed his clothes and went in to Phar'aoh. 15 Then Phar'aoh said to Joseph: "I had a dream, but there is no one to interpret it. Now I have heard it said about you that you can hear a dream and interpret it." 16 At this Joseph answered Phar'aoh: "I need not be considered! God will speak concerning Phar'aoh's welfare." 17 Phar'aoh went on to say to Joseph: "In my dream I was standing

on the bank of the Nile River. 18 And there, coming up from the Nile, were seven fine-looking, fat cows, and they began to feed on the Nile grass. 19 And there were seven other cows coming up after them, poor and very bad-looking and thin. I have never seen such bad-looking cows in all the land of Egypt. 20 And the skinny, bad cows began to eat up the first seven fat cows. 21 But when they had consumed them, no one could have known that they had done so, since their appearance was just as bad as at the start. At that I woke up. 22 “After that I saw in my dream seven ears of grain coming up on one stalk, full and choice. 23 Growing up after them were seven ears of shriveled grain, thin and scorched by the east wind. 24 Then the thin ears of grain began to swallow up the seven choice ears of grain. So I told it to the magic-practicing priests, but there was no one who could explain it to me.” 25 Then Joseph said to Phar'aoh: “The dreams of Phar'aoh are one and the same. The true God has told to Phar'aoh what He will do. 26 The seven good cows are seven years. Likewise, the seven good ears of grain are seven years. The dreams are one and the same. 27 The seven skinny and bad cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears of grain, scorched by the east wind, will prove to be seven years of famine. 28 This is just as I told to Phar'aoh: The true God has caused Phar'aoh to see what He will do. 29 “There are to be seven years of great abundance in all the land of Egypt. 30 But seven years of famine will certainly arise after them, and all the abundance in the land of Egypt will certainly be forgotten, and the famine will exhaust the land. 31 And the previous abundance in the land will not be remembered because of the famine afterward, for it will be very severe. 32 The dream was given twice to Phar'aoh because the matter has been firmly established by the true God, and the true God will soon carry it out. 33 “So now let Phar'aoh look for a man who is discreet and wise and place him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Phar'aoh take action and appoint overseers in the land, and he should collect one fifth of the produce of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. 35 And let them collect all the food during these coming good years, and let them stockpile grain under Phar'aoh's authority as food to be stored in the cities and safeguarded there. 36 The food should serve as a supply for the land for the seven years of famine that will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish in the famine.” 37 This proposal seemed good to Phar'aoh and all his servants. 38 So Phar'aoh said to his servants: “Can another man be found like this one in whom there is the spirit of God?” 39 Phar'aoh then said to Joseph: “Since God has caused you to know all of this, there is no one as discreet and wise as you. 40 You will personally be over my house, and all my people will obey you implicitly. Only in my role as king will I be greater than you.” 41 And Phar'aoh added to Joseph: “See, I am putting you over all the land of Egypt.” 42 Then Phar'aoh removed his signet ring from his own hand and put it on Joseph's hand and clothed him with garments of fine linen and placed a necklace of gold around his neck. 43 Moreover, he had him ride in the second chariot of honor that he had, and they would call out ahead of him, “A·vrékh!” Thus he put him over all the land of Egypt. 44 Phar'aoh further said to Joseph: “I am Phar'aoh, but without your authorization, no man may do a single thing in all the land of Egypt.” 45 After that Phar'aoh gave Joseph the name Zaph'e·nath-pa·ne'ah and gave him As'e·nath the daughter of Pot·i'phe·ra the priest of On as a wife. And Joseph began to oversee the land of Egypt. 46 Joseph was 30 years old when he stood before Phar'aoh king of Egypt. Then Joseph went out from before Phar'aoh and traveled throughout all the land of Egypt. 47 And during the seven years of abundance, the land went on producing plentifully. 48 And he kept collecting all the food of the seven years from the land of Egypt, and he would stockpile the food in the cities. In each city he would store the food from the fields around it. 49 Joseph continued stockpiling grain in very great quantity, like the sand of the sea, until finally they gave up measuring it because it could not be measured. 50 Before the year of the famine arrived, two sons were born to Joseph, whom As'e·nath the daughter of Pot·i'phe·ra the priest of On bore to him. 51 Joseph named the firstborn Ma·nas'seh, for he said, “God has made me forget all my trouble and all the house of my father.” 52 And he named the second one E'phra·im, for he said, “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.” 53 Then the seven years of abundance in

the land of Egypt ended, 54 and the seven years of famine began, just as Joseph had said. The famine developed in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. 55 Eventually, all the land of Egypt suffered from the famine, and the people began to cry to Phar'aoh for bread. Then Phar'aoh said to all the Egyptians: "Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you." 56 The famine continued over all the surface of the earth. Then Joseph began to open up all the granaries that were among them and to sell to the Egyptians, as the famine had a strong grip on the land of Egypt. 57 Moreover, people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy from Joseph, because the famine had a strong grip on all the earth.

42 When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons: "Why do you just keep looking at one another?" 2 He added: "I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may stay alive and not die." 3 So ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with his other brothers, for he said: "Perhaps a fatal accident may befall him." 5 So Israel's sons came along with the others who were coming to buy, because the famine had extended to the land of Ca'naan. 6 Joseph was the man in authority over the land, and he was the one who sold grain to all the people of the earth. So Joseph's brothers came and bowed low to him with their faces to the ground. 7 When Joseph saw his brothers, he immediately recognized them, but he concealed his identity from them. So he spoke harshly with them and said: "Where have you come from?" to which they said: "From the land of Ca'naan to buy food." 8 Thus Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9 Joseph immediately remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them, and he said to them: "You are spies! You have come to see the vulnerable areas of the land!" 10 Then they said to him: "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. 11 We are all sons of but one man. We are upright men. Your servants do not act as spies." 12 But he said to them: "Not so! You have come to see the vulnerable areas of the land!" 13 At this they said: "Your servants are 12 brothers. We are the sons of but one man in the land of Ca'naan, and the youngest is now with our father, whereas the other one is no more." 14 However, Joseph said to them: "It is just as I said to you—'You are spies!' 15 By this you will be tested: As surely as Phar'aoh lives, you will not leave this place until your youngest brother comes here. 16 Send one of you to bring your brother while you remain in bondage. In this way, your words may be tested out to see if you are telling the truth. And if not, then, as surely as Phar'aoh lives, you are spies." 17 With that he put them together in custody for three days. 18 Joseph said to them on the third day: "Do this and live, for I fear God. 19 If you are upright, let one of your brothers remain in bondage in your house of custody, but the rest of you may go and take grain to alleviate the famine in your households. 20 Then bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words will be found trustworthy and you will not die." And they did so. 21 And they said to one another: "We are surely being punished on account of our brother, because we saw his distress when he begged us to show compassion, but we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." 22 Then Reu'ben answered them: "Did I not say to you, 'Do not sin against the child,' but you would not listen? Now his blood is certainly being asked back." 23 But they did not know that Joseph understood, for there was an interpreter between them. 24 So he turned away from them and began to weep. When he returned and spoke to them again, he took Sim'e-on from them and bound him before their eyes. 25 Joseph then gave the command to fill up their bags with grain and to return each man's money to his own sack and to give them provisions for the journey. This was done for them. 26 So they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left from there. 27 When one of them opened his sack to give fodder to his donkey at the lodging place, he saw his money there in the mouth of his bag. 28 At that he said to his brothers: "My money has been returned, and now here it is in my bag!" Then their hearts sank, and trembling, they turned to one another and said: "What is this that God has done to us?" 29 When they came to Jacob their father in the land of Ca'naan, they told him all the

things that had befallen them, saying: 30 “The man who is the lord of the country spoke harshly with us and accused us of spying on the country. 31 But we said to him, ‘We are upright men. We are not spies. 32 We are 12 brothers, the sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is now with our father in the land of Ca’naan.’ 33 But the man who is the lord of the country said to us, ‘By this I will know that you are upright: Leave one of your brothers with me. Then take something to alleviate the famine in your households and go. 34 And bring your youngest brother to me, so that I may know that you are not spies but upright men. I will then give your brother back to you, and you may carry on trade in the land.’” 35 As they were emptying their sacks, here was each one’s bag of money in his sack. When they and their father saw their bags of money, they became afraid. 36 Jacob their father exclaimed to them: “It is I you have bereaved! Joseph is no more, and Sim’e-on is no more, and you are going to take Benjamin! It is upon me that all these things have come!” 37 But Reu’ben said to his father: “You may put to death my own two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Give him over to my care, and I will return him to you.” 38 However, he said: “My son will not go down with you, because his brother is dead and he alone is left. If a fatal accident should befall him on the journey you would make, then you would certainly bring down my gray hairs to the Grave in grief.”

43 Now the famine was severe in the land. 2 So when they had finished eating the grain they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them: “Return and buy a little food for us.” 3 Then Judah said to him: “The man clearly warned us, ‘You must not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’ 4 If you send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you. 5 But if you do not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You must not see my face again unless your brother is with you.’” 6 And Israel asked: “Why did you have to bring this trouble on me by telling the man that you had another brother?” 7 They replied: “The man directly inquired concerning us and our relatives, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have another brother?’ and we told him these facts. How could we possibly know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down’?” 8 Judah then urged Israel his father: “Send the boy with me, and let us go on our way so that we may live and not die—we and you and our children. 9 I will be a guarantee for his safety. You may hold me responsible. If I fail to return him to you and present him to you, I will have sinned against you for all time. 10 But if we had not delayed, we could have been there and back twice by now.” 11 So Israel their father said to them: “If it must be so, then do this: Take the finest products of the land in your bags and carry them down to the man as a gift: a little balsam, a little honey, labdanum, resinous bark, pistachio nuts, and almonds. 12 Take double the money with you; and also take back the money that was returned in the mouth of your bags. Maybe it was a mistake. 13 Take your brother and go, return to the man. 14 May God Almighty grant you pity from the man, so that he may release to you your other brother and Benjamin. But as for me, if I must be bereaved, I will be bereaved!” 15 So the men took this gift, and they took double the money in their hand and Benjamin. Then they rose and went on their way down to Egypt and again stood before Joseph. 16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he at once said to the man who was over his house: “Take the men to the house and slaughter animals and prepare the meal, for the men are to eat with me at noon.” 17 Immediately the man did just as Joseph had said, and he took them to Joseph’s house. 18 But the men became afraid when they were taken to Joseph’s house, and they began to say: “It is because of the money that was returned in our bags the last time that we are being brought here. Now they will attack us and make us slaves and take our donkeys!” 19 So they approached the man who was over Joseph’s house and spoke to him at the entrance of the house. 20 They said: “Pardon us, my lord! We did come down the first time to buy food. 21 But when we arrived at our lodging place and began opening our bags, why, here was the money of each one in the mouth of his bag, our money in full weight. So we would like to return it personally. 22 And we have brought more money to buy food. We do not know who placed our money in our bags.” 23 Then he said: “It is all right. Do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your

father put treasure in your bags. Your money came first to me.” After that he brought out Sim'e-on to them. 24 Then the man brought them into Joseph's house and gave them water for washing their feet, and he gave fodder for their donkeys. 25 And they prepared the gift for Joseph's coming at noon, for they had heard that they were going to eat a meal there. 26 When Joseph went into the house, they brought their gift to him into the house and prostrated themselves to him to the ground. 27 After this he inquired about their welfare and said: “How is your aged father of whom you have spoken? Is he still alive?” 28 To this they said: “Your servant our father is well. He is still alive.” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves. 29 When he looked up and saw Benjamin his brother, the son of his mother, he said: “Is this your brother, the youngest one of whom you have spoken to me?” He added: “May God show you his favor, my son.” 30 Joseph then hurried out, because he was overcome with emotion for his brother, and he looked for a place to weep. So he went into a private room and gave way to tears there. 31 After that he washed his face and went out, now in control of himself, and he said: “Serve the meal.” 32 They served him by himself and them by themselves, and the Egyptians with him ate by themselves, for the Egyptians could not eat a meal with the Hebrews, because that is a detestable thing to the Egyptians. 33 The brothers were seated before him, the firstborn according to his right as firstborn and the youngest according to his youth, and they kept looking at one another in amazement. 34 He kept sending portions of food from his table to theirs, but he increased Benjamin's portion five times the size of the portions of all the others. So they continued banqueting and drinking with him to the full.

44 Later he commanded the man who was over his house: “Fill the bags of the men with as much food as they can carry, and place the money of each one in the mouth of his bag. 2 But you must place my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the bag of the youngest, along with the money for his grain.” So he did as Joseph had instructed. 3 In the morning when it had become light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. 4 They had not gone far from the city when Joseph said to the man who was over his house: “Get up! Chase after the men! When you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you repaid bad for good? 5 Is not this what my master drinks from and uses to read omens expertly? It is a wicked thing you have done.’” 6 So he overtook them and spoke these words to them. 7 But they said to him: “Why does my lord say such a thing? It is unthinkable that your servants would do anything like this. 8 Why, the money that we found in the mouth of our bags we brought back to you from the land of Ca'naan. How, then, could we steal silver or gold from the house of your master? 9 If it is found with one of your slaves, let him die, and the rest of us will also become slaves to my master.” 10 So he said: “Let it be as you say: The one with whom it is found will become my slave, but the rest of you will be innocent.” 11 With that each one quickly lowered his bag to the ground and opened it. 12 He searched carefully, starting with the oldest and finishing with the youngest. Finally the cup was found in Benjamin's bag. 13 Then they ripped their garments apart, and each of them lifted his load back onto his donkey and returned to the city. 14 When Judah and his brothers went into Joseph's house, he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. 15 Joseph said to them: “What is this deed that you have done? Did you not know that a man like me can expertly read omens?” 16 At this Judah replied: “What can we say to my master? What can we speak? And how can we prove ourselves righteous? The true God has found out the error of your slaves. We are now slaves to my master, both we and the one in whose hand the cup was found!” 17 However, he said: “It is unthinkable for me to do this! The man in whose hand the cup was found is the one who will become a slave to me. As for the rest of you, go up in peace to your father.” 18 Judah now approached him and said: “I beg you, my master, please let your slave speak a word in my master's ears, and do not become angry with your slave, for you are like Phar'aoh himself. 19 My master asked his slaves, ‘Do you have a father or a brother?’ 20 So we said to my master, ‘We do have an aged father and a child of his old age, the youngest. But his brother is dead, so he is the only

remaining son of his mother, and his father loves him.’ 21 After that you said to your slaves, ‘Bring him down to me so that I may see him.’ 22 But we said to my master, ‘The boy is not able to leave his father. If he did leave him, his father would certainly die.’ 23 Then you said to your slaves, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you may not see my face anymore.’ 24 “So we went up to your slave my father and told him the words of my master. 25 Later our father said, ‘Return and buy a little food for us.’ 26 But we said, ‘We are not able to go down. If our youngest brother is with us we will go down, for we cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’ 27 Then your slave my father said to us, ‘You well know that my wife bore but two sons to me. 28 But one of them left me and I said: “He must surely have been torn to pieces!” and I have not seen him until now. 29 If you were to take this one also out of my sight and a fatal accident were to befall him, you would certainly bring down my gray hairs to the Grave with calamity.’ 30 “And now if I return to your slave my father without the boy along with us, since his own life is bound up with this one’s life, 31 then as soon as he sees that the boy is not there, he will die, and your slaves will indeed bring down the gray hairs of your slave our father to the Grave in grief. 32 Your slave gave a guarantee to my father for the boy, saying, ‘If I fail to bring him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father forever.’ 33 So now, please, let your slave stay instead of the boy as my master’s slave, in order that the boy may return with his brothers. 34 How can I return to my father without the boy along with me? I could not bear looking on when this calamity befalls my father!”

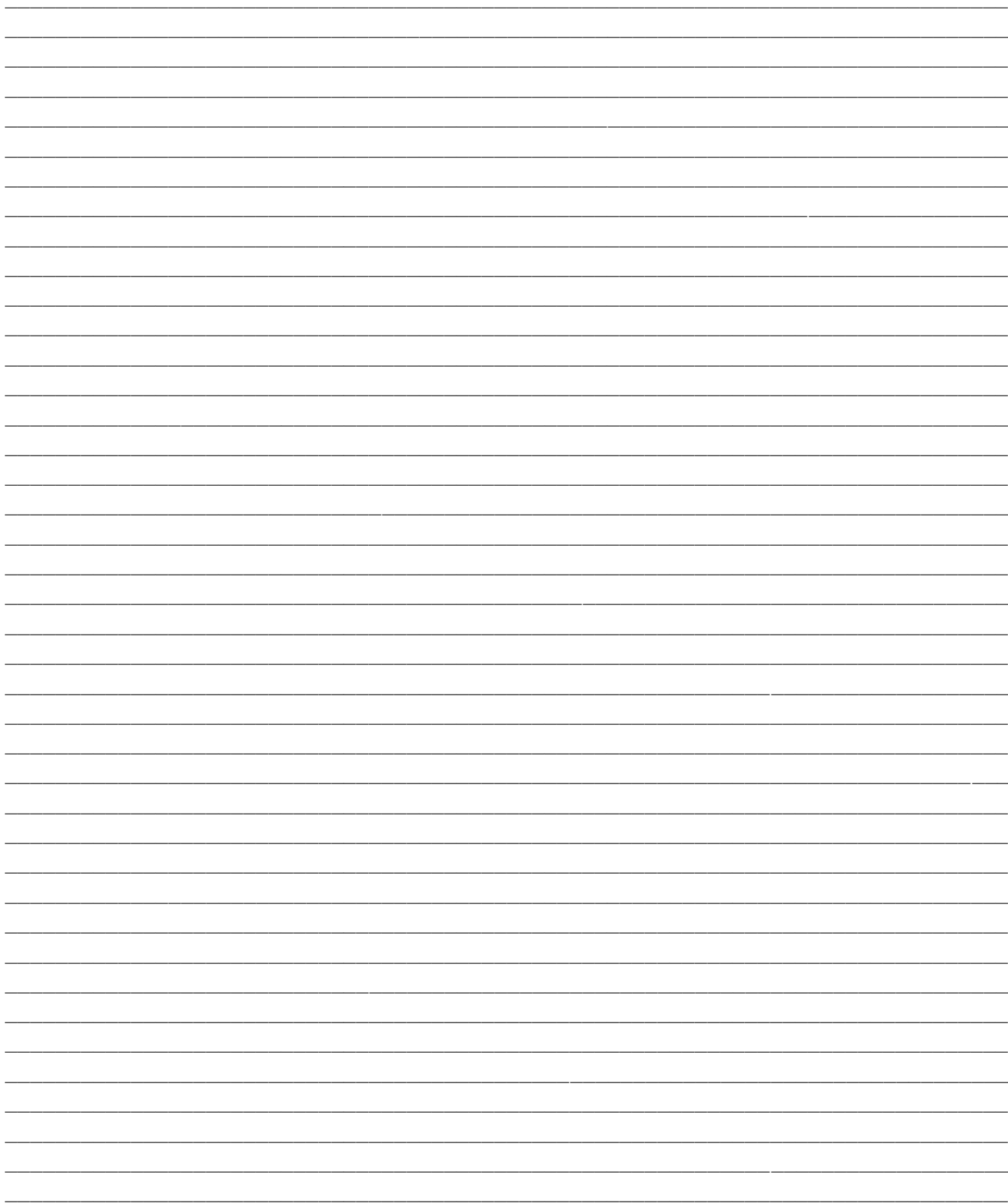
45 At this Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants. So he cried out: “Have everyone leave me!” No one else stayed with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 Then he began to weep so loudly that the Egyptians heard it and Phar'aoh's house heard it. 3 Finally Joseph said to his brothers: “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were unable to answer him at all, because they were astonished on account of him. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers: “Come close to me, please.” With that they came close to him. Then he said: “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now do not be upset and do not reproach one another because you sold me here; because God has sent me ahead of you for the preservation of life. 6 This is the second year of the famine in the land, and there are yet five years in which there will be no plowing or harvest. 7 But God sent me ahead of you in order to preserve for you a remnant on the earth and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. 8 So, then, it was not you who sent me here, but it was the true God, in order to appoint me as chief adviser to Phar'aoh and lord for all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 “Return quickly to my father, and you must say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph has said: “God has appointed me lord over all Egypt. Come down to me. Do not delay. 10 You must dwell in the land of Go'shen, where you will be near me—you, your sons, your grandsons, your flocks, your herds, and everything you have. 11 I will supply you with food there, for there are yet five years of famine. Otherwise, you and your house and everything you have will come to poverty.”’ 12 You and my brother Benjamin can now see with your own eyes that I am really the one speaking to you. 13 So you must tell my father about all my glory in Egypt and everything you have seen. Now hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he embraced his brother Benjamin and gave way to weeping, and Benjamin wept with his arms around his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers spoke with him. 16 The news reached the house of Phar'aoh: “Joseph's brothers have come!” It was good in the eyes of Phar'aoh and his servants. 17 So Phar'aoh said to Joseph: “Tell your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your beasts of burden and go to the land of Ca'naan, 18 and take your father and your households and come here to me. I will give you the good things of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the richest part of the land.’ 19 And you are commanded to tell them: ‘Do this: Take wagons from the land of Egypt for your children and your wives, and you must bring your father on one of them and come here. 20 Do not worry about your belongings, for the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.”’ 21 And the sons of Israel did so, and

Joseph gave them wagons according to Phar'aoh's orders, and he gave them provisions for the journey. 22 To each of them he gave individual changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave 300 silver pieces and five changes of clothing. 23 And to his father he sent the following: ten donkeys carrying good things of Egypt and ten female donkeys carrying grain and bread and sustenance for his father for the journey. 24 So he sent his brothers off, and as they departed, he said to them: "Do not become upset with one another on the way." 25 Then they went up from Egypt and came into the land of Ca'naan to their father Jacob. 26 Then they reported to him: "Joseph is still alive, and he is the ruler over all the land of Egypt!" But his heart grew numb because he did not believe them. 27 When they went on telling him all the words that Joseph had spoken to them and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of their father Jacob began to revive. 28 Israel exclaimed: "It is enough! My son Joseph is still alive! I must go and see him before I die!"

46 So Israel took all that he had and departed. When he arrived at Be'er-she'ba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. 2 Then God spoke to Israel in a vision by night and said: "Jacob, Jacob!" to which he said: "Here I am!" 3 He said: "I am the true God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you into a great nation. 4 I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I myself will also bring you back from there, and Joseph will lay his hand on your eyes." 5 After that Jacob departed from Be'er-she'ba, and the sons of Israel transported Jacob their father and their children and their wives in the wagons that Phar'aoh had sent to transport him. 6 They took along their herds and their goods, which they had accumulated in the land of Ca'naan. And so they came into Egypt, Jacob and all his offspring with him. 7 He brought with him into Egypt his sons and his grandsons, his daughters and his granddaughters—all his offspring. 8 Now these are the names of Israel's sons who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Jacob's firstborn was Reu'ben. 9 The sons of Reu'ben were Ha'noch, Pal'lu, Hez'ron, and Car'mi. 10 The sons of Sim'e-on were Jem'u'el, Ja'min, O'had, Ja'chin, Zo'har, and Sha'ul the son of a Ca'naan-ite woman. 11 The sons of Le'vi were Ger'shon, Ko'hath, and Me·rar'i. 12 The sons of Judah were Er, O'nán, She'lah, Pe'rez, and Ze'rah. However, Er and O'nán died in the land of Ca'naan. The sons of Pe'rez came to be Hez'ron and Ha'mul. 13 The sons of Is'sa·char were To'la, Pu'vah, Iob, and Shim'ron. 14 The sons of Zeb'u·lun were Se'red, E'lon, and Jah'le·el. 15 These are the sons of Le'ah, whom she bore to Jacob in Pad'dan-a'ram, together with his daughter Di'nah. All his sons and his daughters numbered 33. 16 The sons of Gad were Ziph'i-on, Hag'gi, Shu'ni, Ez'bon, E'ri, Ar·o'di, and A·re'li. 17 The sons of Ash'er were Im'nah, Ish'vah, Ish'vi, and Be·ri'ah, and their sister was Se'rah. The sons of Be·ri'ah were He'ber and Mal'chi·el. 18 These are the sons of Zil'pah, whom La'ban gave to his daughter Le'ah. She bore these to Jacob: 16 persons in all. 19 The sons of Jacob's wife Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. 20 There were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt Ma·nas'seh and E'phra·im, whom As'e·nath the daughter of Pot·i'phe·ra the priest of On bore to him. 21 The sons of Benjamin were Be'la, Be'cher, Ash'bel, Ge'ra, Na'a·man, E'hi, Rosh, Mup'pim, Hup'pim, and Ard. 22 These are the sons of Rachel who were born to Jacob: 14 persons in all. 23 The son of Dan was Hu'shim. 24 The sons of Naph'ta·li were Jah'ze·el, Gu'ni, Je'zer, and Shil'lem. 25 These are the sons of Bil'hah, whom La'ban gave to his daughter Rachel. She bore these to Jacob: seven persons in all. 26 All those who descended from Jacob and went into Egypt with him, aside from the wives of Jacob's sons, were 66. 27 Joseph's sons who were born to him in Egypt were two. All the people of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were 70. 28 Jacob sent Judah ahead to tell Joseph that he was on the way to Go'shen. When they came into the land of Go'shen, 29 Joseph had his chariot prepared and went up to meet Israel his father at Go'shen. When he presented himself to him, he at once embraced him and wept for some time. 30 Then Israel said to Joseph: "Now I am ready to die; I have seen your face and know that you are still alive." 31 Joseph then said to his brothers and to his father's household: "Let me go up and report to Phar'aoh and tell him, 'My brothers and my father's household who were

47 So Joseph went and reported to Phar'aoh: "My father and my brothers and their flocks and their herds and all that they possess have come from the land of Ca'naan, and they are in the land of Go'shen." 2 He took five of his brothers and presented them to Phar'aoh. 3 Phar'aoh said to his brothers: "What is your occupation?" They replied to Phar'aoh: "Your servants are herders of sheep, both we and our forefathers." 4 Then they said to Phar'aoh: "We have come to reside as foreigners in the land because there are no pastures for the flock of your servants, for the famine is severe in the land of Ca'naan. So please let your servants dwell in the land of Go'shen." 5 At that Phar'aoh said to Joseph: "Your father and your brothers have come here to you. 6 The land of Egypt is at your disposal. Have your father and your brothers dwell in the very best part of the land. Let them dwell in the land of Go'shen, and if you know of any capable men among them, put them in charge of my livestock." 7 Then Joseph brought in Jacob his father and presented him to Phar'aoh, and Jacob blessed Phar'aoh. 8 Phar'aoh asked Jacob: "How old are you?" 9 Jacob said to Phar'aoh: "The years of my wanderings are 130. Few and distressing the years of my life have been, and they are not as long as the years of the lives of my forefathers during their wanderings." 10 After that Jacob blessed Phar'aoh and went out from before him. 11 So Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and he gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the very best part of the land, in the land of Ram'e·ses, just as Phar'aoh had commanded. 12 And Joseph kept supplying his father and his brothers and the entire household of his father with food according to the number of their children.

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11:45 Jehovah Loves Those Who Love His Son (Matthew 25:40; John 14:21; 16:27)

Speaker: _____

(Matthew 25:40) In reply the King will say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

(John 14:21) Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. In turn, whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and will clearly show myself to him."

(John 16:27) For the Father himself has affection for you, because you have had affection for me and have believed that I came as God's representative.

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AFTERNOON

1:25 Music-Video Presentation

1:35 Song No 107

1:40 SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .

A Loveless Upbringing (Psalm 27:10)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 27:10) Even if my own father and mother abandon me, Jehovah himself will take me in.

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1:40 SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .

A Difficult Work Environment (1 Peter 2:18-20)

Speaker: _____

(1 Peter 2:18-20) Let servants be in subjection to their masters with all due fear, not only to the good and reasonable but also to those hard to please. 19 For it is agreeable when someone endures hardship and suffers unjustly because of conscience toward God. 20 For what merit is there if you are beaten for sinning and you endure it? But if you endure suffering because of doing good, this is an agreeable thing to God.

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1:40 **SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .**

An Ungodly School Environment (1 Timothy 4:12)

Speaker: _____

(1 Timothy 4:12) Never let anyone look down on your youth. Instead, become an example to the faithful ones in speaking, in conduct, in love, in faith, in chasteness.

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1:40 SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .

Chronic Health Problems (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10)

Speaker: _____

(2 Corinthians 12:9, 10) But he said to me: "My undeserved kindness is sufficient for you, for my power is being made perfect in weakness." Most gladly, then, I will boast about my weaknesses, in order that the power of the Christ may remain over me like a tent. 10 So I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in times of need, in persecutions and difficulties, for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am powerful.

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1:40 SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .

Poverty (Philippians 4:12, 13)

Speaker: _____

(Philippians 4:12, 13) I know how to be low on provisions and how to have an abundance. In everything and in all circumstances I have learned the secret of both how to be full and how to hunger, both how to have an abundance and how to do without. 13 For all things I have the strength through the one who gives me power.

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1:40 SYMPOSIUM: SYMPOSIUM: Love Never Fails Despite . . .

Family Opposition (Matthew 5:44)

Speaker: _____

(Matthew 5:44) However, I say to you: Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those who persecute you,

[illegible]

3:00 SYMPOSIUM: Creation Reveals Jehovah's Love

The Heavens (Psalm 8:3, 4; 33:6)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 8:3, 4) When I see your heavens, the works of your fingers, The moon and the stars that you have prepared, 4 What is mortal man that you keep him in mind, And a son of man that you take care of him?

(Psalm 33:6) By the word of Jehovah the heavens were made, And by the spirit of his mouth everything in them.

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3:00 SYMPOSIUM: Creation Reveals Jehovah's Love

The Earth (Psalm 37:29; 115:16)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 37:29) The righteous will possess the earth, And they will live forever on it.

(Psalm 115:16) As for the heavens, they belong to Jehovah, But the earth he has given to the sons of men.

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3:00 SYMPOSIUM: Creation Reveals Jehovah's Love

Plants (Genesis 1:11, 29; 2:9, 15; Acts 14:16, 17)

Speaker: _____

(Genesis 1:11) Then God said: “Let the earth cause grass to sprout, seed-bearing plants and fruit trees according to their kinds, yielding fruit along with seed on the earth.” And it was so.

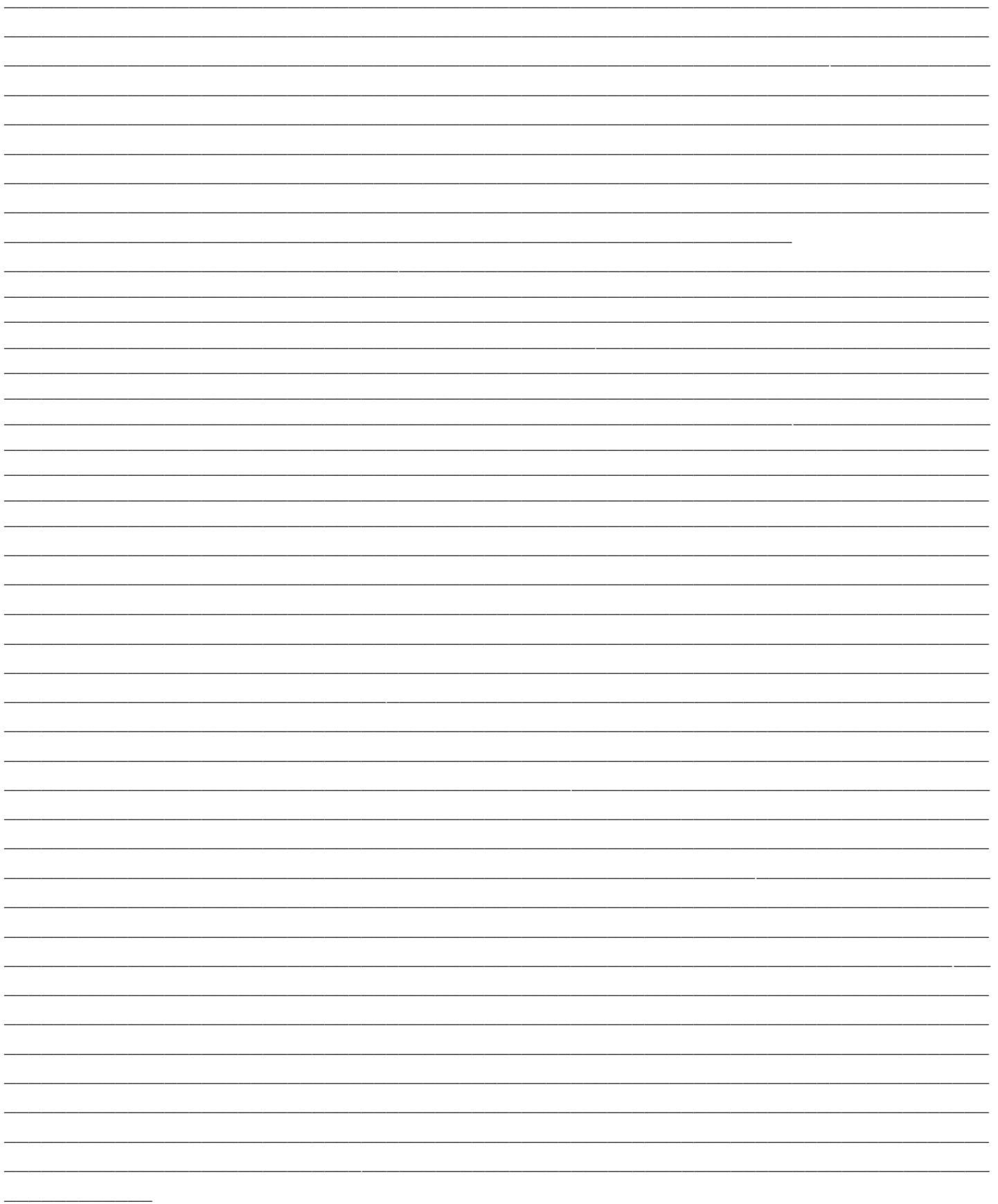
(Genesis 1:29) Then God said: “Here I have given to you every seed-bearing plant that is on the entire earth and every tree with seed-bearing fruit. Let them serve as food for you.

(Genesis 2:9) Thus Jehovah God made to grow out of the ground every tree that was pleasing to look at and good for food and also the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and bad.

(Genesis 2:15) Jehovah God took the man and settled him in the garden of E'den to cultivate it and to take care of it.

(Acts 14:16, 17) In past generations he permitted all the nations to go on in their ways, 17 although he did not leave himself without witness in that he did good, giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying you with food and filling your hearts with gladness.”

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3:00 SYMPOSIUM: Creation Reveals Jehovah's Love

Animals (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 6:26)

Speaker: _____

(Genesis 1:27) And God went on to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him; male and female he created them.

(Matthew 6:26) Observe intently the birds of heaven; they do not sow seed or reap or gather into storehouses, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than they are?

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3:00 SYMPOSIUM: Creation Reveals Jehovah's Love

The Human Body (Psalm 139:14; Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 139:14) I praise you because in an awe-inspiring way I am wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, I know this very well.

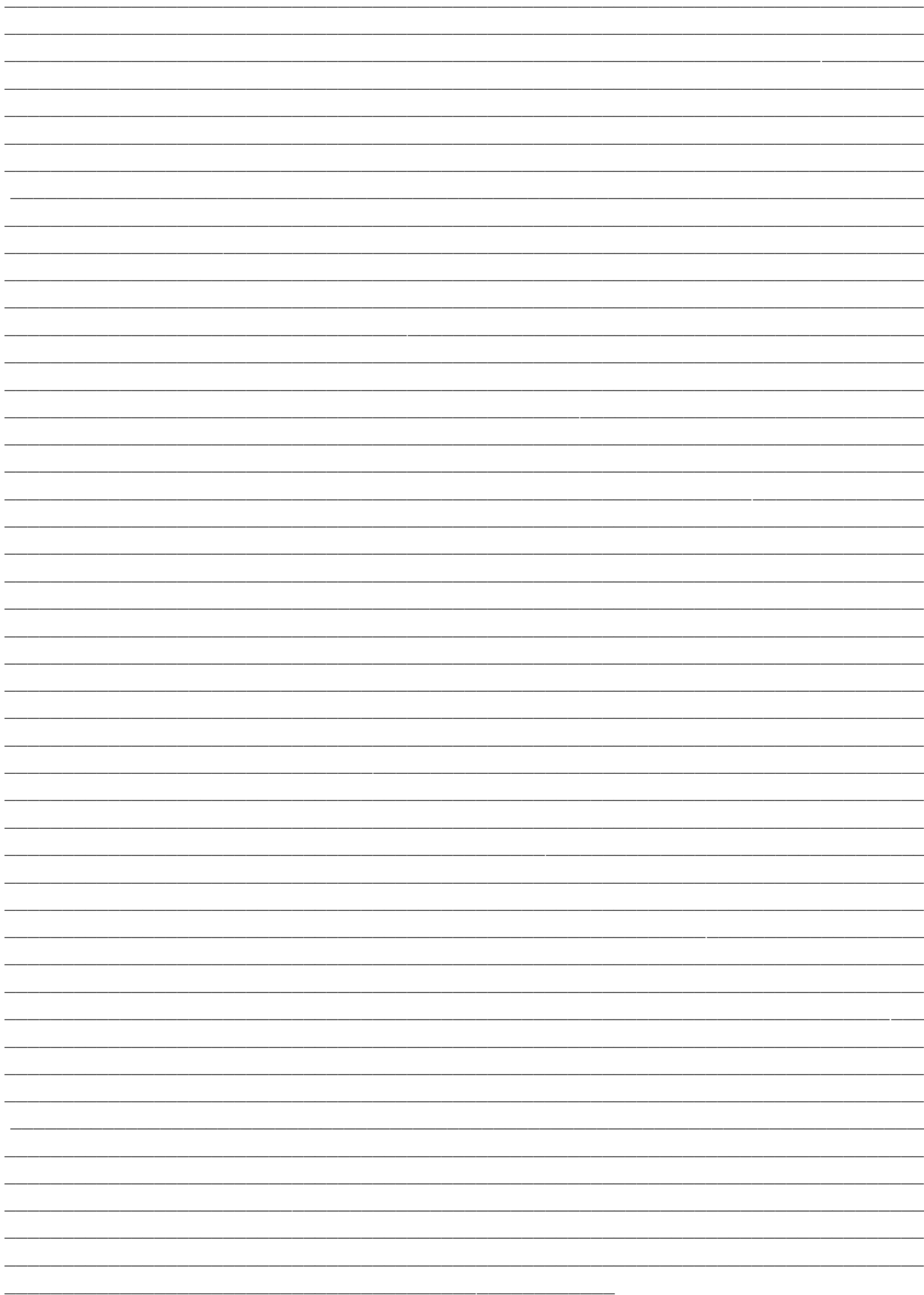
(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has even put eternity in their heart; yet mankind will never find out the work that the true God has made from start to finish.

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Speaker: _____

(Psalm 19:11) By them your servant has been warned; In keeping them, there is a large reward.

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4:15 “Clothe Yourselfes With Love” (Colossians 3:12-14)

Speaker: _____

(Colossians 3:12-14) Accordingly, as God's chosen ones, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with the tender affections of compassion, kindness, humility, mildness, and patience. 13 Continue putting up with one another and forgiving one another freely even if anyone has a cause for complaint against another. Just as Jehovah freely forgave you, you must also do the same. 14 But besides all these things, clothe yourselves with love, for it is a perfect bond of union.

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SATURDAY MORNING

EPHESIANS 5:2

“GO ON WALKING IN LOVE”

(Ephesians 5:2) and go on walking in love, just as the Christ also loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice, a sweet fragrance to God.

9:20 Music-Video Presentation

9:30 Song No. 85 and Prayer

9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Congregation

To Those Taking the Lead (1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13)

Speaker: _____

(1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13) Now we request you, brothers, to show respect for those who are working hard among you and presiding over you in the Lord and admonishing you; 13 and to give them extraordinary consideration in love because of their work. Be peaceable with one another.

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Congregation

To Widows and the Fatherless (James 1:27)

Speaker: _____

(James 1:27) The form of worship that is clean and undefiled from the standpoint of our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their tribulation, and to keep oneself without spot from the world.

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Congregation

To the Elderly (Leviticus 19:32)

Speaker: _____

(Leviticus 19:32) “Before gray hair you should rise up, and you must show honor to an older man, and you must be in fear of your God. I am Jehovah.

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Congregation

To Full-Time Ministers (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Speaker: _____

(1 Thessalonians 1:3) for we continually remember your faithful work, your loving labor, and your endurance because of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Congregation

To Foreign Residents (Leviticus 19:34; Romans 15:7)

Speaker: _____

(Leviticus 19:34) The foreigner who resides with you should become to you like a native among you; and you must love him as yourself, for you were foreign residents in the land of Egypt. I am Jehovah your God.

(Romans 15:7) So welcome one another, just as the Christ also welcomed you, with glory to God in view.

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11:00 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Ministry

Show Your Love for God (1 John 5:3)

Speaker: _____

(1 John 5:3) For this is what the love of God means, that we observe his commandments; and yet his commandments are not burdensome,

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11:00 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Ministry

“Love Your Neighbor as Yourself” (Matthew 22:39)

Speaker: _____

(Matthew 22:39) The second, like it, is this: 'You must love your neighbor as yourself.'

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11:00 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in the Ministry

Love Jehovah's Word (Psalm 119:97; Matthew 13:52)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 119:97) How I do love your law! I ponder over it all day long.

(Matthew 13:52) Then he said to them: "That being the case, every public instructor who is taught about the Kingdom of the heavens is like a man, the master of the house, who brings out of his treasure store things both new and old."

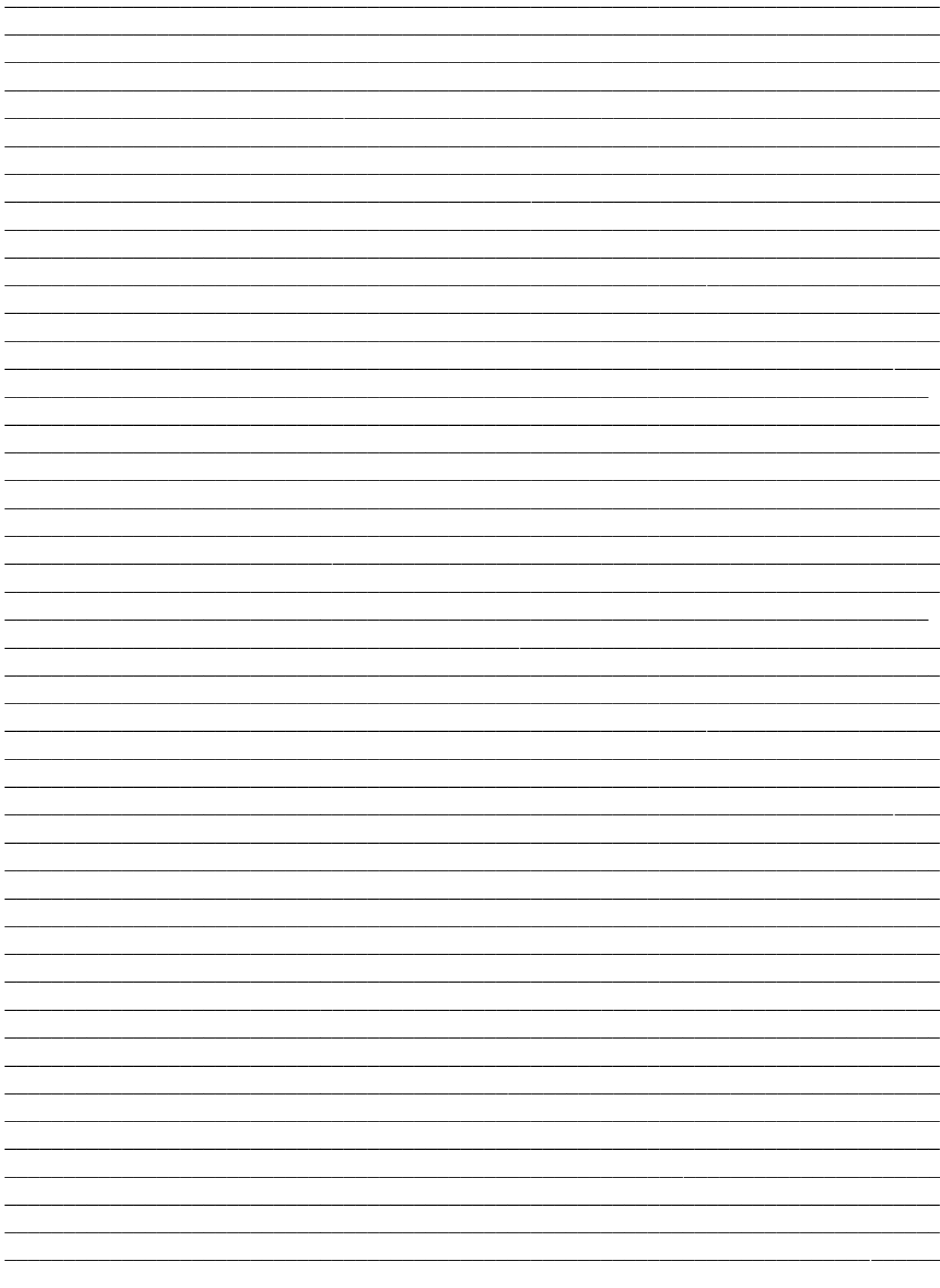
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11:45 BAPTISM: Learn to Love From Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)

Speaker: _____

(Matthew 11:28-30) Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild-tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for yourselves. 30 For my yoke is kindly, and my load is light.”

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AFTERNOON

1:45 Song No. 84

Speaker: _____

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1:50 SYMPOSIUM: How Our Brothers Are Showing Unfailing Love In . . . Asia (Acts 2:44)

Speaker: _____

(Acts 2:44) All those who became believers were together and had everything in common,

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Europe (John 4:35)

(John 4:35) Do you not say that there are yet four months before the harvest comes? Look! I say to you: Lift up your eyes and view the fields, that they are white for harvesting.

North America (1 Corinthians 9:22)

(1 Corinthians 9:22) To the weak I became weak, in order to gain the weak. I have become all things to people of all sorts, so that I might by all possible means save some.

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1:50 SYMPOSIUM: How Our Brothers Are Showing Unfailing Love In . .

Oceania (Psalm 35:18)

Speaker: _____

(Psalm 35:18) Then I will give thanks to you in the great congregation; I will praise you among the throngs of people.

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**1:50 SYMPOSIUM: How Our Brothers Are Showing Unfailing Love In . . .
South America (Acts 1:8)**

Speaker: _____

(Acts 1:8) But you will receive power when the holy spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses of me in Jerusalem, in all Ju·de'a and Sa·mar'i·a, and to the most distant part of the earth.”

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2:55 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in Your Family

Love Your Wife (Ephesians 5:28, 29)

Speaker: _____

(Ephesians 5:28, 29) In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. A man who loves his wife loves himself, 29 for no man ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cherishes it, just as the Christ does the congregation,

[illegible]

2:55 SYMPOSIUM: Display Unfailing Love in Your Family

Love Your Husband (Ephesians 5:33; 1 Peter 3:1-6)

Speaker: _____

(Ephesians 5:33) Nevertheless, each one of you must love his wife as he does himself; on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband.

(1 Peter 3:1-6) In the same way, you wives, be in subjection to your husbands, so that if any are not obedient to the word, they may be won without a word through the conduct of their wives, 2 because of having been eyewitnesses of your chaste conduct together with deep respect. 3 Do not let your adornment be external—the braiding of hair and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothing— 4 but let it be the secret person of the heart in the incorruptible adornment of the quiet and mild spirit, which is of great value in the eyes of God. 5 For this is how the holy women of the past who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, subjecting themselves to their husbands, 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you have become her children, provided you continue doing good and do not give in to fear.

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Love Your Children (Titus 2:4)

(Titus 2:4) so that they may advise the younger women to love their husbands, to love their children,

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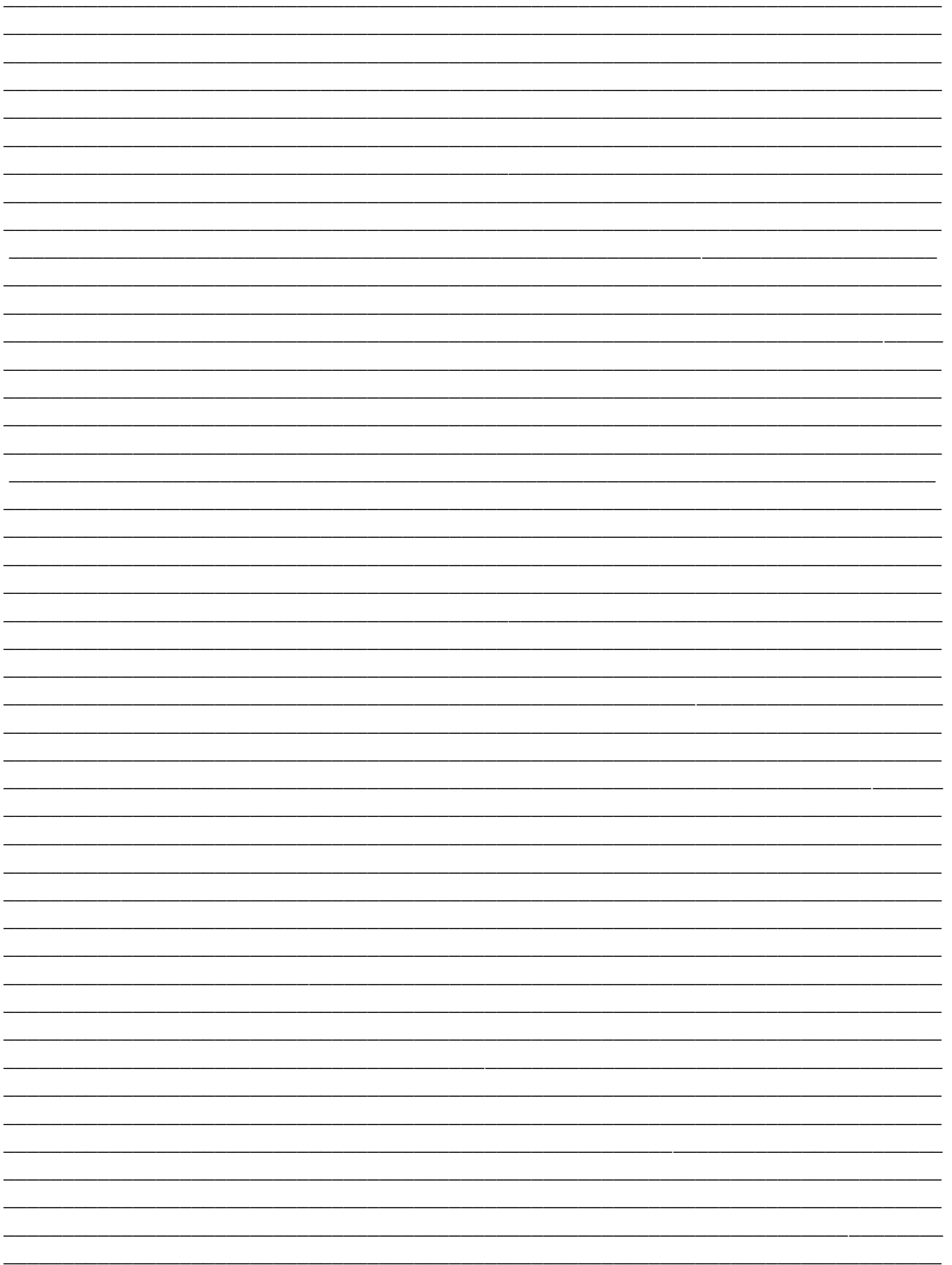
3:45 FEATURE FILM: The Story of Josiah: Love Jehovah; Hate What Is Bad—Part I
(2 Chronicles 33:10-24; 34:1, 2)

Speaker: _____

(2 Chronicles 33:10-24) Jehovah kept speaking to Ma·nas'seh and his people, but they paid no attention. 11 So Jehovah brought against them the army chiefs of the king of As·syri'a, and they captured Ma·nas'seh with hooks and bound him with two copper fetters and took him to Babylon. 12 In his distress, he begged Jehovah his God for favor and kept humbling himself greatly before the God of his forefathers. 13 He kept praying to Him, and He was moved by his entreaty and heard his request for favor, and He restored him to Jerusalem to his kingship. Then Ma·nas'seh came to know that Jehovah is the true God. 14 After this he built an outer wall for the City of David west of Gi'hon in the valley and as far as the Fish Gate, and he continued it around to O'phel, and he made it very high. Further, he appointed army chiefs in all the fortified cities in Judah. 15 He then removed the foreign gods and the idol image from the house of Jehovah and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of Jehovah and in Jerusalem, and he had them thrown outside the city. 16 He also prepared the altar of Jehovah and began to offer up communion sacrifices and thanksgiving sacrifices on it, and he told Judah to serve Jehovah the God of Israel. 17 Nevertheless, the people were still sacrificing on the high places, although only to Jehovah their God. 18 As for the rest of the history of Ma·nas'seh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the visionaries who spoke to him in the name of Jehovah the God of Israel, they are recorded in the history of the kings of Israel. 19 Also his prayer and how his entreaty was granted him, all his sins and his unfaithfulness, the locations where he built high places and set up the sacred poles and the graven images before he humbled himself, they are written among the words of his visionaries. 20 Then Ma·nas'seh was laid to rest with his forefathers, and they buried him at his house; and his son A'mon became king in his place. 21 A'mon was 22 years old when he became king, and he reigned for two years in Jerusalem. 22 And he continued to do what was bad in Jehovah's eyes, just as his father Ma·nas'seh had done; and A'mon sacrificed to all the graven images that his father Ma·nas'seh had made, and he kept serving them. 23 But he did not humble himself before Jehovah as Ma·nas'seh his father had humbled himself; instead, A'mon greatly increased his guilt. 24 Eventually his servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house.

(2 Chronicles 34:1, 2) Jo-si'ah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned for 31 years in Jerusalem. 2 He did what was right in Jehovah's eyes and walked in the ways of David his forefather, and he did not deviate to the right or to the left.

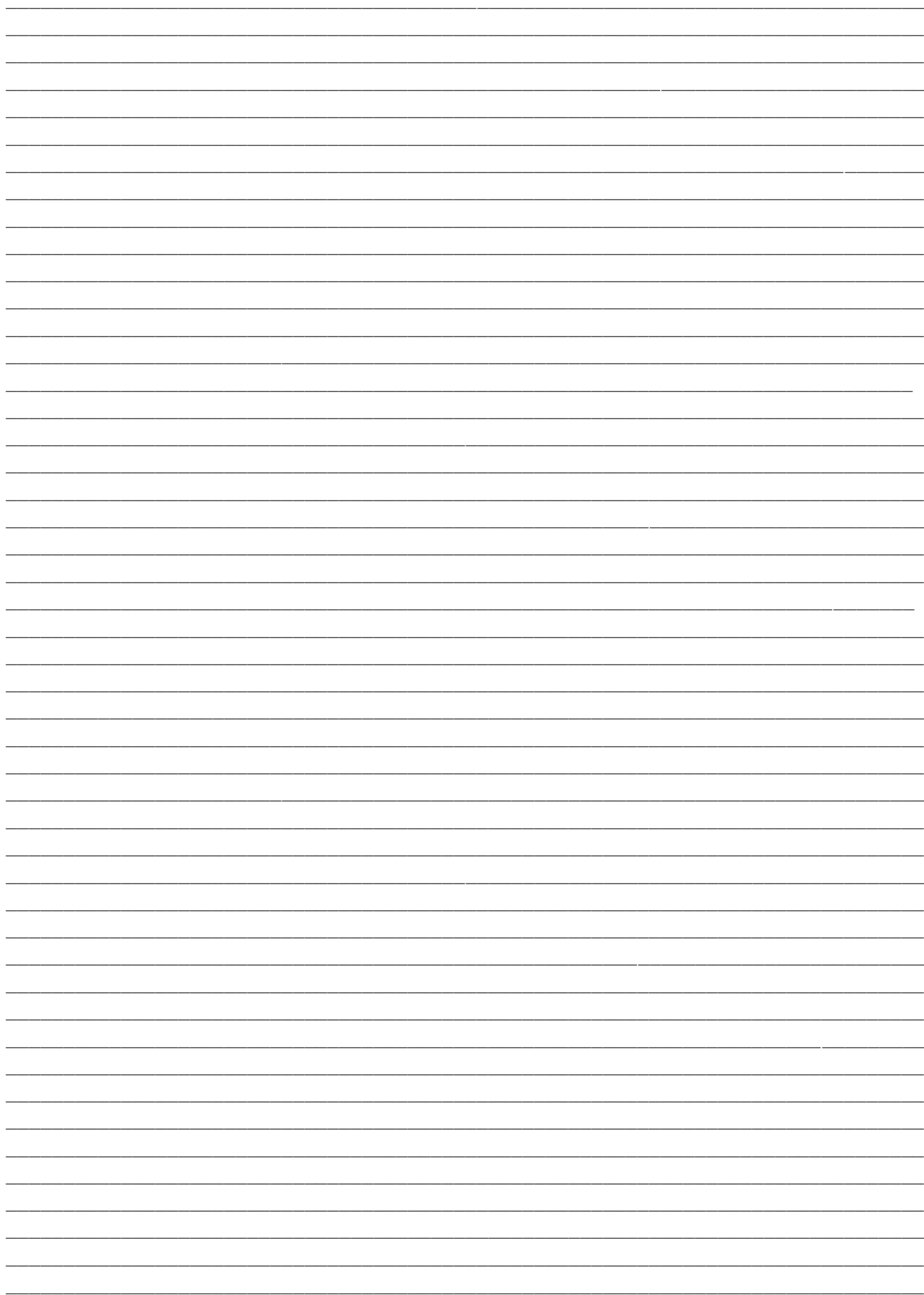
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Speaker: _____

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JUDE 21

(Jude 21) in order to keep yourselves in God's love, while you await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ with everlasting life in view.

9:20 Music-Video Presentation

9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Remember How Love Behaves

Speaker: _____

(1 Corinthians 13:4) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up,

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Remember How Love Behaves

Is Not Jealous; Does Not Brag (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Speaker: _____

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Remember How Love Behaves

Does Not Get Puffed Up; Does Not Behave Indecently (1 Corinthians 13:4, 5)

Speaker: _____

(1 Corinthians 13:4, 5) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up, 5 does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury.

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Remember How Love Behaves

Does Not Look for Its Own Interests; Does Not Become Provoked (1 Corinthians 13:5)

Speaker: _____

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9:40 SYMPOSIUM: Remember How Love Behaves

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(1 Corinthians 13:5, 6)

Speaker: _____

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Endures All Things; Love Never Fails (1 Corinthians 13:7, 8)

Speaker: _____

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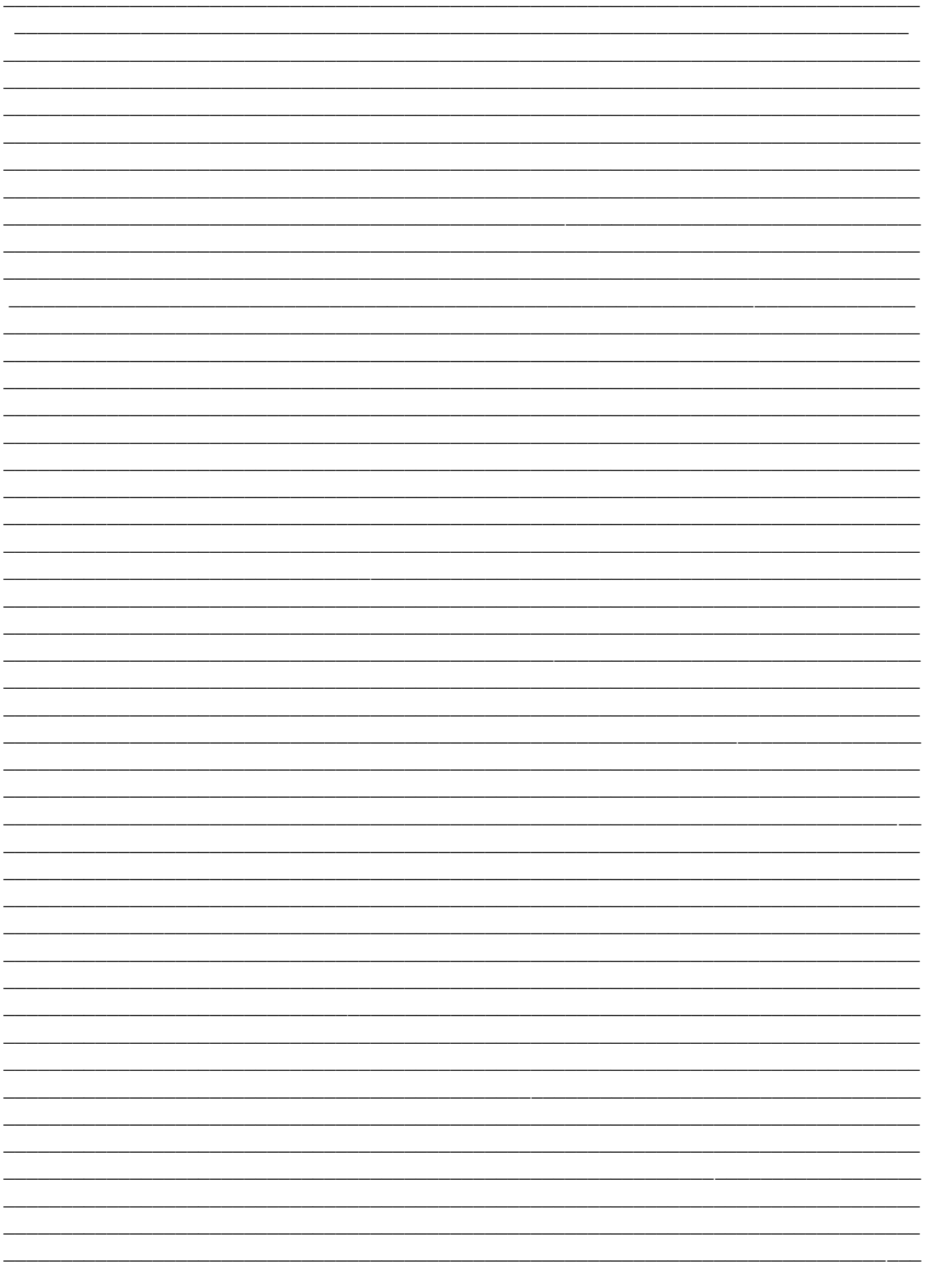
11:20 PUBLIC BIBLE DISCOURSE:

True Love in a Hate-Filled World—Where? (John 13:34, 35)

Speaker: _____

(John 13:34, 35) I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are my disciples—if you have love among yourselves.”

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12:20 Song No. 1 and Intermission

AFTERNOON

1:35 Music-Video Presentation

1:45 Song No. 124

1:50 FEATURE FILM: The Story of Josiah: Love Jehovah; Hate What Is Bad—Part II (2 Kings 22:3-20; 23:1-25; 2 Chronicles 34:3-33; 35:1-19)

Speaker: _____

(2 Kings 22:3-20) In the 18th year of King Jo-si'ah, the king sent Sha'phan the secretary, the son of Az-a-li'ah the son of Me-shul'lam, to the house of Jehovah, saying: 4 "Go up to Hil-ki'ah the high priest, and let him collect all the money that is being brought into the house of Jehovah, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. 5 Have them give it to those appointed over the work in the house of Jehovah who, in turn, will give it to the workers in the house of Jehovah who are to repair the damage to the house, 6 that is, to the craftsmen, the builders, and the masons; and they are to use it to buy timbers and hewn stones to repair the house. 7 But no accounting should be required of them for the money that they are given, because they are trustworthy." 8 Later Hil-ki'ah the high priest said to Sha'phan the secretary: "I have found the book of the Law in the house of Jehovah." So Hil-ki'ah gave the book to Sha'phan, who began to read it. 9 Then Sha'phan the secretary went to the king and told him: "Your servants have poured out the money that was found in the house, and they have handed it over to those appointed over the work in the house of Jehovah." 10 Sha'phan the secretary also told the king: "There is a book that Hil-ki'ah the priest has given me." Then Sha'phan began to read it before the king. 11 As soon as the king heard the words of the book of the Law, he ripped his garments apart. 12 Then the king gave this order to Hil-ki'ah the priest, A-hi'kam the son of Sha'phan, Ach'bor the son of Mi-cai'ah, Sha'phan the secretary, and A-sai'ah the king's servant: 13 "Go, inquire of Jehovah in my behalf, in behalf of the people, and in behalf of all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found; for Jehovah's rage that has been set ablaze against us is great, because our forefathers did not obey the words of this book by observing all that is written concerning us." 14 So Hil-ki'ah the priest, A-hi'kam, Ach'bor, Sha'phan, and A-sai'ah went to Hul'dah the prophetess. She was the wife of Shal'lum son of Tik'vah son of Har'has, the caretaker of the wardrobe, and she was dwelling in the Second Quarter of Jerusalem; and they spoke to her there. 15 She said to them: "This is what Jehovah the God of Israel says, 'Tell the man who sent you to me: 16 "This is what Jehovah says, 'I will bring calamity on this place and its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. 17 Because they have abandoned me and are making sacrifices smoke to other gods in order to offend me with all the work of their hands, my rage will be set ablaze against this place and it will not be extinguished.'" 18 But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, this is what you should say to him, "This is what Jehovah the God of Israel says: 'Regarding the words that you have heard, 19 because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before Jehovah on hearing what I have spoken against this place and its inhabitants—that they would become an object of horror and a curse—and you ripped your garments apart and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares Jehovah. 20 That is why I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be laid in your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the calamity that I will bring on this place.'"" Then they brought the reply to the king.

(2 Kings 23:1-25) So the king sent word, and they summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 2 After that the king went up to the house of Jehovah with all the men of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, and the prophets—all the people, from small to great. He read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of Jehovah. 3 The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before Jehovah, that he would follow Jehovah and keep his commandments, his reminders, and his statutes with all his heart and with all his soul by carrying out the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people agreed to the covenant. 4 The king then ordered Hil-ki'ah the high priest, the priests of the second rank, and the doorkeepers to bring out from the temple of Jehovah all the utensils made for Ba'al, for the sacred pole, and for all the army of the heavens. Then he burned them outside Jerusalem on the terraces of Kid'ron, and he took their ashes to Beth'el. 5 So he put out of business the foreign-god priests, whom the kings of

Judah had appointed to make sacrificial smoke on the high places in the cities of Judah and the surroundings of Jerusalem, as well as those making sacrificial smoke to Ba'al, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations of the zodiac, and to all the army of the heavens. 6 He brought the sacred pole out from the house of Jehovah to the outskirts of Jerusalem, to the Kid'ron Valley, and he burned it in the Kid'ron Valley and ground it to dust and scattered its dust on the graves of the common people. 7 He also tore down the houses of the male temple prostitutes, which were in the house of Jehovah and where the women were weaving tent shrines for the sacred pole. 8 Then he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and he made unfit for worship the high places where the priests had been making sacrificial smoke, from Ge'ba to Be'er-she'ba. He also tore down the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the chief of the city, which were on the left as one entered the city gate. 9 The priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they did eat unleavened bread along with their brothers. 10 He also made unfit for worship To'pheth, which is in the Valley of the Sons of Hin'nom, so that no one could make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Mo'lech. 11 And he prohibited the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun from entering the house of Jehovah by the chamber of Na'than-mel'ech the court official, which was in the porticoes; and he burned the chariots of the sun in the fire. 12 The king also tore down the altars that the kings of Judah had set up on the roof of A'haz's upper chamber, as well as the altars that Ma-nas'seh had set up in two courtyards of the house of Jehovah. He crushed them and scattered their dust in the Kid'ron Valley. 13 And the king made unfit for worship the high places in front of Jerusalem that were to the south of the Mount of Ruination, which Sol'o-mon the king of Israel had built to Ash'to-reth the disgusting goddess of the Si-do'ni-ans; and to Che'mosh the disgusting god of Mo'ab; and to Mil'com the detestable god of the Am'mon-ites. 14 He broke the sacred pillars to pieces and cut down the sacred poles and filled their places with human bones. 15 He also tore down the altar in Beth'el, the high place that Jer-o-bo'am the son of Ne'bat had made that caused Israel to sin. After tearing down that altar and the high place, he burned the high place, ground it to dust, and burned the sacred pole. 16 When Jo-si'ah turned and saw the graves on the mountain, he had the bones taken from the graves and burned them on the altar, making it unfit for worship, according to Jehovah's word that had been proclaimed by the man of the true God who foretold that these things would happen. 17 Then he said: "What is the gravestone over there that I am looking at?" At this the men of the city said to him: "It is the grave of the man of the true God from Judah who foretold these things that you have done against the altar of Beth'el." 18 So he said: "Let him rest. Do not let anyone disturb his bones." So they left his bones undisturbed, as well as the bones of the prophet who had come from Sa-mar'i-a. 19 Jo-si'ah also removed all the houses of worship on the high places that were in the cities of Sa-mar'i-a, which the kings of Israel had built to offend God, and he did the same thing to them that he had done at Beth'el. 20 So he sacrificed on the altars all the priests of the high places who were there, and he burned human bones on them. After that he returned to Jerusalem. 21 The king now commanded all the people: "Hold a Passover to Jehovah your God as is written in this book of the covenant." 22 No Passover like this had been held since the days when the judges had judged Israel or in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. 23 But in the 18th year of King Jo-si'ah, this Passover to Jehovah was held in Jerusalem. 24 Jo-si'ah also cleared out the spirit mediums, the fortune-tellers, the teraphim statues, the disgusting idols, and all the disgusting things that had appeared in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, in order to carry out the words of the Law that were written in the book that Hil-ki'ah the priest had found in the house of Jehovah. 25 There was no king like him prior to him, who returned to Jehovah with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, according to all the Law of Moses; nor did anyone like him rise up after him.

(2 Chronicles 34:3-33) In the 8th year of his reign, while he was still a boy, he started to search for the God of David his forefather; and in the 12th year, he started to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem of the high places and the sacred poles, the graven images, and the metal statues. 4 Further, they tore down the altars of the Ba'als in his presence, and he cut down the incense stands that were up above them. He also broke into pieces the sacred poles, the graven images, and the metal statues and reduced them to powder and sprinkled it over the graves of those who used to sacrifice to them. 5 And he burned the bones of priests on their altars. Thus he cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And in the cities of Ma-nas'seh, E'phra-im, Sim'e-on, and clear to Naph'ta-li, in their surrounding ruins,

7 he tore down the altars and he crushed the sacred poles and the graven images, reducing them to powder; and he cut down all the incense stands in all the land of Israel, after which he returned to Jerusalem. 8 In the 18th year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the temple, he sent Sha'phan the son of Az·a·li'ah, Ma·a·sei'ah the chief of the city, and Jo'ah the son of Jo'a·haz the recorder to repair the house of Jehovah his God. 9 They came to Hil·ki'ah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought to the house of God, which the Levites serving as doorkeepers had collected from Ma·nas'seh, E'phra·im, and all the rest of Israel, as well as from Judah, Benjamin, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 Then they gave it to those who were appointed over the work in the house of Jehovah. In turn the workers in the house of Jehovah used it to mend and repair the house. 11 They gave it to the craftsmen and the builders to buy hewn stones and timbers for braces and to build with beams the houses that the kings of Judah had allowed to fall into ruin. 12 And the men did the work faithfully. Over them were appointed the Levites Ja'hath and O·ba·di'ah of the Me·rar'ites, and Zech·a·ri'ah and Me·shul'lam of the Ko'hath·ites, to serve as overseers. And the Levites, all of whom were skilled musicians, 13 were in charge of the common laborers and were overseers of all those who were doing the work in every kind of service; and some of the Levites were secretaries, officers, and gatekeepers. 14 While they were taking out the money that had been brought to the house of Jehovah, Hil·ki'ah the priest found the book of Jehovah's Law given through Moses. 15 So Hil·ki'ah said to Sha'phan the secretary: "I have found the book of the Law in the house of Jehovah." 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And the inhabitants of Jerusalem acted according to the covenant of God, the God of their forefathers. 33 Jo·si'ah then removed all the detestable things out of all the lands that belonged to the Israelites, and he made everyone in Israel serve Jehovah their God. Throughout his lifetime they did not deviate from following Jehovah the God of their forefathers.

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2:30 “Carefully Consider Jehovah’s Acts of Loyal Love”

(Psalm 107:43; Ephesians 5:1, 2)

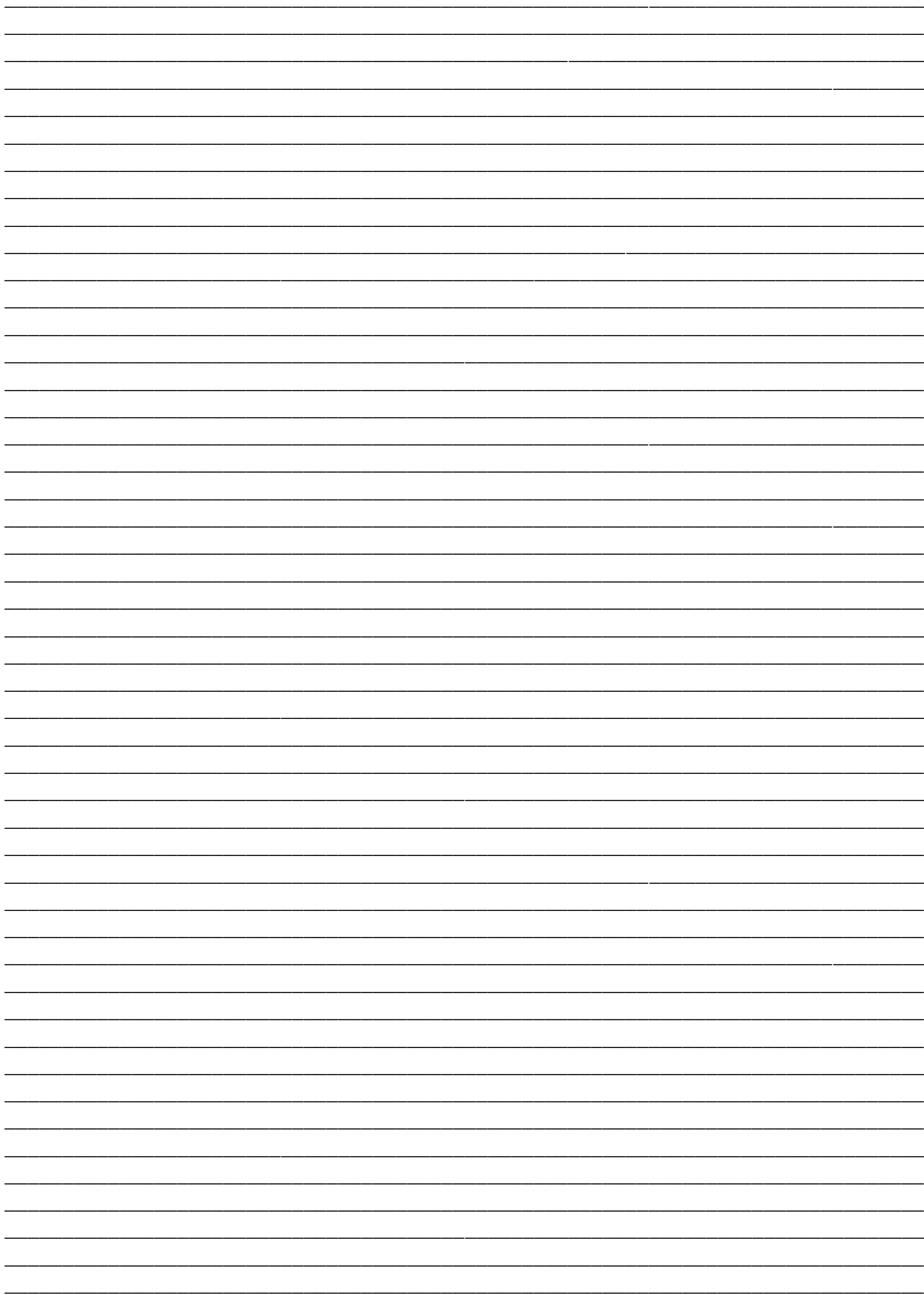
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(Psalm 107:43) Whoever is wise will observe these things And will carefully consider Jehovah's acts of loyal love.

(Ephesians 5:1, 2) Therefore, become imitators of God, as beloved children, 2 and go on walking in love, just as the Christ also loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice, a sweet fragrance to God.

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“God Is Love”
(1 John 4:7, 8)

1. God is love, and he invites us:
‘Walk with me and love my way.’
When we love both God and neighbor,
Gracious deeds will fill each day.
Therein lies the key to living;
Therein lies the life we seek.
Christlike love will never fail us;
Christlike love through us will speak.

2. Love of truth moves us to action;
Love of God moves us to love.
When we fail he seeks to help us;
By his strength we rise above.
Love is pure and never jealous;
Love is kind and bears all things.
May we grow to love our brother;
May we taste what true love brings.

3. Never let resentment lead you;
May it never take your hand.
Look to God, and he will guide you;
He will teach you these commands:
Love of God and love of neighbor,
Ev’rything that love should be.
May we always show to others
Godlike love, yes, tenderly.

To Whom Do We Belong?
(Romans 14:8)

1. To whom do you belong?

Which god do you now obey?

Your master's the one to whom you bow.

He is your god; you serve him now.

You cannot serve two gods;

Devotion cannot be shared.

And so in the end your choice will depend

On how your heart is prepared.

2. To whom do you belong?

Which god will you now obey?

For one god is false and one is true,

So make your choice; it's up to you.

Will Caesar of this world

Possess your allegiance still?

Or will you obey the true God today

By always doing his will?

3. To whom do I belong?

Jehovah I will obey.

My Father in heaven I will serve;

I'll pay my vows without reserve.

He bought me at great cost;

Devoted to him I'll stay.

To him I will give each moment I live.

His name I'll honor each day.

You Gave Your Precious Son
(1 John 4:9)

1. Jehovah, dear Father,
There seemed no hope for us.
The ransom has given
Hope to ev'ryone!
We give our lives to you,
Our best in all we do.
And we'll tell others too,
That your will might be done.

(CHORUS)

You gave your precious Son,
And now we sing as one,
A song we'll sing forever,
for giving us your precious Son.

2. Your kindness, your mercy,
They draw us close to you.
Your great name, your friendship,
These we've come to love.
But something more than this
Is your most precious gift.
He died that we might live.
You sent him from above.

(CHORUS)

You gave your precious Son,
And now we sing as one,
A song we'll sing forever,
for giving us your precious Son.

(ENDING)

Jehovah, dear Father, we pray in gratitude.
We offer our thanks for giving us your precious Son.

1. The pattern of love, we learn from Jehovah

Shows the way, guides our way.

In all he has done, his dealings have shown us

How to display his loving way.

He gave us his Son, his dearest possession

To cover our sin, forgiving transgression.

What proof of his love—its greatest expression!

His way is love, Yes, God's way is love.

2. When we walk his way, our love for each other

Will be true, warm and true,

Will move us to care for all of our brothers,

Old ones and new, not just a few.

True love for our God and love for our brother,

We can't have the one and not have the other.

The faults of our friends, we readily cover,

Proving our love, Our brotherly love.

3. The pattern of love, the bond that unites us

Lets us be family.

Our Father above now warmly invites us:

"Come taste and see real unity."

Come share in the love and joy that define us;

God's spirit and Word, he gives to refine us.

Our brothers and friends are here to remind us,

God's way is love. Jehovah is love.

1. Ev'ry newborn child, Ev'ry drop of rain,
Ev'ry golden ray of sun, Each head of grain—
All are gifts from God; They reveal his way.
Miracles performed by him sustain us each day.

(CHORUS)

So, what are we to do with a gift so rare
But to love the One who gave it and show him we care.
No matter what we do, We never can earn it.
This gift is still a gift—The miracle of life.

2. Others may give up, Lose their will to try,
Echoing the wife of Job: "Curse God and die."
We are not that way; Praise to God we give,
Thanking him for ev'ry precious moment we live.

(CHORUS)

So, what are we to do with a gift so rare
But to love the ones around us and show them we care.
No matter what we do, We never can earn it.
This gift is still a gift—The miracle of life.

Be Forgiving
(Psalm 86:5)

1. Lovingly Jehovah

Made provision through his Son

For our sins to be forgiven

And for death to be undone.

If we truly are repentant,

His forgiveness we can claim

On the basis of Christ's ransom,

Asking pardon in his name.

2. We receive such mercy

When we act like God above

And forgive each other freely,

Showing empathy and love.

Putting up with one another,

Putting hurtfulness away;

Showing honor to our brother,

Showing love's surpassing way.

3. Mercy is a virtue

That we all should cultivate.

It will keep us from resentment,

From the bitterness of hate.

When we imitate Jehovah,

Who is unsurpassed in love,

We will truly be forgiving;

We will be like God above.

1. Welcome to all who gather here this day

To hear God's Word and to learn his way.

Life-giving truth he offers to us all;

With thankfulness of heart, we respond to his call.

2. Thanks to our God for brothers such as these,

Who welcome us and who seek to please.

May we keep holding men of that sort dear,

And now we welcome others who meet with us here.

3. God's invitation reaches all mankind,

That all sincere ones the truth may find.

God by his Son has drawn us to His side.

So welcome one another with hearts opened wide.

Searching for Friends of Peace
(Luke 10:6)

1. Jesus commanded: 'Let the truth be heard.'

In summer heat, on dusty roads,

He let all hear Jehovah's word.

He loved God's sheep and called to ev'ryone.

He searched the land from the sunrise

'til the day was done.

From door to door and in the street,

We share with ev'ryone we meet

The news that soon man's troubles all will be gone.

(CHORUS)

Searching the world

For friends of peace in ev'ry nation,

Searching to find

A heart inclined toward salvation,

Wanting to leave

No stone unturned.

2. Time waits for no one, so the search goes on.

A million hearts, a million lives,

We give our all to save just one.

Love is the force that makes us call again.

A wounded heart can be healed,

and broken lives can mend.

We search the towns and city squares,

And when we find someone who cares,

The joy we feel inspires us to go on.

(CHORUS)

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(Hebrews 10:7, 9)

1. Because Jehovah created
The universe so grand,
To him belong the earth and sky,
The works of his own hand.
The breath of life he has given
And to his creatures shown
That worthy is he to have the praise,
The worship of all his own.

2. In water Jesus was baptized
To righteousness fulfill.
In solemn prayer he said to God:
'I've come to do your will.'
When he came up from the Jordan
As God's anointed Son,
Obedient and loyal he would pray:
'My Father, your will be done.'

3. We come before you, Jehovah,
To praise your name so great.
Disowning self, with humble hearts,
Our lives we dedicate.
You gave your only begotten,
Who paid the price so high.
No longer as living for ourselves,
For you we will live or die.

Reaching Out
(Matthew 9:37, 38)

1. Jehovah knows just what we need
To bring us joy and to succeed.
So he provides so many ways
In which to serve and spend our days.

(CHORUS)

Reaching out, giving all,
for our God above.
And where the need is great, there we'll be,
reaching out in love.

2. There's work to do in ev'ry land.
Where there's a need, we lend a hand.
By reaching out, we show we care.
We want to help and want to share.

(CHORUS)

Reaching out, giving all,
for our God above.
And where the need is great, there we'll be,
reaching out in love.

3. And here at home, in towns nearby,
We plan, we build, new skills we try.
We learn to speak a foreign tongue
And bring good news to ev'ryone.

(CHORUS)

Reaching out, giving all,
for our God above.
And where the need is great, there we'll be,
reaching out in love.

“Make Sure of the More Important Things”
(Philippians 1:10)

1. How great our need today for discernment,
To know the things that are true,
To know which things have greater importance,
To know which things we must do!

(CHORUS)

Love what is good; Hate what is bad.
Make God's heart glad;
Oh, what rich blessings it brings when we learn,
When we discern,
And when we do the important things!

2. And what could be of greater importance
Than sharing Kingdom good news,
To search for those who hunger for truth
And to help them God's way to choose?

(CHORUS)

Love what is good; Hate what is bad.
Make God's heart glad;
Oh, what rich blessings it brings when we learn,
When we discern,
And when we do the important things!

3. If we take care to do what's important,
Then true contentment we'll find.
The peace surpassing all understanding
Will guard our heart and our mind.

(CHORUS)

Love what is good; Hate what is bad.
Make God's heart glad;
Oh, what rich blessings it brings when we learn,
When we discern,
And when we do the important things!

(Psalm 127:3-5)

1. When a man becomes a father
And a woman has a child of her own,
They share a trust, they must remember,
That is not theirs, not theirs alone.
The gift they share is from Jehovah;
Of life and love he is the one true Source.
To parents he gives sure direction
That they may follow the wisest course.

(CHORUS)

A sacred trust you have been given;
A precious life is in your hands.
You can bestow the greatest favor;
Instruct your child in God's commands.

2. All the words God has commanded—
They must always prove to be on your heart.
These words you'll speak to sons and daughters;
This is your trust, this is your part.
To them you'll speak along your roadway,
When you rise up and when you are at rest.
In years to come, may they remember,
May they be faithful, may they be blessed.

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(1 Corinthians 13:1-8)

1. We humbly bow to our God in prayer,

That all his qualities we may share.

But most important of all those things

Is love, which having his spirit brings.

We may be talented, wise, or bold,

But we are nothing if love grows cold.

We pray for love that is warm and true,

Revealed in all that we say and do.

2. Love looks for ways to give graciously

And thinks of others unselfishly.

Love never harbors a hateful thought,

Forgives our brothers, as Jesus taught.

Love helps us patiently suffer wrong,

Bears heavy loads when it's really strong.

Through ev'ry trial let love prevail;

It bears all things; it will never fail.

Seek God for Your Deliverance
(Zephaniah 2:3)

1. Nations align as one,
Opposing Jehovah's Son.
Their time of human rulership
By God's decree now is done.
Rulers have had their day;
God's Kingdom is here to stay.
Soon Christ will crush earthly enemies.
No more will there be delay.

(CHORUS)

Seek God for your deliverance,
Yes, look to him with confidence.
Seek his righteousness,
Show your faithfulness,
For his sov'reignty, take your stand.
Then see our God deliver you
By his mighty hand.

2. People on earth now choose,
Responding to this good news.
We offer to all men the choice
To hear or proudly refuse.
Trials, although severe,
Need not fill our hearts with fear.
Jehovah cares for his loyal ones;
Our cries for help he will hear.

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(Revelation 4:11)

1. Jehovah our God, exalted in might,

Creator of life and Provider of light.

Creation speaks of your power so grand;

The heavens and earth forever stand.

2. Your heavenly throne, on justice it stands.

To us you make known all your righteous commands.

And as we turn to your Word, we can see

Your wisdom revealed so brilliantly.

3. The greatest of all is your perfect love.

Beyond all compare are your gifts from above.

Your attributes and your glorious name,

With joy and with zeal, we will proclaim.

(Psalm 18:25)

1. Ever loyal to Jehovah,

Loyal love we wish to show.

As a people, dedicated,

His commands we want to know.

His advice will never fail us,

And his counsel we obey.

He is loyal; we can trust him.

From his side we'll never stray.

2. Ever loyal to our brothers,

Sticking close in times of need.

Ever caring, always trusting,

Ever kind in word and deed.

We show honor to our brothers

And respect them from the heart.

Ever loyal, ever closer,

From their side we'll never part.

3. Ever loyal to their guidance

When our brothers lead the way.

When they give us clear direction,

May we loyally obey.

Then the blessing from Jehovah

Will be ours to make us strong.

When we're loyal, ever faithful,

To Jehovah we'll belong.

Give Me Courage
(2 Kings 6:16)

1. Doubt and fear surround me—
The way ahead not clear.
Through uncertainty you guide me;
I know you're always near.
Life may not be easy,
But this I know is true:
You're the God who's ever loyal;
My life is safe with you.

(CHORUS)

Jehovah, give me eyes of faith
And help me always see
There are more with us than against us.
Courageous let me be.
Courage, give me courage;
With courage, I'll endure.
Jehovah, give me courage;
Your victory is sure.

2. Feeling fear is human.
In my own strength, I'm frail.
You have been my rock and refuge;
Your power never fails.
Help me be courageous,
And let my heart be brave.
Lasting harm can never hold me—
No prison, gate, or grave.

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