



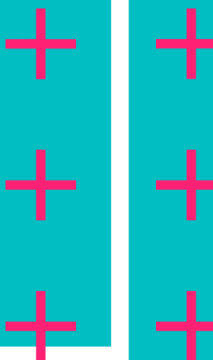
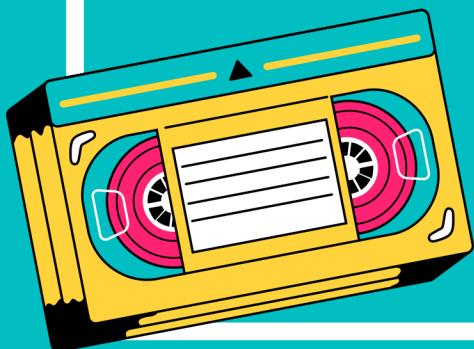
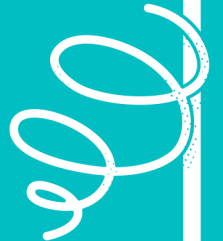
# THROW BACK



**FAMILY DEVOTIONAL**

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**Luke 16:19-31; 1 John 4:7-21**

**What it is, my friends? Welcome back to Throwback! This is our final week of going back in time and seeing that the things Jesus taught are always trending because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!**

**This week, we'll make one more groovy trip way, way, back to the 70's — the decade of peace and love! It's gonna be far out! This week's Bible story is about someone who did pretty much just sit there while other people could have used his help! (Luke 16:19-31)**

**It's hard not to feel sorry for the rich man who now had to spend eternity in a terrible place, but he was sorry too late. He had plenty of opportunities while he was still living to love others, but he blew it by only caring about himself and looking down on people like Lazarus.**

**Jesus taught everyone to love but not just with words — with solid actions, while we still can! He showed us with how he lived his own life, and it's a good trend for us to follow, too!**

**The rich man from the Bible story saw Lazarus sitting at his gate every day but never noticed him or cared enough about him. It was easy for him to think someone else could help Lazarus while he focused on himself.**

**It's easy to get caught up in our own lives and think that putting love into action is someone else's problem. For followers of Jesus, that's not a good look or attitude to have. When people don't know us, before they identify us as "the person wearing red" or "the one wearing glasses," they should be able to identify us as someone demonstrating love. Because love always needs action!**

**In the same way, nobody has seen God but they can in a way when they see God's love living in us. This passage (1 John 4:7-21) tells us that love comes directly from God because God is love. We know how to love because God showed us how to love first.**

**We can choose to show love to others through our actions. When others see us being kind, compassionate, patient, forgiving, and helping, they are able to see a glimpse of what God is like! On the flip side, when we don't love and act in very unloving ways, we are acting as though we don't know God at all. We're not letting others get to know God through us.  
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**Jesus taught us that love is more than talk. Love always needs action, and merely thinking about loving others isn't the same as loving them through action!**

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HEBREWS 13:8





**BIG IDEA:** Love always needs action.

**BIBLE:** The Rich Man and Lazarus: Luke 16:19–31