

Day 1 – I Have Loved You (Malachi 1:1–2a)

Reflection

God begins Malachi not with correction but with a declaration: “I have loved you.” Before addressing spiritual compromise or careless worship, God reminds His people of covenant love. Israel’s circumstances were difficult. Progress felt slow. The Messiah had not yet come. Yet none of that changed God’s commitment.

Biblical love is not sentimental emotion; it is covenant faithfulness. God’s love rests on His character, not our comfort. Spiritual renewal always begins by remembering grace.

Illustration

A loving parent disciplines their child, not because love is absent, but because love is present. Correction flows from the relationship.

Application

Where have circumstances distorted your view of God’s love?

Today, rehearse specific ways God has shown His faithfulness in your life. Thank Him for His steady, covenant commitment.