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## HEART CHECK

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## THE MANDATE

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:29-31).*

## THE MEDITATION

Jesus, we know about the Great Commission. It is big. Huge. It involves the world, nations, marginalized peoples and world-class metropolitan areas. It all seems so distant, like something far away.

You also gave us another “great” – the “great commandment”. It isn’t far off. It is next door. You called us to “love our neighbor”. One person. One family – the one over the back fence, across the street, on the corner lot. You didn’t call us to “like” them – but to “love” them. To ‘apapao’ them with heaven’s unconditional love. This is how the “Great Commission” gets started – nearby, not far away. With one soul, not the whole world. With just one family, not a far-away nation. Right next door is my first assignment. I can’t dodge this one.

The “Great Commandment” first, then the “Great Commission”. I can do this, God. I can carry cookies to them. I can be a watchful, friendly neighbor. I can build a bridge that may eventually allow me to share the gospel. I have been so afraid of *doing* witnessing, that I have failed to be a witness. The Great Commandment – *love*.



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**MISSION  
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**INTERCEDE FOR...**

**MONDAY**  
**Finding the Unreached**

The Afar consist of two subgroups: the Asaemara (“red ones”), who are the more prestigious and powerful nobles living primarily in the area of Assayita; and the Adaemara (“white ones”), who are the commoners living in the desert areas. Those who live in the desert inhabit one of the most rugged regions in the world, known as the Afar Plain or the Danakil Desert. One area, called the Danakil Depression, consists of a vast plain of salt pans and active volcanoes. Much of it lies 200 feet below sea level and has daily temperatures as high as 125 degrees F. Pray for missionaries to brave the geography and climate of this region.

**TUESDAY**  
**Nurturing New Believers**

Ask God to anoint the Gospel as it goes forth via radio to this tribe. Pray that additional evangelistic tools will be made available to the Afar.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Investing**

Pray that God would provide pure water sources for the Afar and their herds living in the Danakil Desert.

**THURSDAY**  
**Sending**

Ask the Lord to raise prayer teams who will intercede for the Afar. Ask the Lord to bring forth a triumphant Afar church for the glory of His name!

**FRIDAY**  
**Harvesting**

Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth long-term Christian laborers into Ethiopia.



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