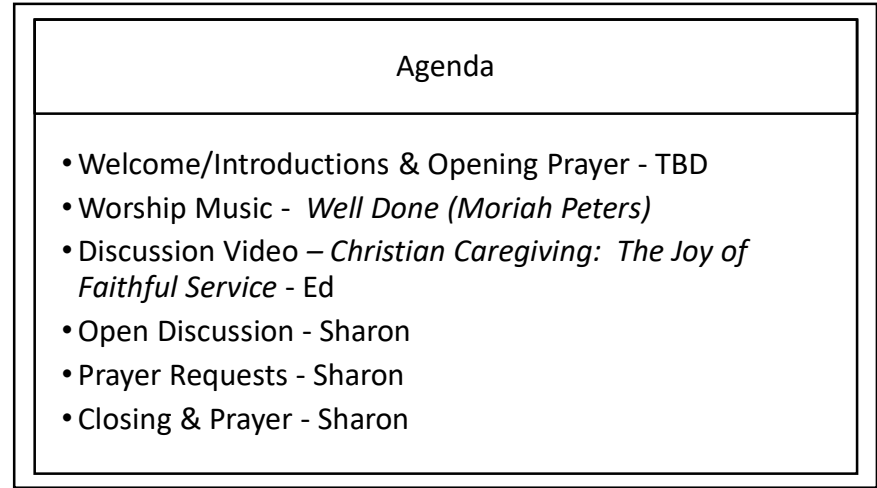
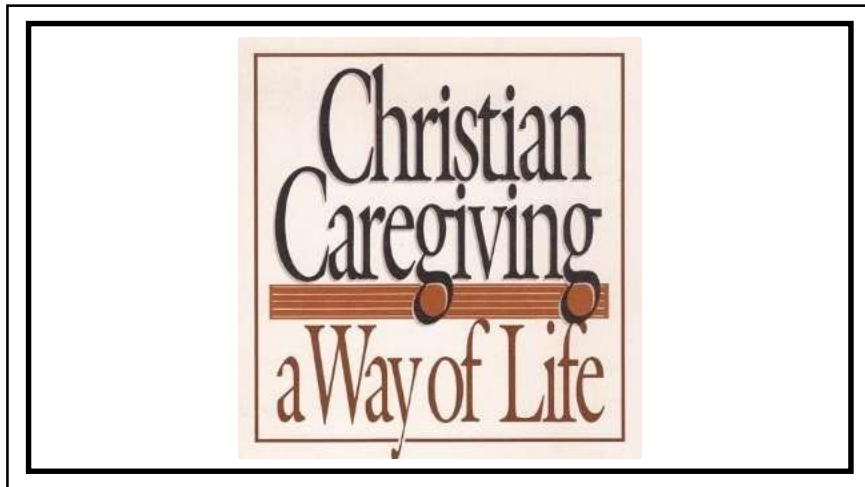




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1 Peter 4 (ESV)

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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Colossians 3 (ESV)

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

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Theme

Caregiving leaves a legacy of love

- Caregiving often feels hidden, repetitive & exhausting.
- Scripture reminds us that every act of love - every meal, every gentle word, every moment of patience - is seen by God & woven into a legacy that outlives us.
- Caregiving becomes worship when done “unto the Lord.”

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Honor God By Serving Others

- Even when our loved one cannot thank us or remember our kindness, God receives our caregiving as worship.
- Our effort is directed toward Him.

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24 ESV)

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Honor God By Serving Others

- God sees every unseen sacrifice: the late nights, the repeated explanations, the emotional weight - Nothing is wasted or overlooked.

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. (Hebrews 6:10 ESV)

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Honor God By Serving Others

- Jesus honors those who serve the vulnerable.

21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" (Matthew 25:21 ESV)

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Honor God By Serving Others

- Even when progress is slow or invisible, God promises that our work has eternal value.

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV)

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Honor God By Serving Others

- God strengthens us so we can continue sowing seeds of love that will bear fruit in His time.

***9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6:9 ESV)***

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Honor God By Serving Others

- Caregiving becomes an act of worship when we offer our time, energy & compassion to God.
- We are not just helping a person - we are honoring the Lord with our life.

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Lasting Love

- Caregiving shapes hearts, families & future generations - Love given today becomes a testimony tomorrow.
- A caregiver's steady love builds trust, peace & spiritual influence.

3 Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man (Proverbs 3:3–4 ESV)

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Lasting Love

- Caregiving often requires forgiveness - of yourself, of others & of the situation. (1 Peter 4:8)
 - Our caregiving becomes a living witness of Jesus' love to neighbors, family & even medical staff.
- 35 "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35 ESV)**

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Lasting Love

- Our faithfulness plants seeds in children, grandchildren & others who watch us love well.
- 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. (2 Timothy 1:5 ESV)***

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Lasting Love

- The way we care today becomes part of the story future generations tell about God's goodness.
- 4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4 ESV)***
- Even when our loved one cannot respond, our love still shapes the spiritual atmosphere of our home & leaves a legacy that outlives the moment.

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Faithful Service

- God not only sees our caregiving, but He also delights in it.
- Our service reflects His character.
- Caregiving embodies kindness, mercy & compassion - qualities God treasures.

***8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
(Micah 6:8 ESV)***

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Faithful Service

- Much of caregiving happens behind closed doors.
- God honors what others never witness.

4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (Matthew 6:4 ESV)

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Faithful Service

- Caregiving is a daily offering of your body, time & heart to God.

***1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
(Romans 12:1 ESV)***

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Faithful Service

- God guides our decisions, strengthens your steps & steadies us when we feel unsure.

23 The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way; (Psalm 37:23 ESV)

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Faithful Service

- God promises refreshment, strength & guidance to those who pour themselves out for others.

10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. 11 And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. (Isaiah 58:10–11 ESV)

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Faithful Service

- Our caregiving reflects God's own heart - His tenderness, His patience & His compassion.
- He delights in the love we give, even when it feels small or unnoticed.

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Discussion Questions

- How do you see your caregiving as a legacy of love?
- What impact has your care had on others around you - family, friends, or your church community?
- How does God affirm your faithful service, even on difficult days?
- What small acts of love have made a big difference in your caregiving journey?
- How do you want your caregiving to reflect Jesus more deeply?

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