

**Vision:**

1. The faculty or state of being able to see clearly and accurately.
2. The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A preferred future.

**Real life story: yesterday today, tomorrow.**

Isiah 61

**Remove barriers.**

**It is all about Jesus.**

John 14:6 | Romans 3:23, 10:9-1-10 | John 3:16-17

**Jesus changes people!**

John 10:10

**It's not about me.**

Mark 10:45 | Galatians 6:9-10 | Ephesians 2:19

**Open your eyes.**

John 4:35-38 | Matthew 9:35-38

**Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God.**

**Pray**—boldly, extravagantly, faithfully.

**Trust**—with reckless abandon.

**Receive**—openly and fully.

*Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! [www.seekreallife.com/groups](http://www.seekreallife.com/groups)*

**Try beginning your Life Group by reading Psalm 34 aloud together.**

From reading this Psalm, what comes to mind that you would like to thank God for?

**Read Psalm 34:11-18.**

Who is God near to? As you've experienced your own heartache, how have you also experienced the nearness of God?

How does sharing what God has done with each other help us grow in our faith and strengthen our walk?

**Read John 17:20-24.**

In Jesus' prayer for us, why is it important that we are unified? What does unity and disunity speak to the world around us?

God's mission is a love relationship (see: John 3:16-17) and it unifies the church. In what ways does love unify us at Real Life? In what ways are we sharing that mission with God?

Making room for love to grow in you can be uncomfortable. In what ways can you make room for others and truly love them as Jesus does in 2020?

## Read 1 Peter 3:13-18.

We all experience suffering at times in our life and to varying degrees; what wisdom does Peter give us about suffering? Who does he present as our example to follow?

What is the connection between suffering we experience, hope we have, and sharing this with others? Why is sharing important?

Hope is meant to be shared. Why does Peter emphasize courtesy and respect when someone asks about the hope we possess? How does rudeness and disrespect create unnecessary barriers between Jesus and the people He loves?

*If you've placed barriers between people and the hope that Jesus brings, take a moment to confess this to Him and accept his gift of forgiveness. Then at your next opportunity, through the power of the Holy Spirit, make a better choice to speak hope and life!*

**May the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be pleasing to you, O Lord,  
my rock and my redeemer.**

**- Psalm 19:14 (NLT)**

## Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

### Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

**"Abba, I belong to You."**

**"Come Lord Jesus."**

**"I surrender to You."**

**"Holy Spirit set my love in order."**

**"I trust You."**

**"You are enough."**

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival\*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

**\*Revival Definition:** *an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*