

THE LOVE DARE FOR COUPLES

WEEK 1

Love is God's Word

Will you accept this Love Dare? This is not a “maybe” or an “I’ll try” question. Your answer will be a commitment. And if you do chose to say “Yes,” remember that this not a journey you will take on your own. This is a journey you will take with God.

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Commit to setting aside time each day to read your Bible (it is *your* Bible). Whether for ten minutes or for one-half hour, make sure that it’s a time you set aside for no other purpose. If your partner is open to it, ask if they will commit to reading with you. Feel free to use a devotional book or other resource to guide your reading.

____ I accept this challenge.

What have you noticed after this first week? Was it hard to keep a regular time? Did you find yourself wanting to do or think about doing other things instead? What kept you going, or did you miss a day or two? Remember: this is a journey, not an agenda. You can’t “fall behind” or “do make-up work.” Just keep walking.

Love Fulfills Dreams

What is it that you expect to get out of this Love Dare? What is it that you expect to get out of your relationship with your partner? This is the time to begin exploring questions you may never have asked, or to reawaken dreams that have come to lay dormant. Let the Love Dare become an opportunity for you dream and, perhaps, fulfill those dreams.

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What dreams do you have for your relationship or for your partner? What dreams do they have? Ask yourself what your partner would want, or sit down together and explore each other’s dreams. Are they obtainable? Start mapping out a plan towards fulfilling your partner’s desires, or a plan that you can both take together.

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Did it seem as though reality ever got in the way of your or your partner’s dreams? Have dreams of the past faded? Is anything standing in your way from refocusing on those dreams?

THE LOVE DARE FOR KIDS
WEEK 1

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Set aside time each day to read your Bible (it is *your* Bible), or ask a parent to read with you. You can use you First Communion Bible, or a children’s Bible, or even a book of Bible stories—whatever makes it easy and enjoyable. Reading your Bible shouldn’t be a chore. Make sure that this is a time you set aside for no other purpose.

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What have you noticed after this first week? Was it hard to keep a regular time? Did you find yourself wanting to do or think about doing other things instead? What kept you going, or did you miss a day or two? Remember: this is a journey, not an assignment. You can’t “fall behind” or “do make-up work.” Just keep reading.

Love Fulfills Dreams

What is it that you expect to get out of this Love Dare? What do expect from your life or from your relationship with God? These are some big questions. This is the time to begin exploring questions you might never have asked. Let the Love Dare become an opportunity for you to dream and, perhaps, fulfill those dreams.

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Have you ever thought about what you want your life to be like in the future? Maybe you’ve dreamed of places you would visit, jobs you might have . . . Do you ever have dreams for your family? Are there things you’d like to change? Are there things you could do to help make changes in your family? Take the time to write your dreams down on paper. Now ask a parent or sibling what some of their dreams are. Think of ways in which you could help fulfill these dreams.

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How real are your dreams for the future? How real are your dreams for your family and their dreams? Did it seem like things ever got in the way of these dreams? What would help you fulfill your dreams?

THE LOVE DARE FOR SINGLES
WEEK 1

Love is God's Word

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Commit to setting aside time each day to read your Bible (it is *your* Bible). Whether for ten minutes or for one-half hour, make sure that it’s a time you set aside for no other purpose. You can ask a friend if they will make this commitment with you, or you can join (or form) a reading group. Feel free to use a devotional book or other resource to guide your reading.

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Love Fulfills Dreams

What is it that you expect to get out of this Love Dare? What do expect out of life or from your relationship with God? This is the time to begin exploring questions you may never have asked, or to reawaken dreams that have come to lay dormant. Let the Love Dare become an opportunity for you dream and, perhaps, fulfill those dreams.

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Do you remember any of the dreams you had for yourself when you were younger? What happened with them? Did you fulfill any; did some fade away; do others still linger? And what dreams do you have for your future? Ask yourself whether they are truly obtainable. What has helped you in the past towards fulfilling them? Take the time to write your dreams down on paper. Now think of ways that God’s love and loving relationships with others can help you attain your dreams.

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Did it seem as though reality ever got in the way of your dreams? Have dreams of the past faded? Is anything standing in your way from refocusing on those dreams?

The Love Dare by Weeks (7)

C = Couples S = Singles K = Kids

<p>Week 1: The Love Dare 3/5 – 3/11</p>	<p>1. Love is God’s Word (#36 - C, S, K) 2. Love Fulfills Dreams (#38 – C, S, K)</p>
<p>Week 2: Dare to be Patient 3/12 – 3/18</p> <p>“Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.” (James 1:19)</p> <p>(verse for each week?)</p>	<p>1. Love is Patient (#1 – C, S, K) 2. Love is Not Irritable (#6 – C, S, not irritable=what makes you irritable? stress? not enough sleep? do you have a Sabbath day/times?—take stock and reduce; set time aside to love) 2. Love is Not Selfish (#3 – K)</p>
<p>Week 3: Dare to Cherish 3/19 – 3/25</p>	<p>1. Love Cherishes (#11 – C, K) How can you show your partner/parent that they are as dear to you as if they were, truly, part of you? 2. Love Promotes Intimacy (#17 – C, K more about feeling safe and trusting other person; don’t use word “intimacy.”) What to do for S...?</p>
<p>Week 4: Dare to Pray 3/26 – 4/1</p>	<p>1. Love is Satisfied in God (#21 – C, S, reword for K to read w/parent) 2. Love Agrees in Prayer (#37 – C, K) What about S?—find prayer group/circle/someone to pray with or maybe #34 – Love Celebrates Godliness</p>
<p>Week 5: Dare to Forgive 4/2 – 4/8</p>	<p>1. Love Forgives (#25 – C, S, K) 2. ?</p>
<p>Week 6: Dare to Be Accountable 4/9 – 4/16</p>	<p>1. Love is Responsible (#26 – C,S, K) 2. ??Love is Accountable (#35? – C only)?? Not sure about this one → would like you input</p>
<p>Week 7: Dare to Love</p>	<p>1. Love is Impossible (#19 – C,S,K – looking back) 2. Love is a Covenant (#40 – C, K – use “promise” couples make new promises or renew vows; kids and parents make promises to each other) 2. S?</p>