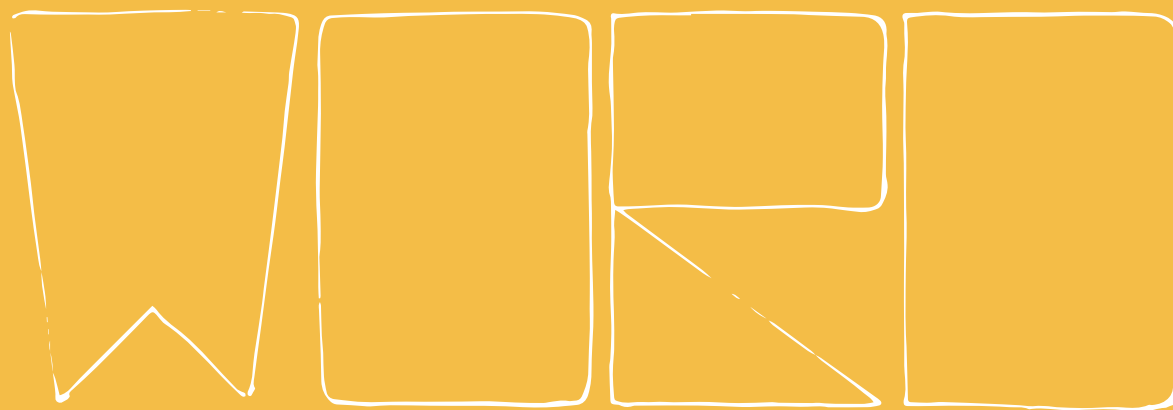


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# Introduction

*In the beginning* ... Those three words start the beginning of two important books in the Bible. In fairy-tales, the author often starts with *once upon a time*. Genesis, the first book in the Old Testament, starts with *in the beginning*, not *in a beginning* thus highlighting this as history not fiction. John, a book in the New Testament, ties Jesus' existence with the beginning of time.

This booklet is a collection life-giving words from scripture organized into topics on grace, love, wisdom, security, peace, and praise.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light *day*, and the darkness he called *night*. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

## Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## John 1:1-5



# Grace

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

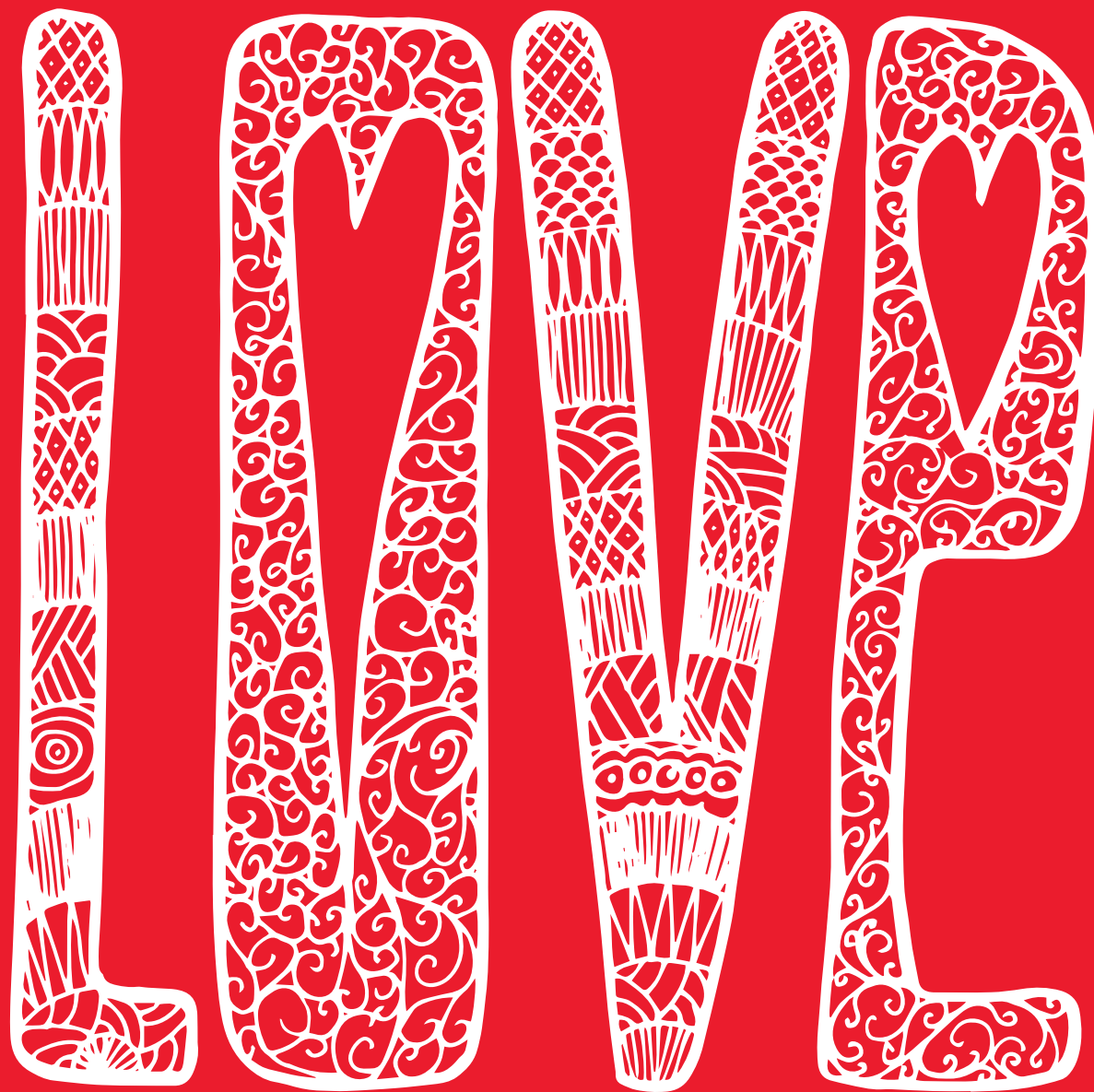
## **Psalm 103:8-12**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast.

## **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## **John 3:16**



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

### **1 John 3:1**

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

### **1 John 4:11-12**

# Wisdom

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Romans 12:21**

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

## **Philippians 4:8**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## **Ephesians 4:32**

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

## **Proverbs 15:1**

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.

## **I John 3:18**

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

## **Luke 12:15**



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”

### **Jeremiah 29:11**

I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber.

### **Psalms 121:1-3**

The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid? For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

### **Psalms 27:1-2, 5**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

### **Isaiah 41:10**



Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Philippians 4:4-7**

[Jesus said] “I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

### **John 14:27**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

### **Psalms 91:1-2**

# Praise

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

## **Psalm 139:13-16**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

## **Psalm 100**



*All scripture is God breathed  
and is useful for teaching,  
rebuking, correcting and  
training in righteousness.*  
— 2 Timothy 3:16

# Rationale

## Theme

This quote book is composed of a collection of verses from the Bible organized into six different themes. For the aesthetics I chose to go with more modern trends. In addition, I wanted to portray the combination of old and new. My personal goal for this assignment was to experiment with hand-drawn typography to express emotion and to provide contrast to a spread.

## Typography

Since the quotes were fairly short, I felt that it would be acceptable to use a larger point size. I chose a wider line-length to increase the readability of the larger point size. I chose a serif font to contrast with the sans-serif hand-drawn type.

For each spread I hand drew the titles for each theme. To integrate the titles with the rest of the spread I chose to have the titles in white. For the front cover, to give a textural element, I cut out one of the words and placed the first chapter of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, behind. I attempted to make that paper look like an old manuscript to tie the old and new together. The use of scrabble pieces for the word *beginning* is a symbolic representation of the creation story.

## Grid

I wanted a balanced, organized feel for the booklet so I used a consistent grid for each spread. I went away from the square format a bit to give a bit of height to keep a bit of the traditional book margins.

## Colours

I wanted to express a more modern, youthful portrayal of the Bible through the use of color. Hence I went with a selection of bright colours, each colour related to the theme of each layout.

## Conclusion

Looking back, I feel that I should have used a smaller point size and giving more leading to improve the readability of the quotes. The printed copy has the original point size. This electronic file has the smaller point size.