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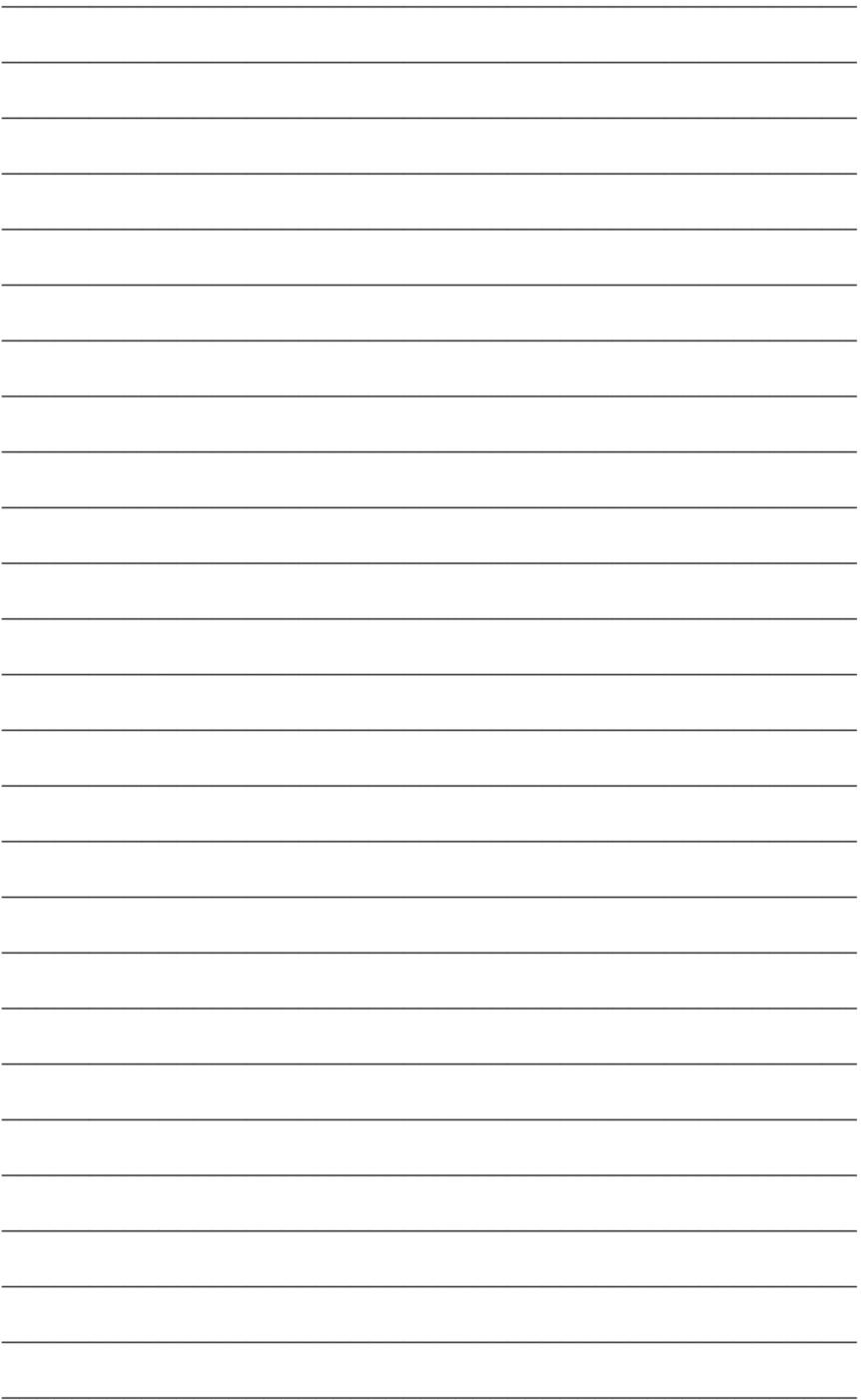
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The love of Christ becomes the mightiest force in the world to the man who is yielded to it.

- E. W. Kenyon



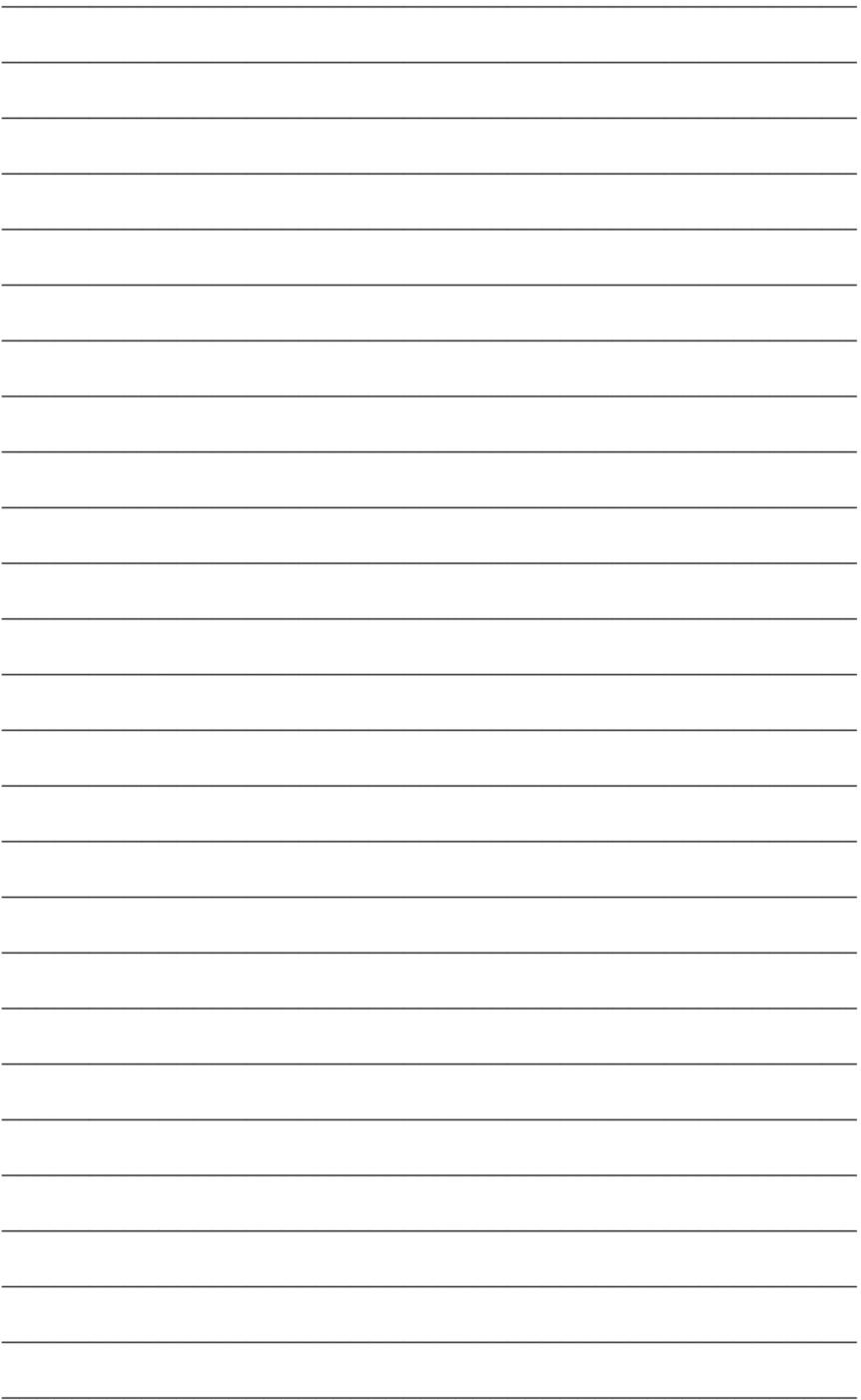
Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look at the stars.

- Henry Van Dyke



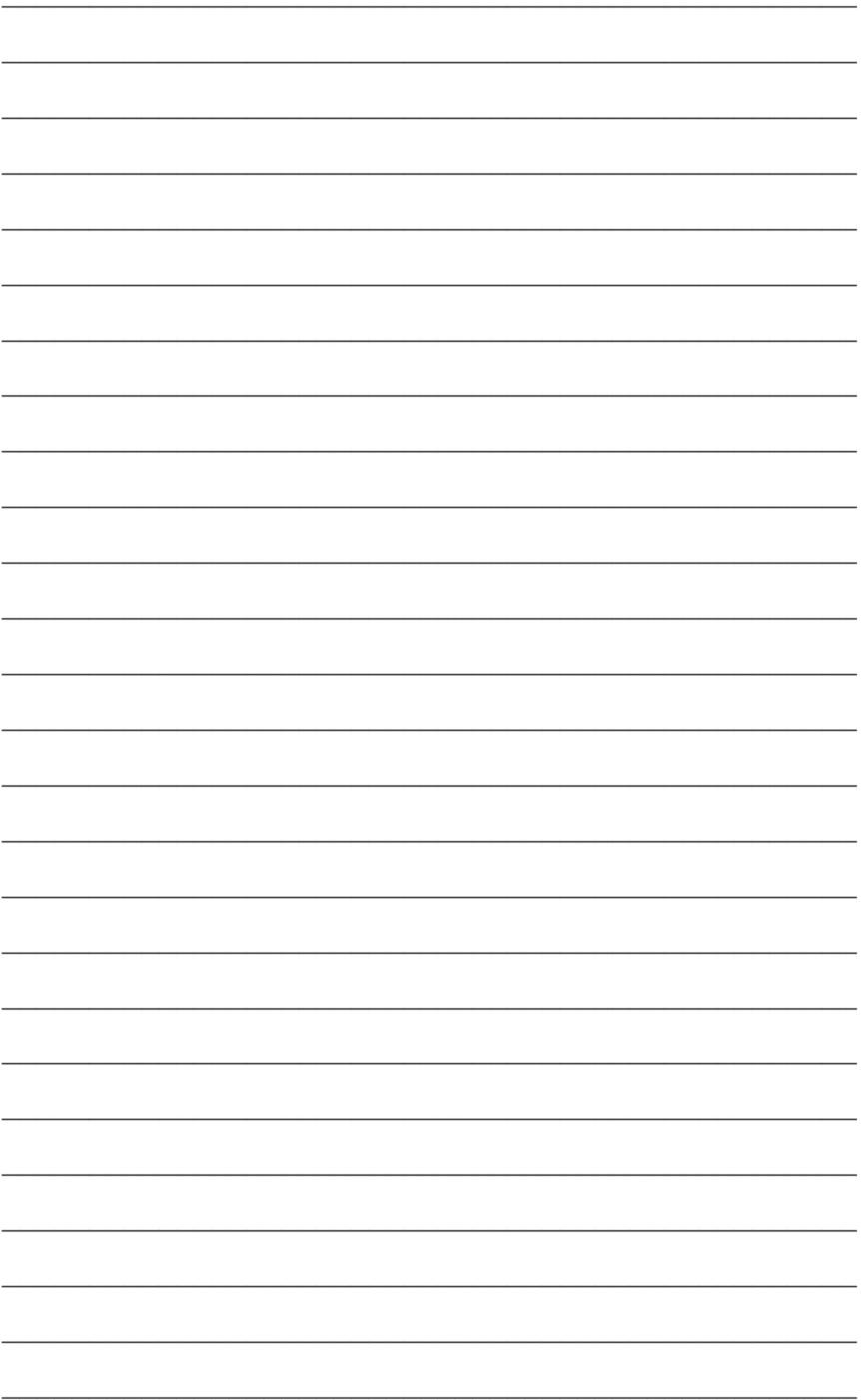
Try to live with the part of your soul which understands eternity, which is not afraid of death. And that part of your soul is love.

- Leo Tolstoy



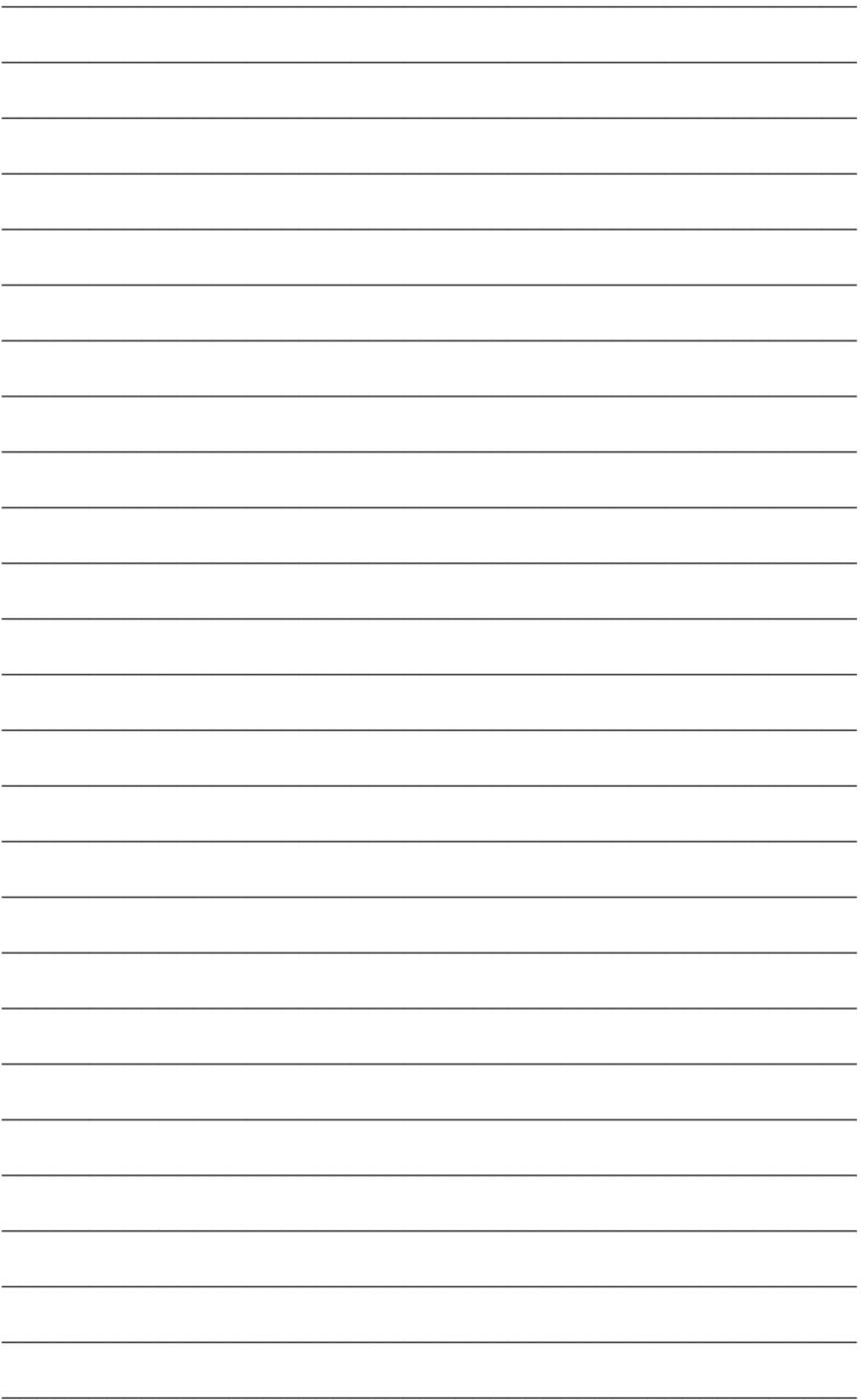
Love is a fruit, in season at all times and within the reach of every hand. Anyone may gather it and no limit is set. Everyone can reach this love through meditation, the spirit of prayer, and sacrifice.

- Mother Teresa



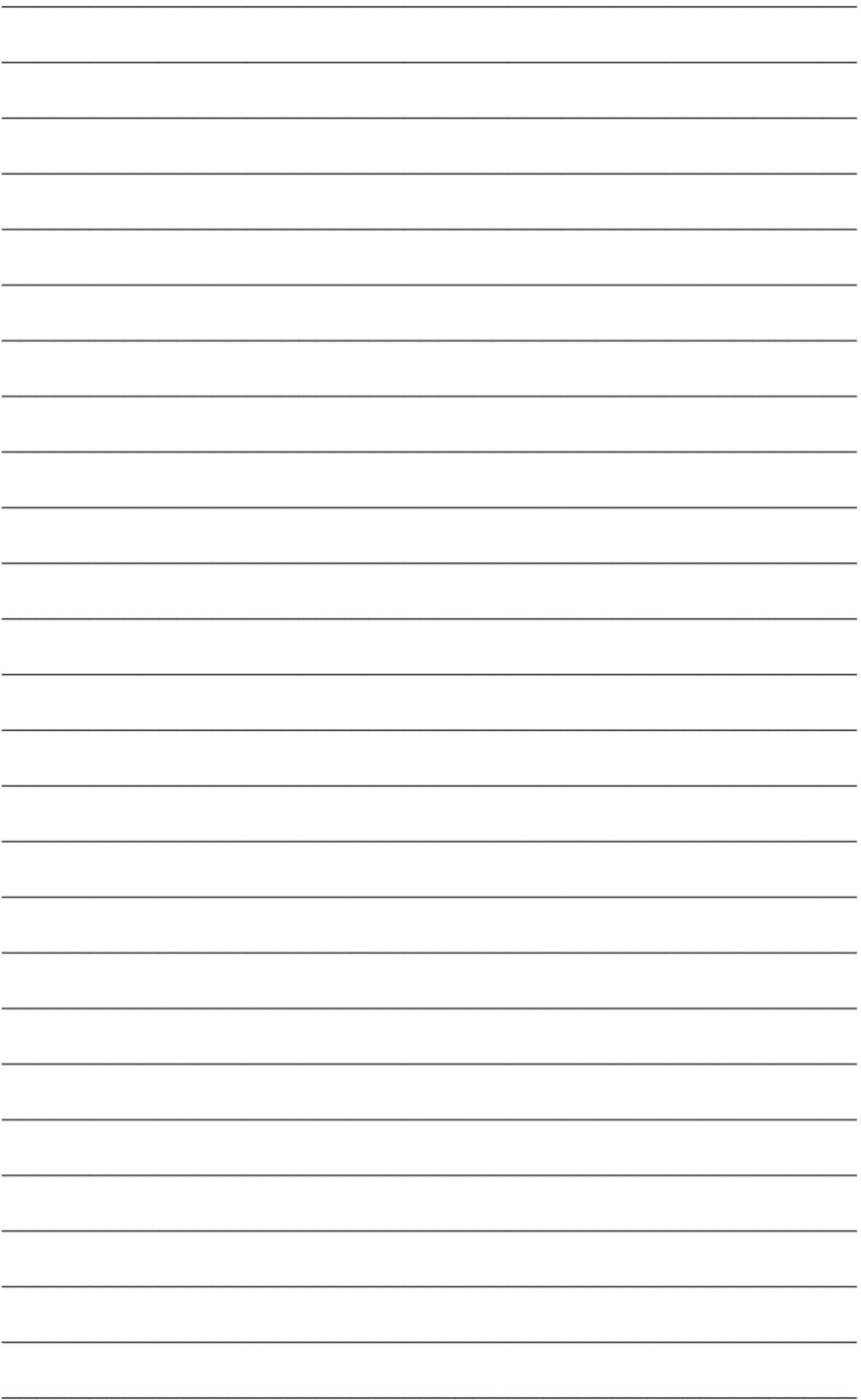
Through the centuries men have displayed many different symbols to show that they are Christians. They have worn crosses in the lapels of their coats, hung chains about their necks, even had special haircuts. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of this, if one feels it is his calling. But there is a much better sign, a universal mark that is to last through all the ages of the church until Jesus comes back...Love- and the unity it attests to- is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the Father.

- Francis Schaeffer



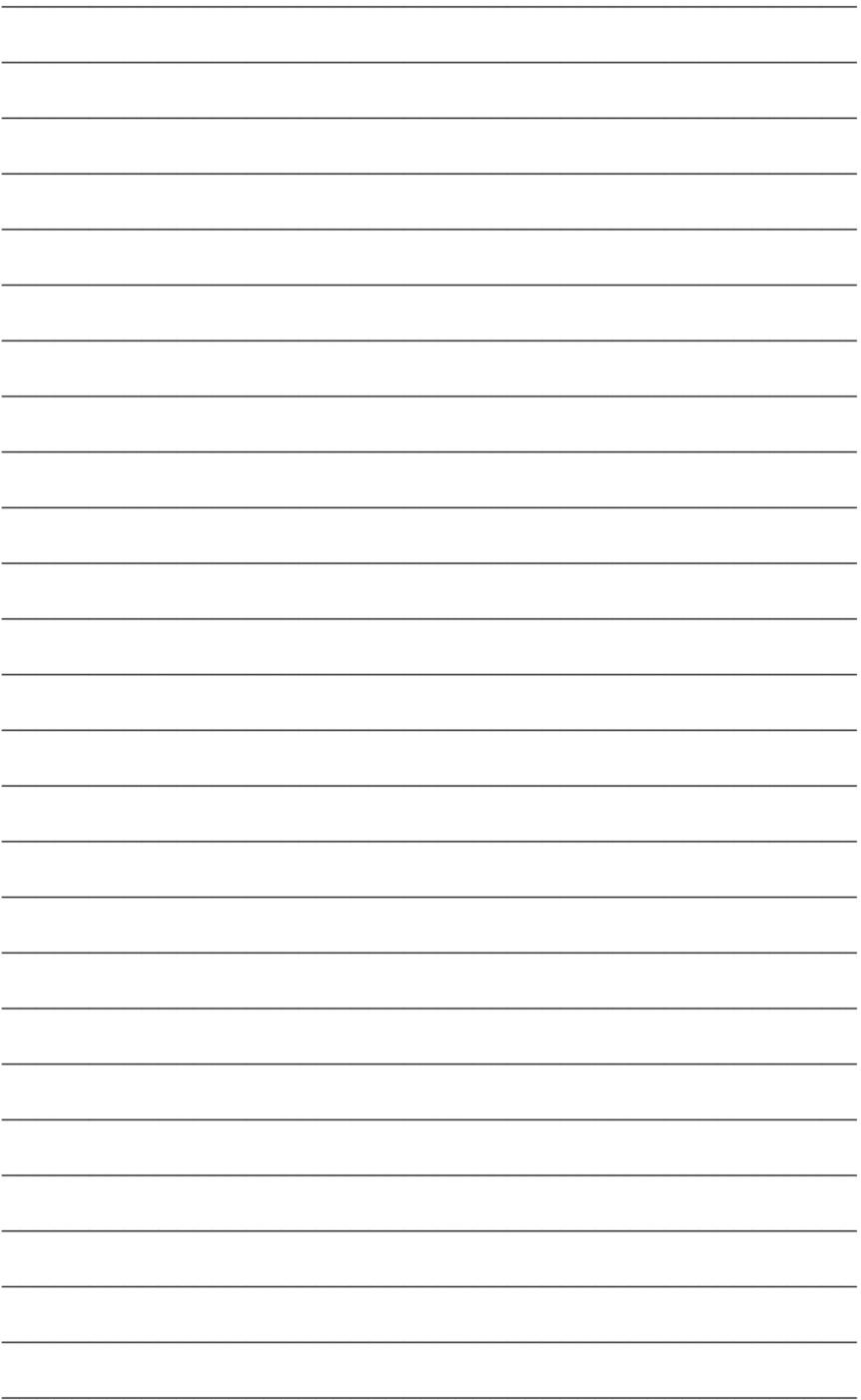
*Inasmuch as love grows in you, so in you beauty grows. For  
love is the beauty of the soul.*

*- Augustine*



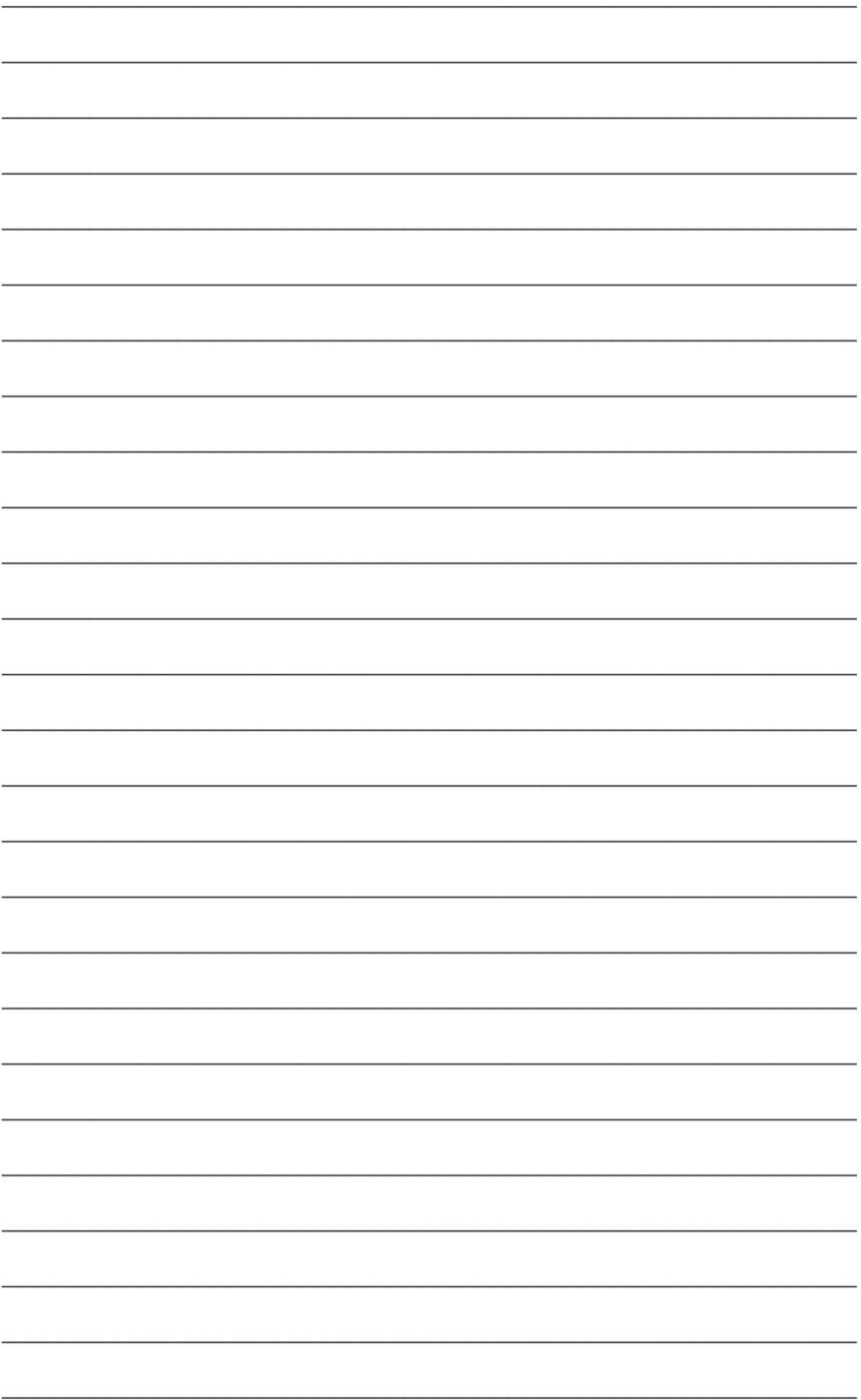
No man truly has joy unless he lives in love.

- Thomas Aquinas



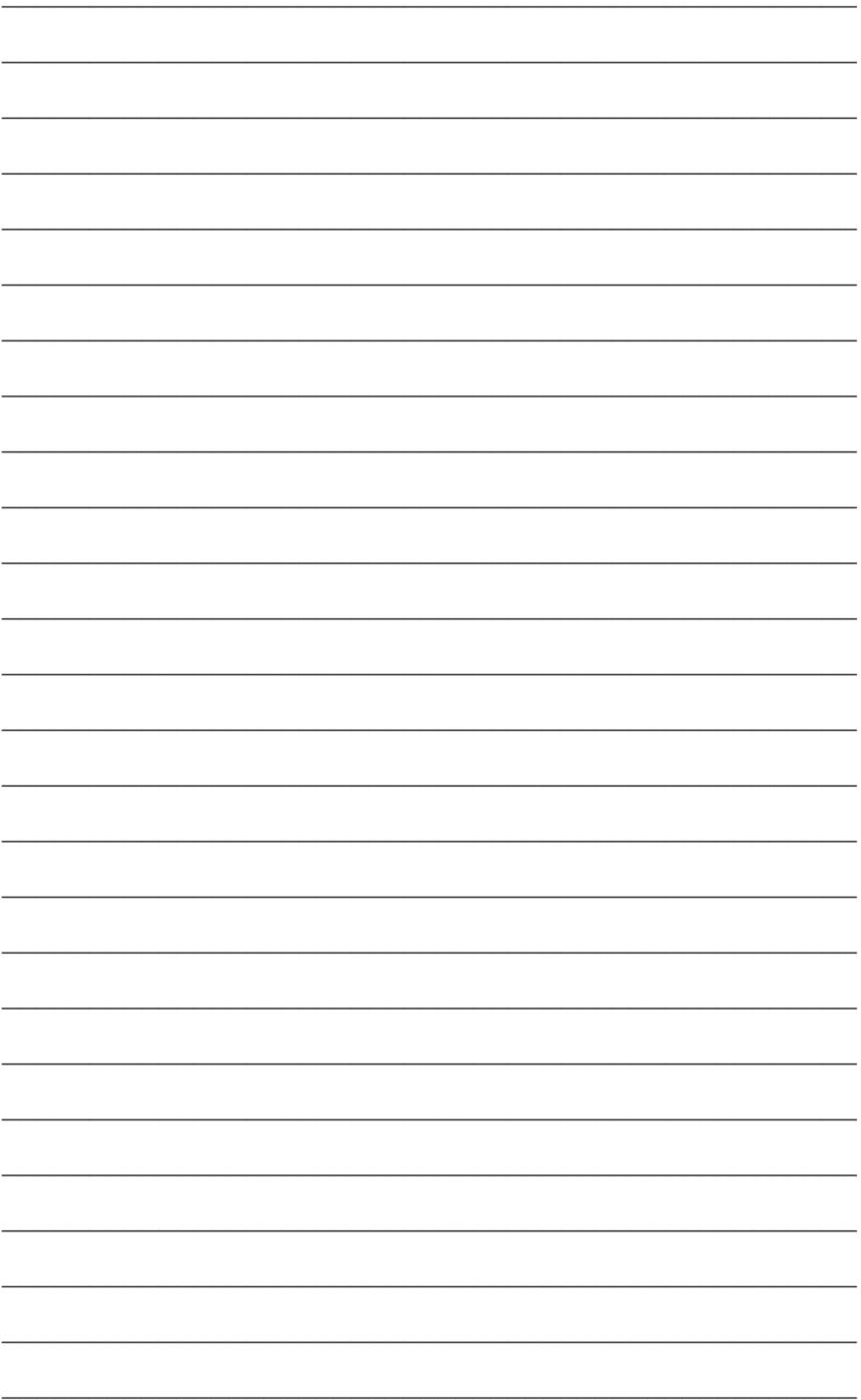
Somehow, somewhere, I know that God loves me, even though I do not feel that love as I can feel a human embrace, even though I do not hear a voice as I hear human words... God is greater than my senses, greater than my thoughts, greater than my heart. I do believe that He touches me in places that are unknown even to myself.

- Henri J. M. Nouwen



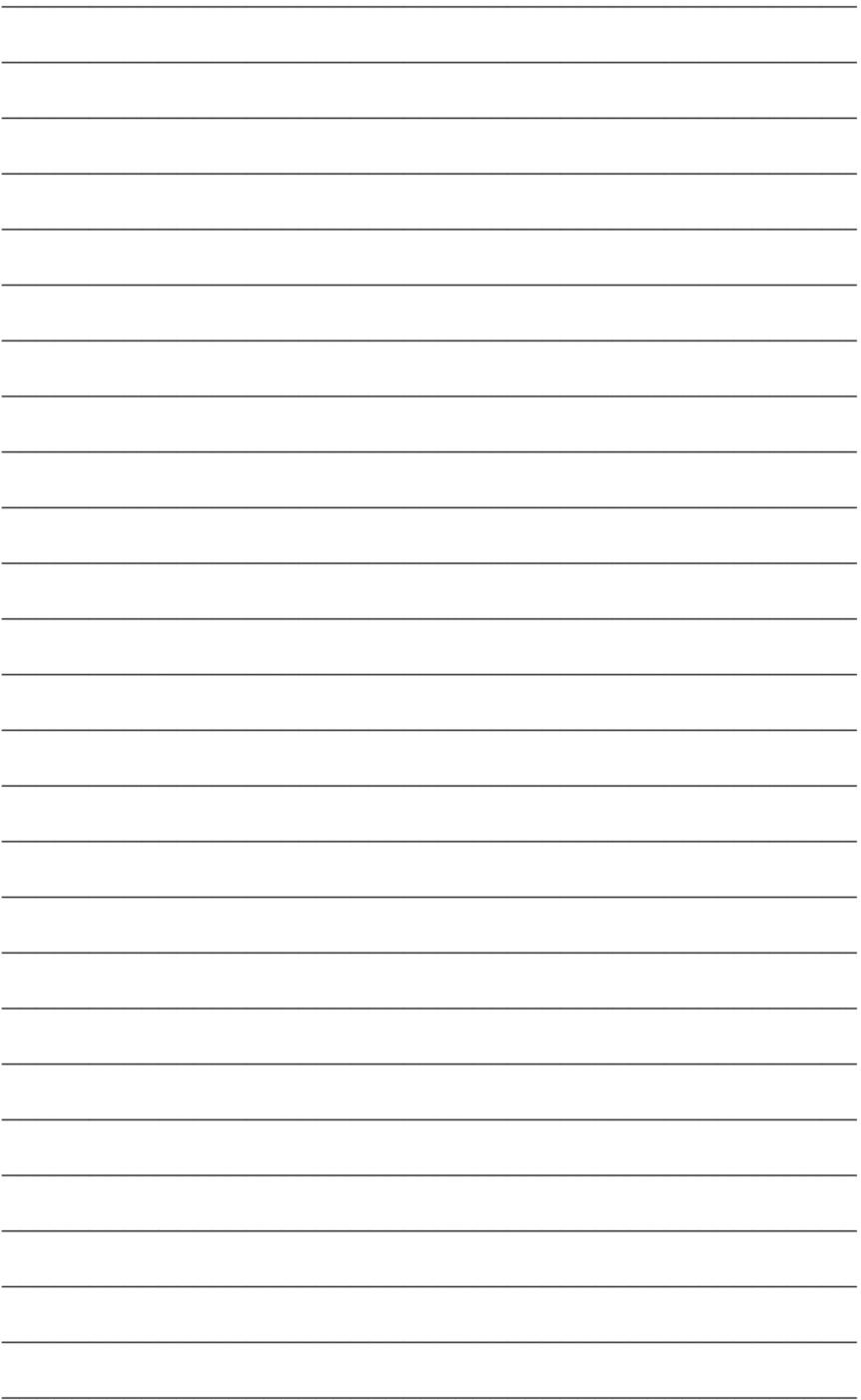
Love and trust, in the space between what's said and what's heard in our life, can make all the difference in the world.

- Fred Rogers



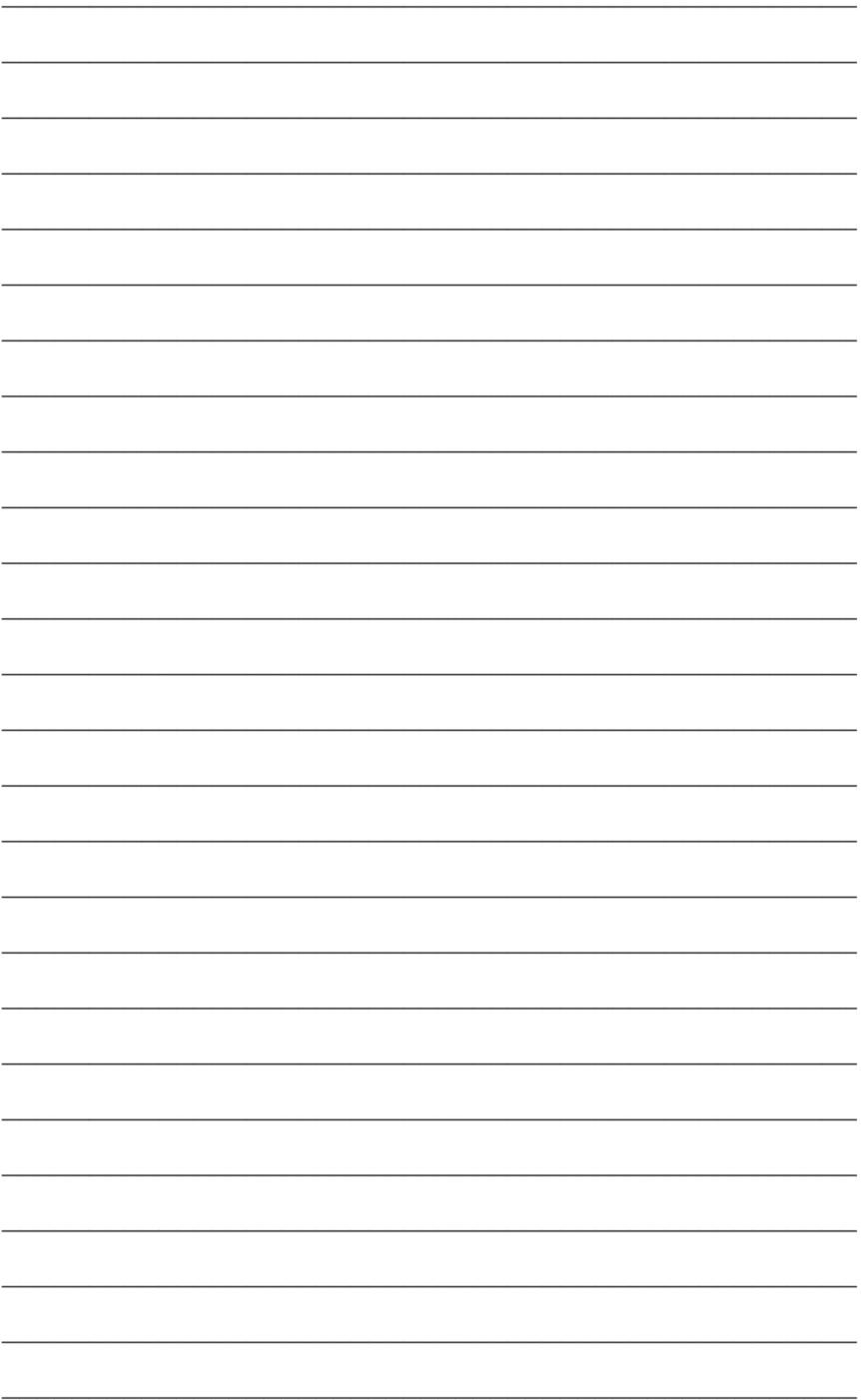
People often say, "I do not understand love of God; what is love of God?" It would be more exact to say, "cannot understand love in this world without love of God."

- Leo Tolstoy



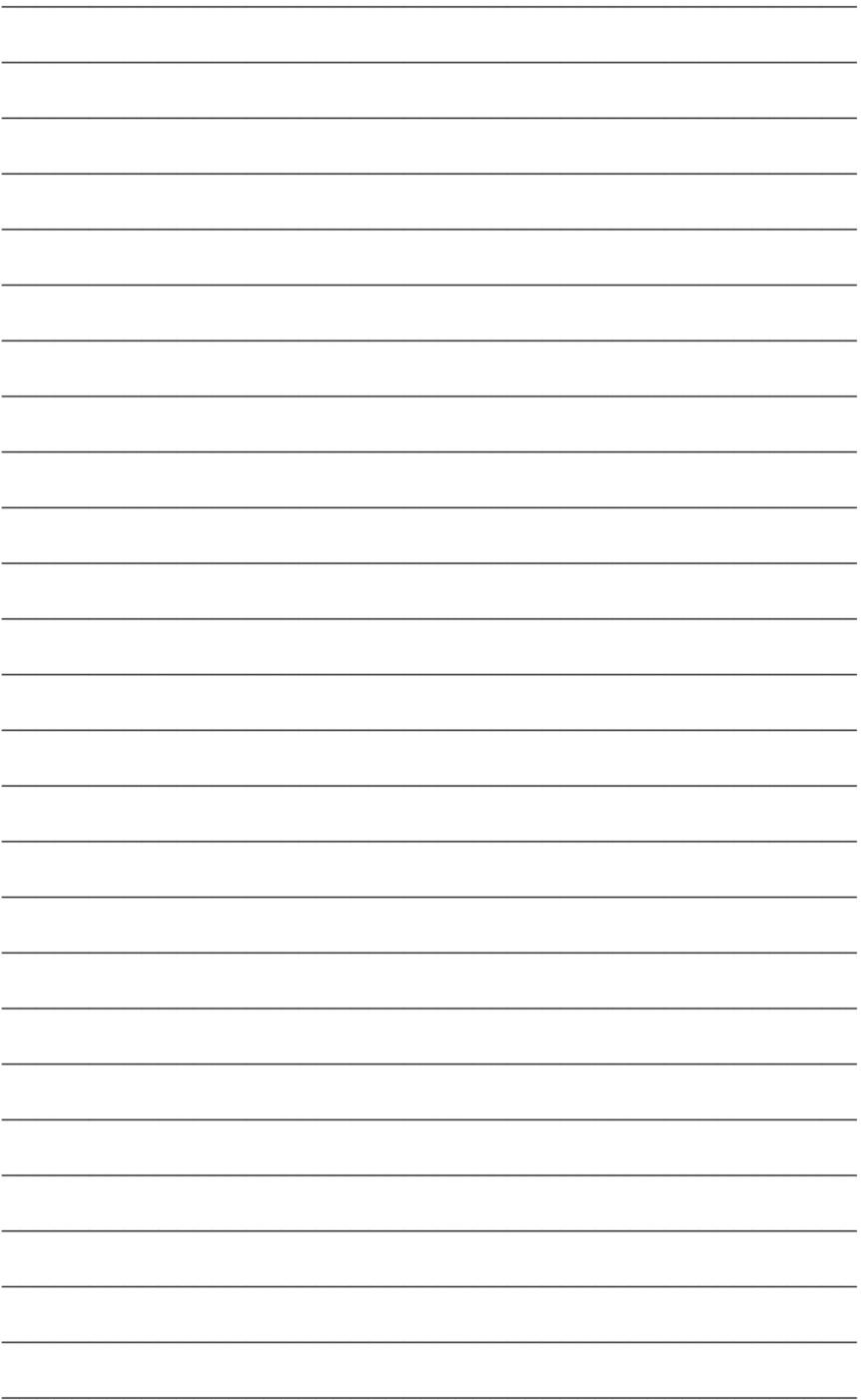
I can understand the greatness of God but I cannot understand his humility. It becomes so clear in him being in love with each one of us separately and completely. It is as if there is no one but me in the world. He loves me so much. Each one of us can say this with great conviction.

- Mother Teresa



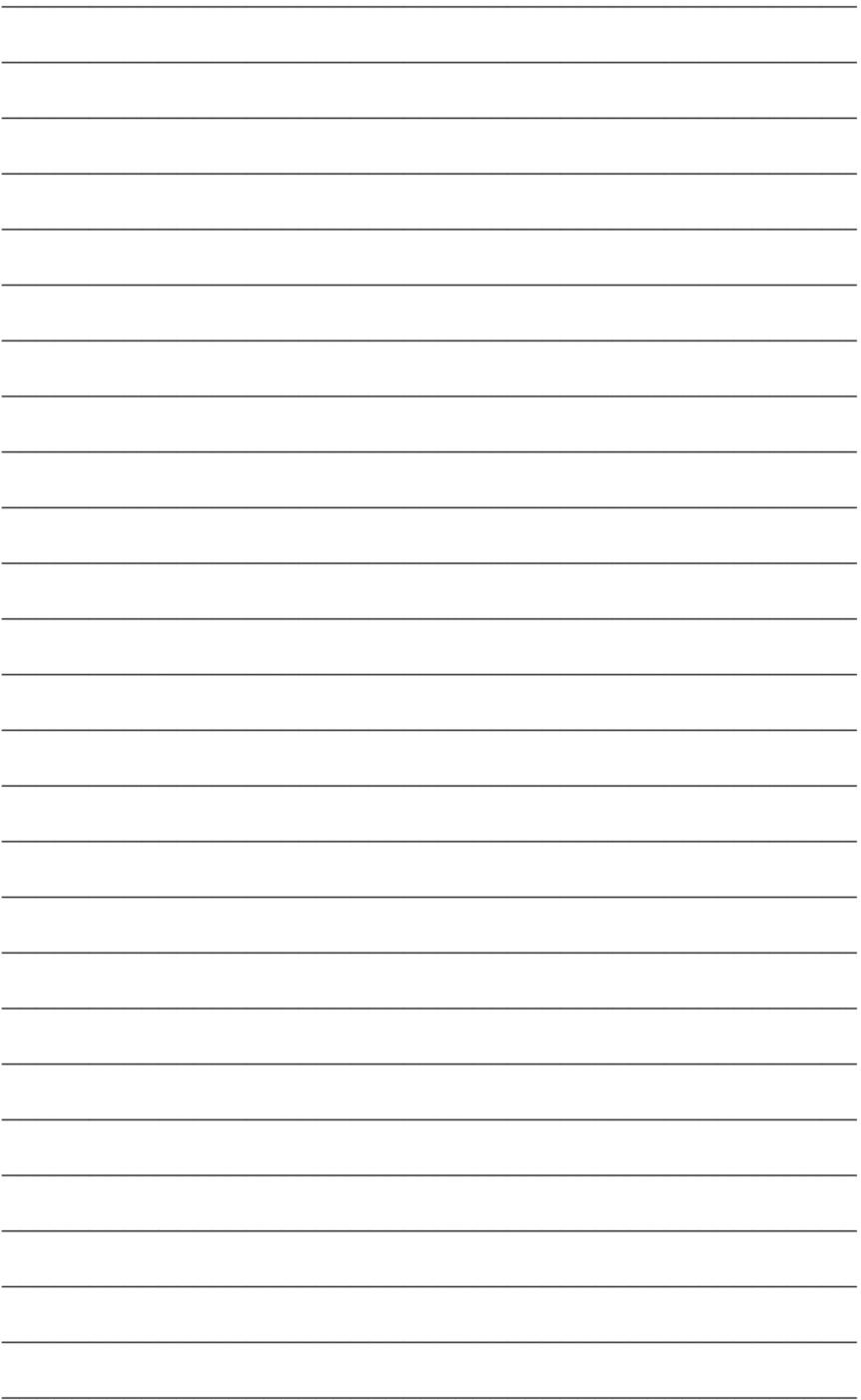
Engrave this upon my heart: There isn't anyone you couldn't love once you've heard their story.

- Mary Lou Kownacki



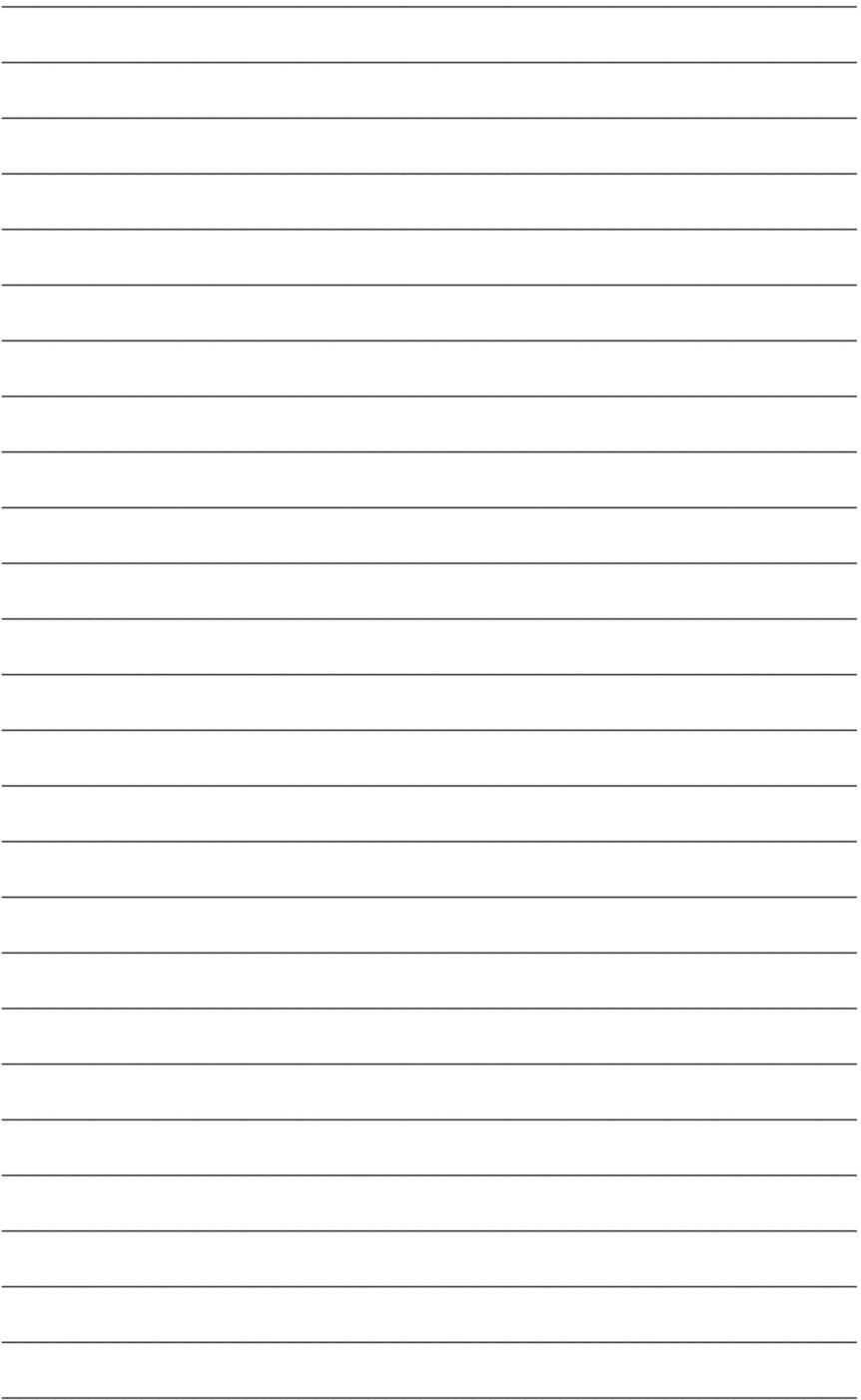
The capacity for grief is as much from God as the capacity for love- and we have not really lived until we have sounded them both.

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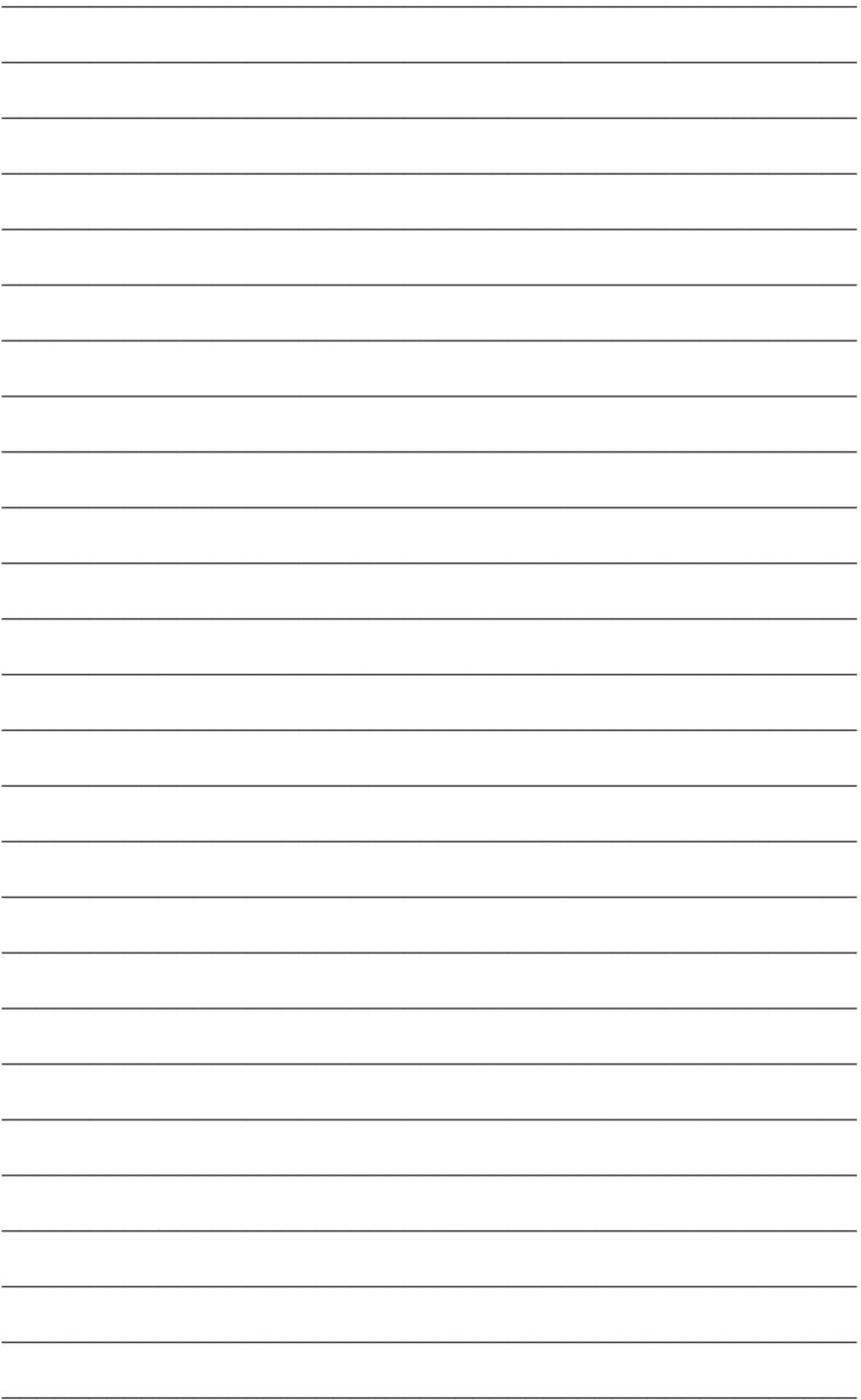


It matters not how much Bible reading and prayer and catechism saying and godly teaching there may be in a home, if gentleness is lacking; that is lacking which most of all the young need in the life of a home. A child must have love. Love is to its life what sunshine is to plants and flowers. No young life can ever grow to its best in a home without gentleness. The lack is one which leaves an irreparable hurt in the lives of children.

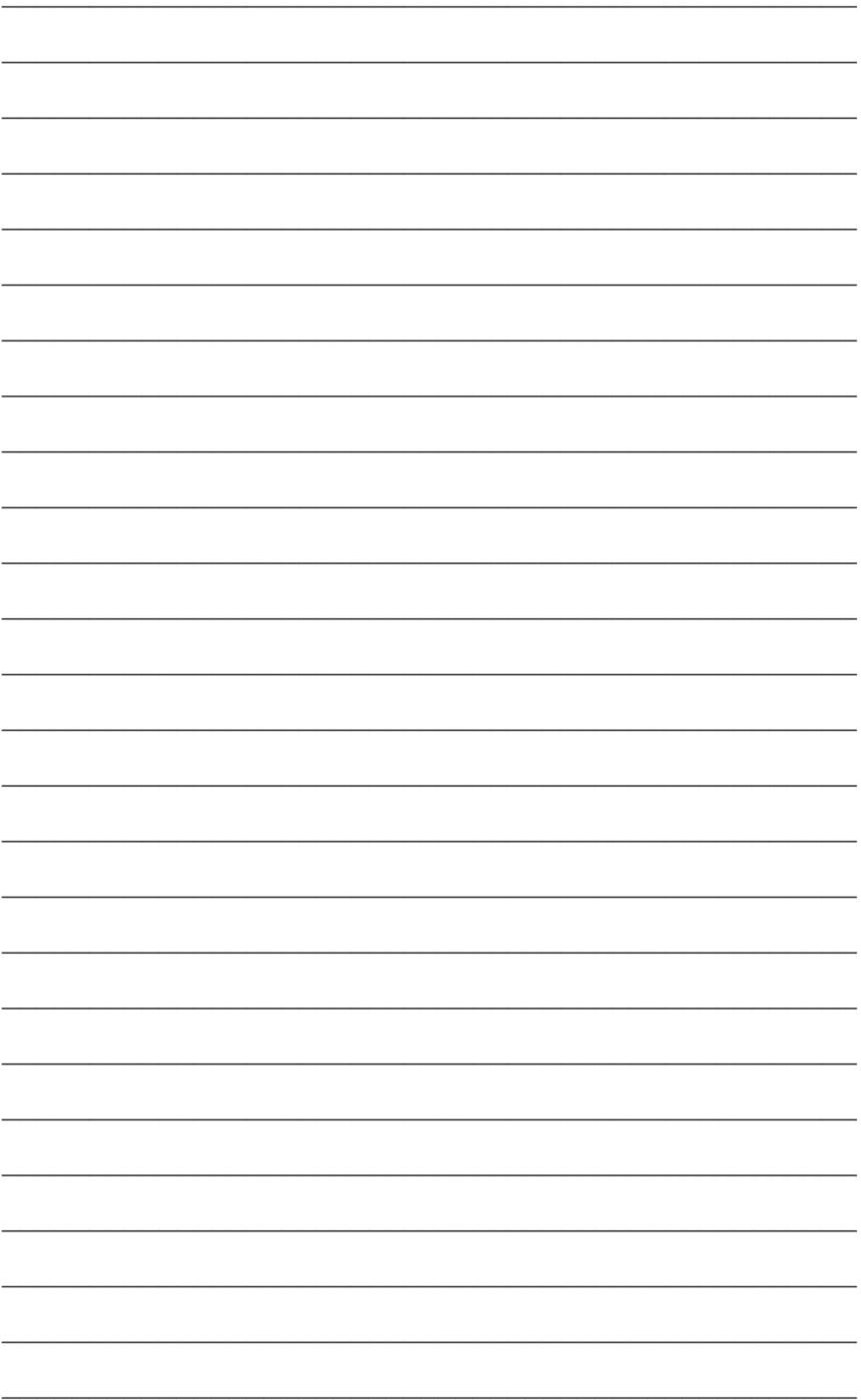
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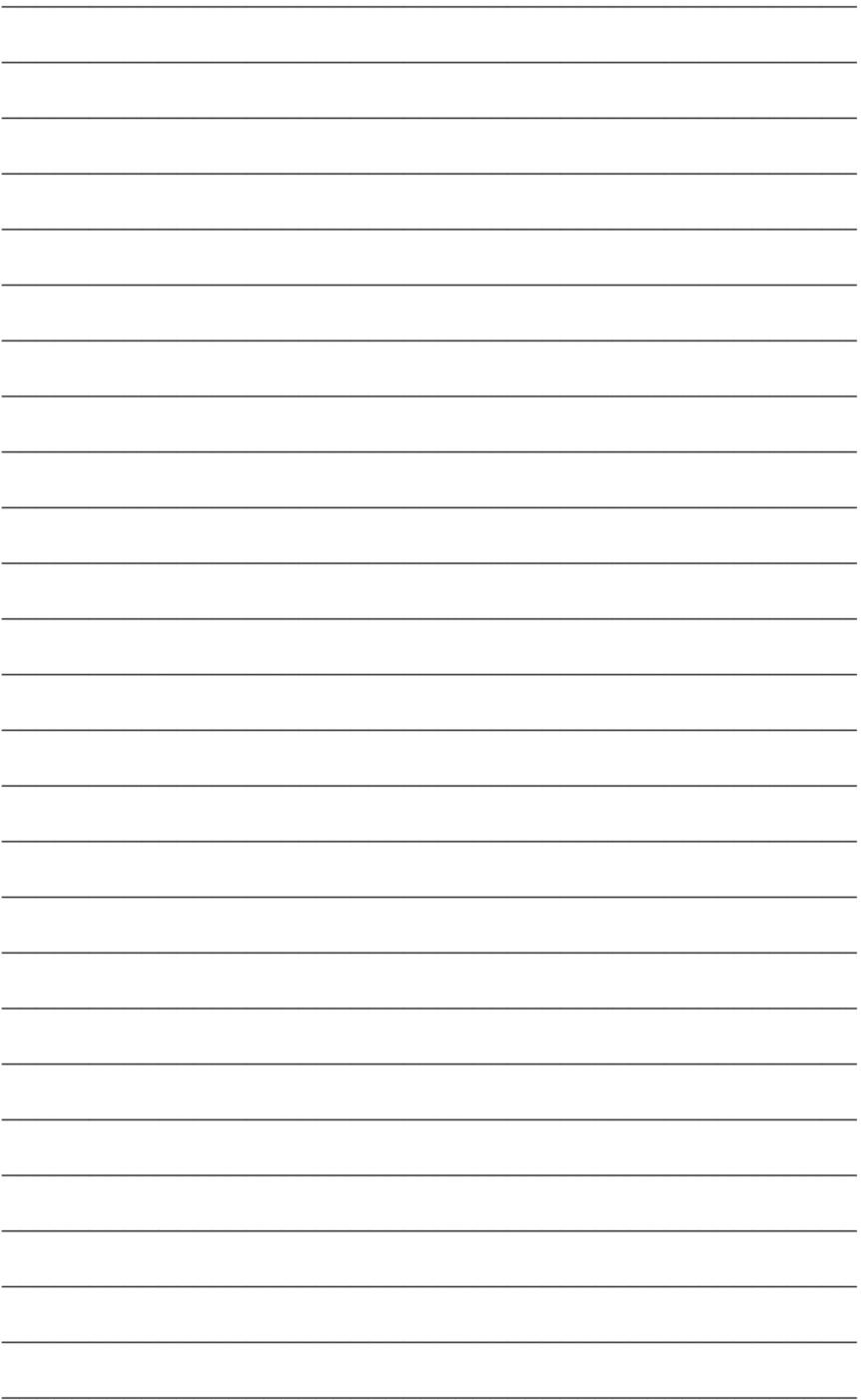






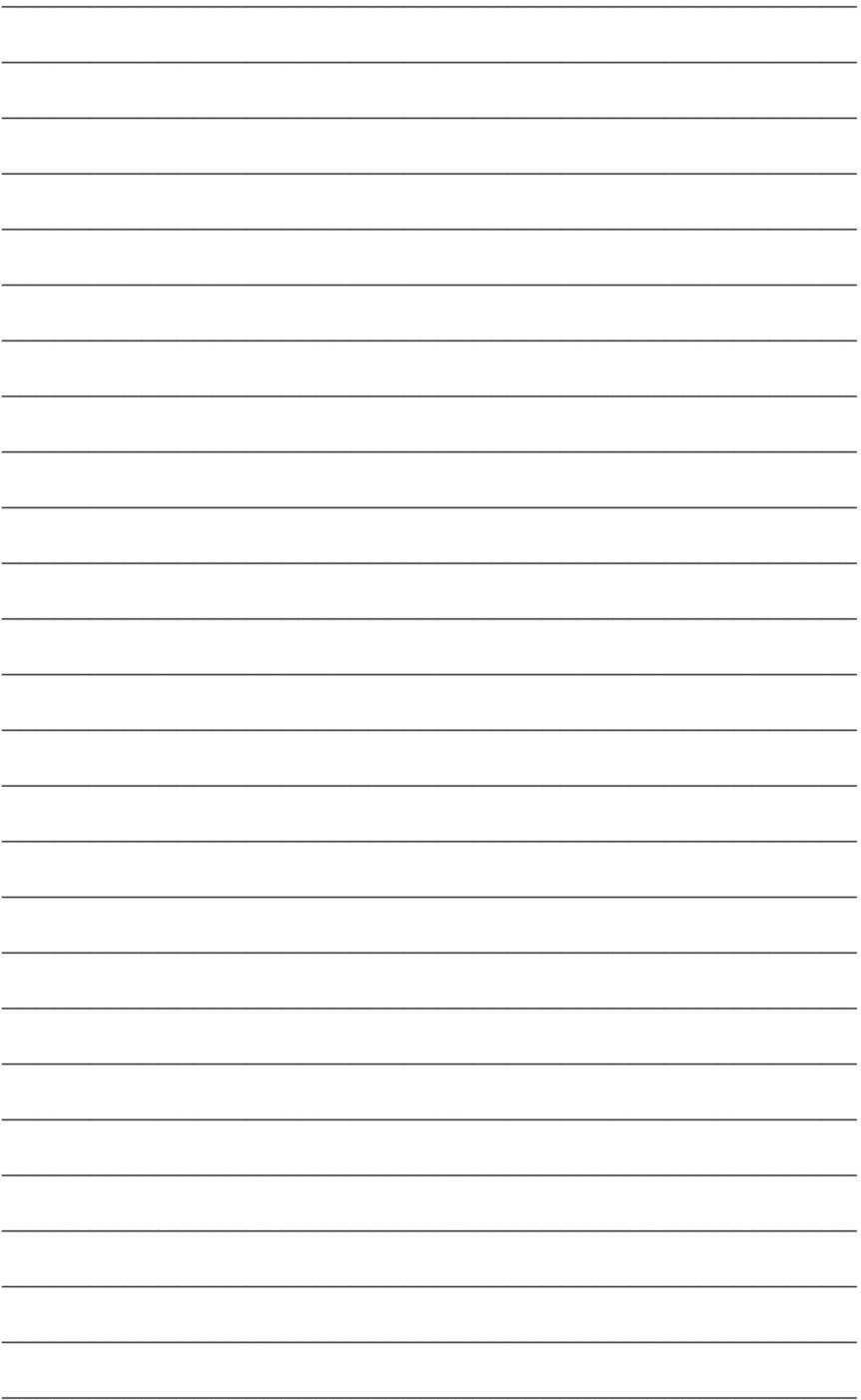
*Every single act of love bears the imprint of God.*

*- Unknown*



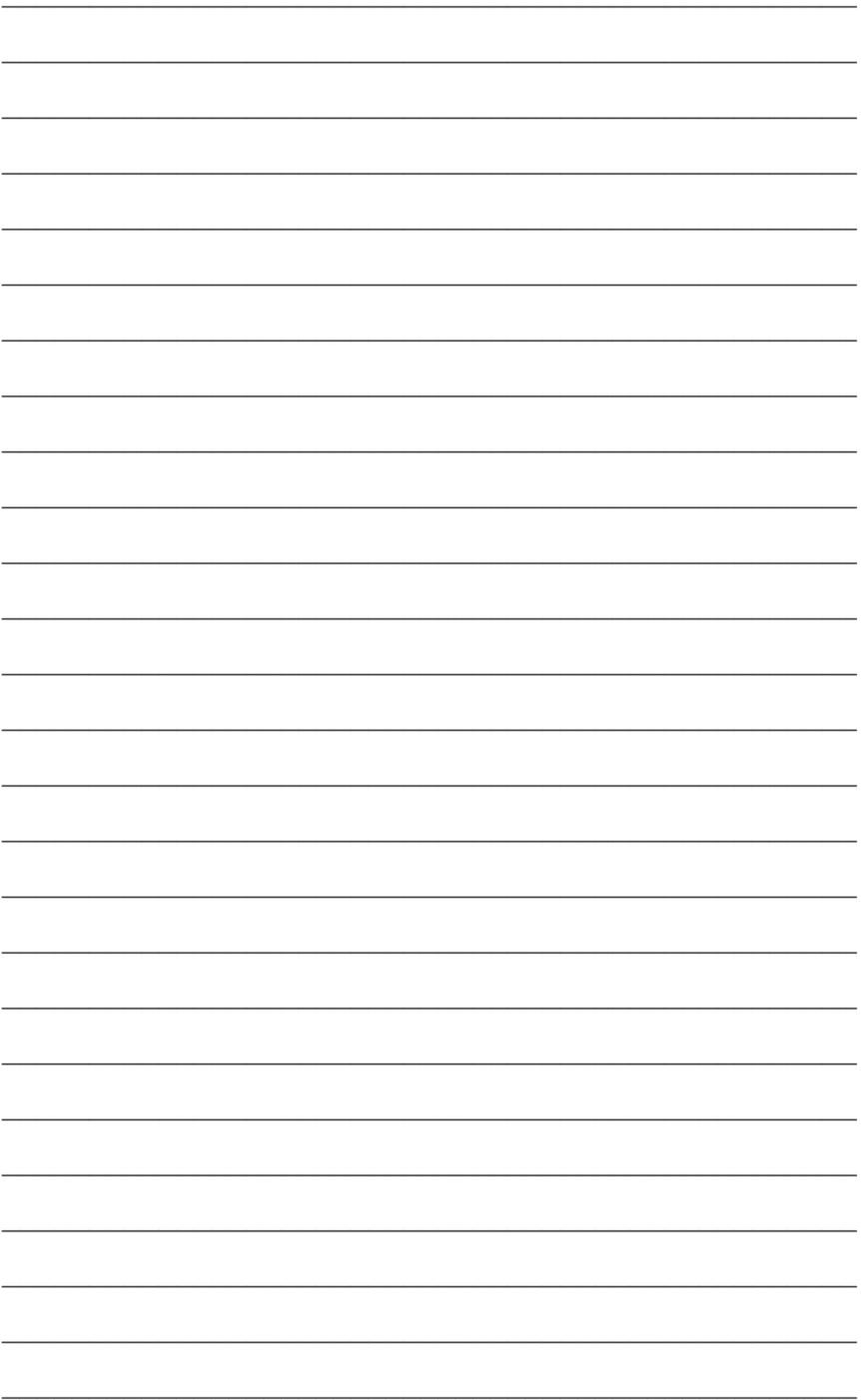
Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and  
soften and purify the heart.

- Washington Irving

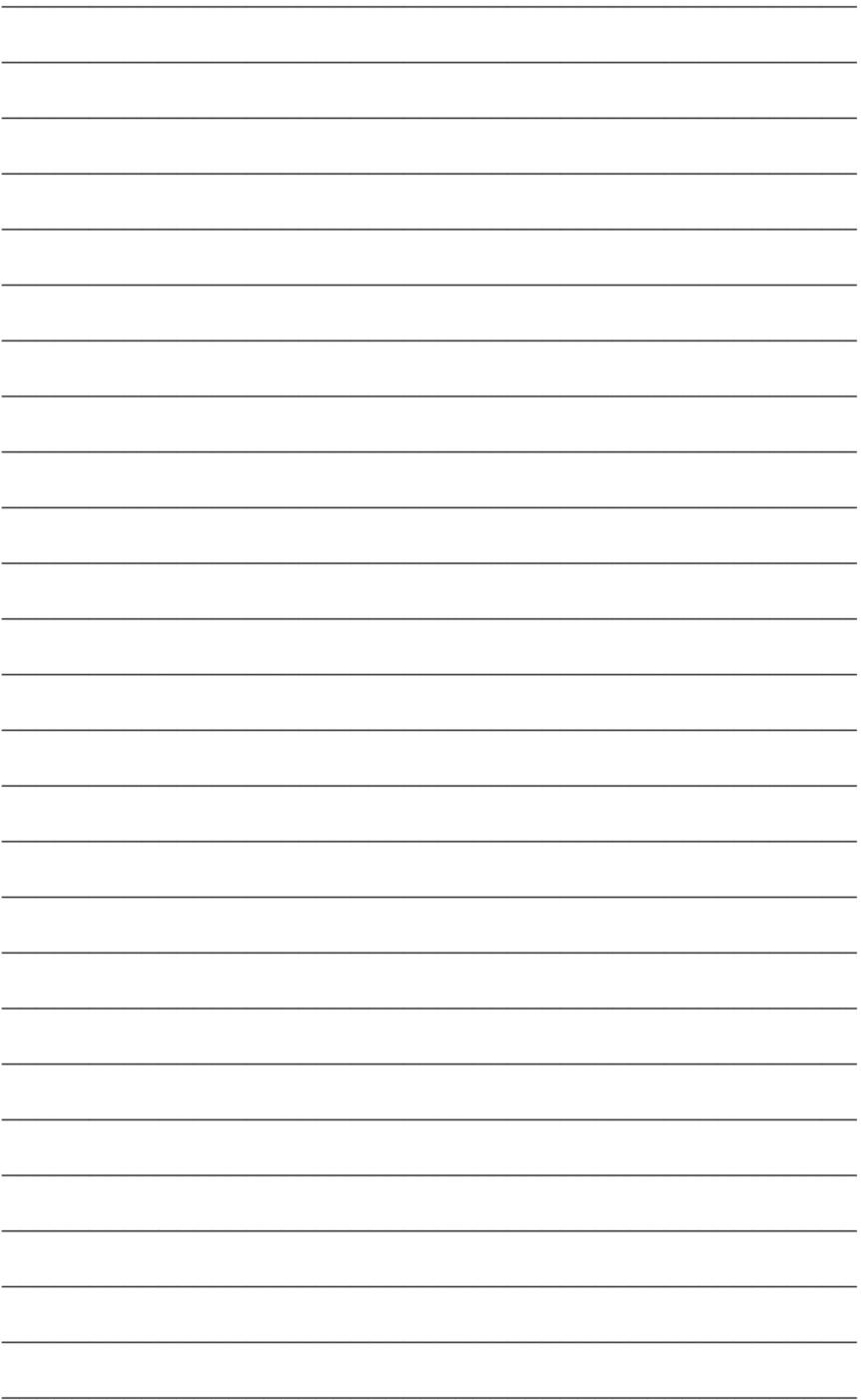


Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.

- Mother Teresa

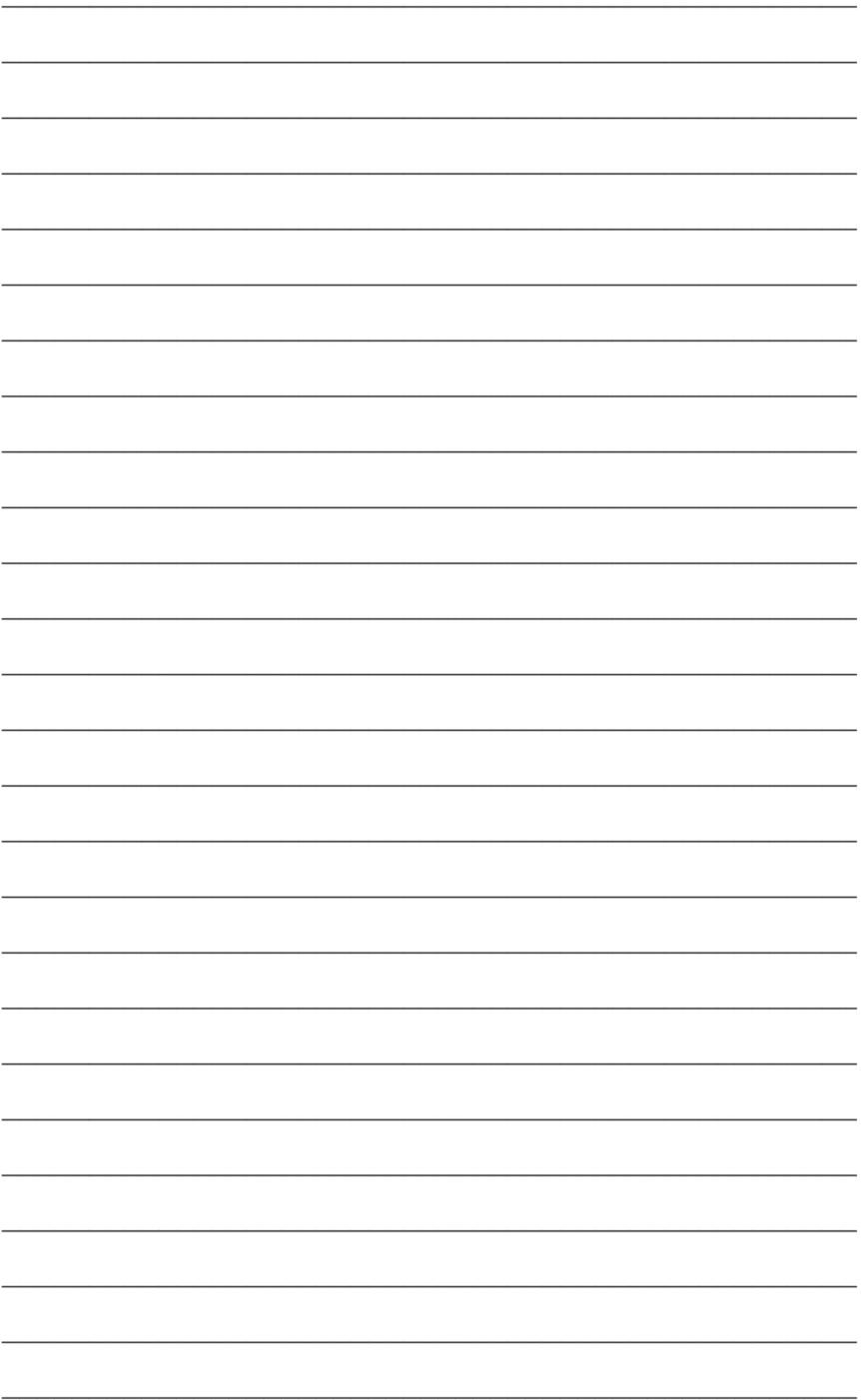






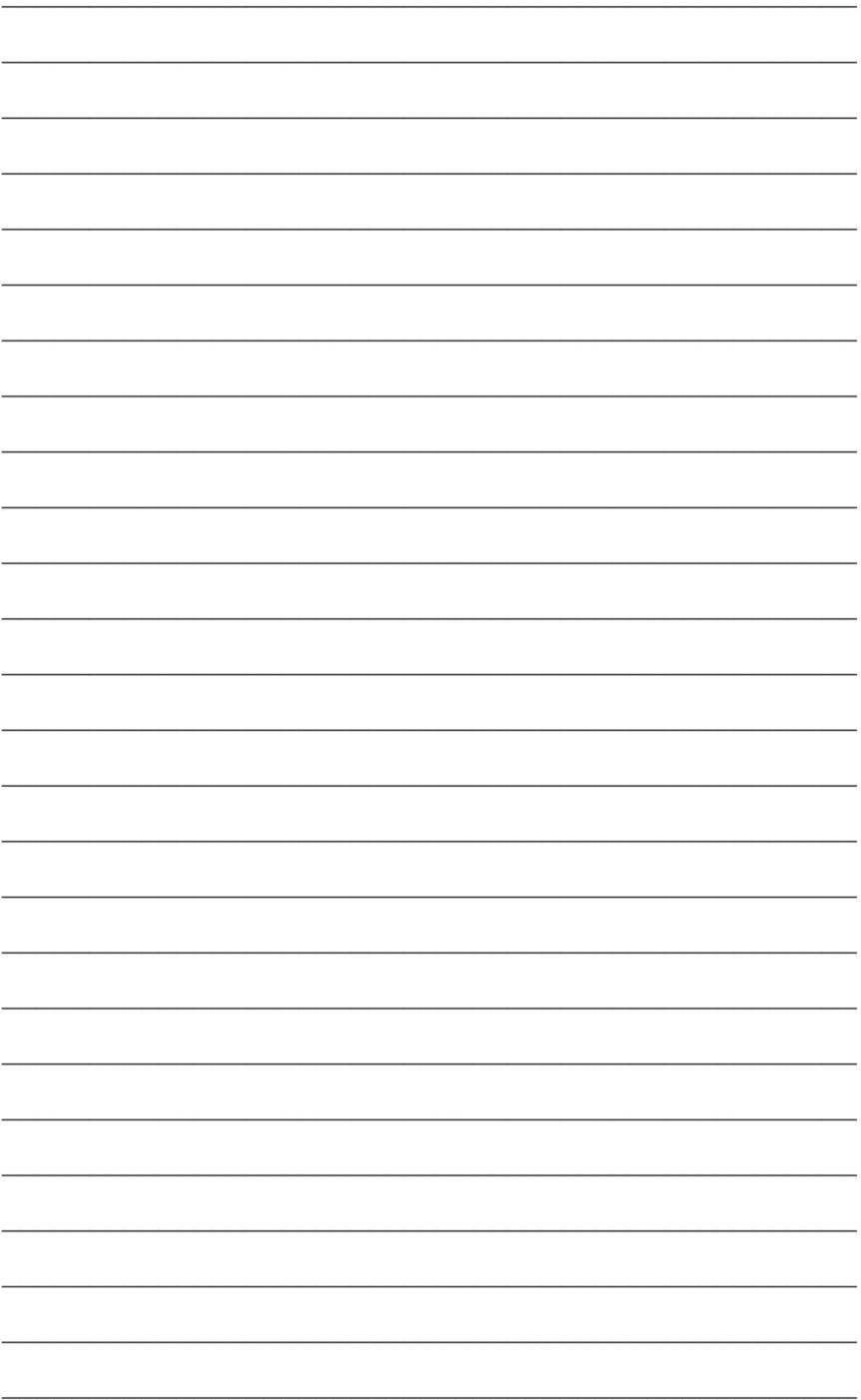
There is a wealth of unexpressed love in the world. It is one of the chief causes of sorrow evoked by death: what might have been said or might have been done that never can be said or done.

- Arthur Hopkins



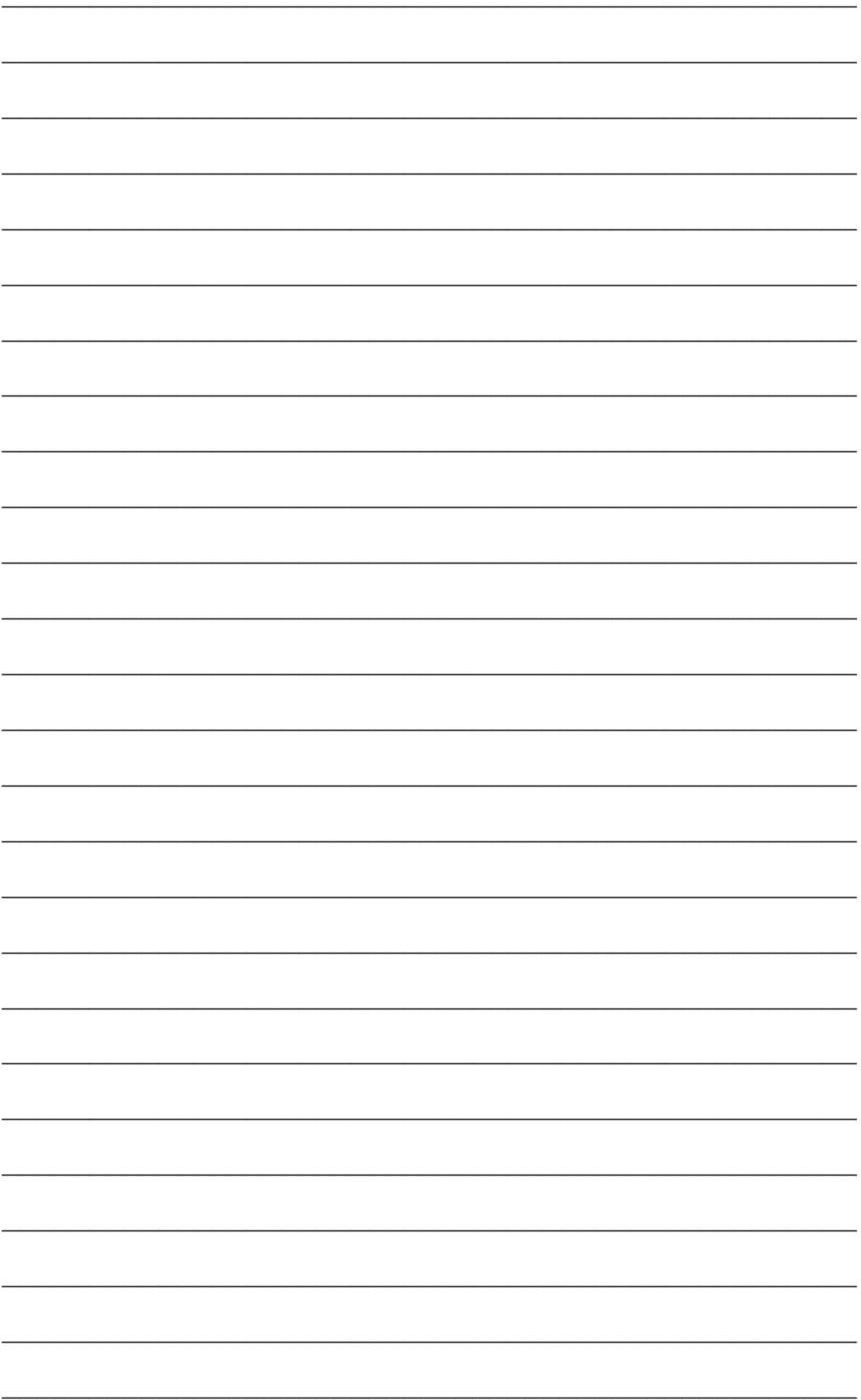
Is life not full of opportunities for learning love? Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them. The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday, but an education. And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better we can love.

- Henry Drummond



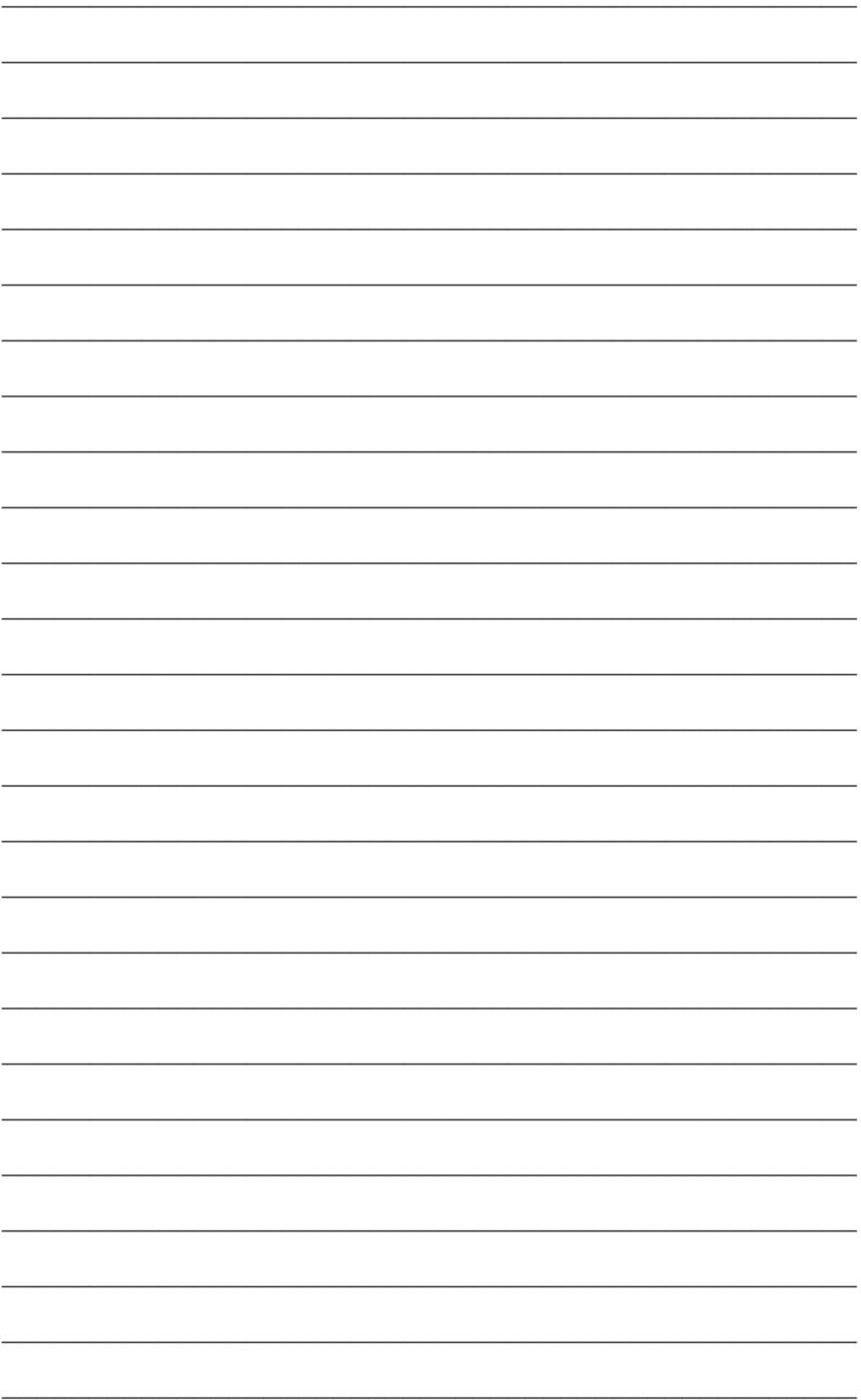
That best portion of a good man's life,  
His little nameless, unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love.

- William Wordsworth

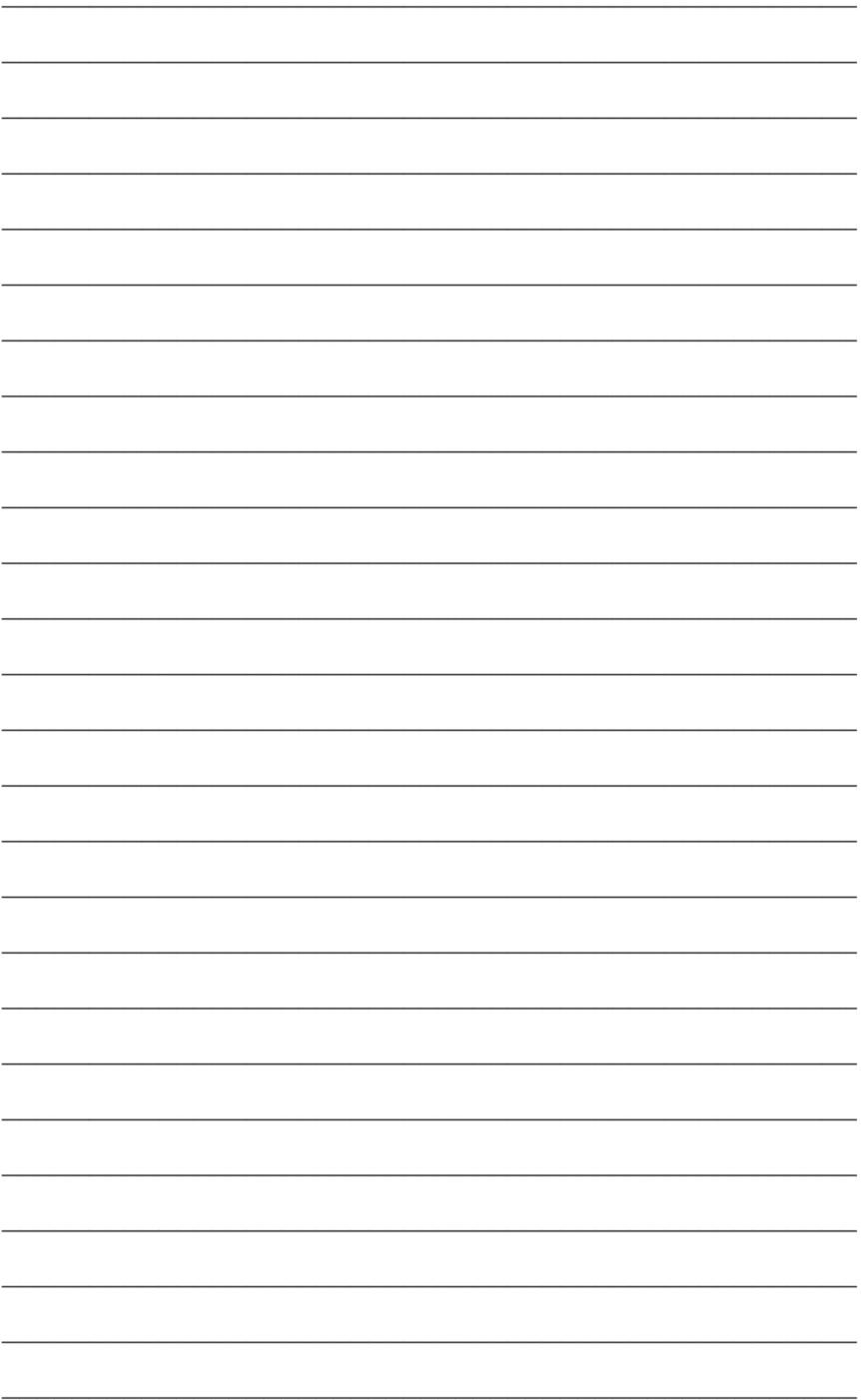


When a man sees that his neighbour hates him, then he must love him more than he did before to fill up the gap.

- Rabbi Rafael

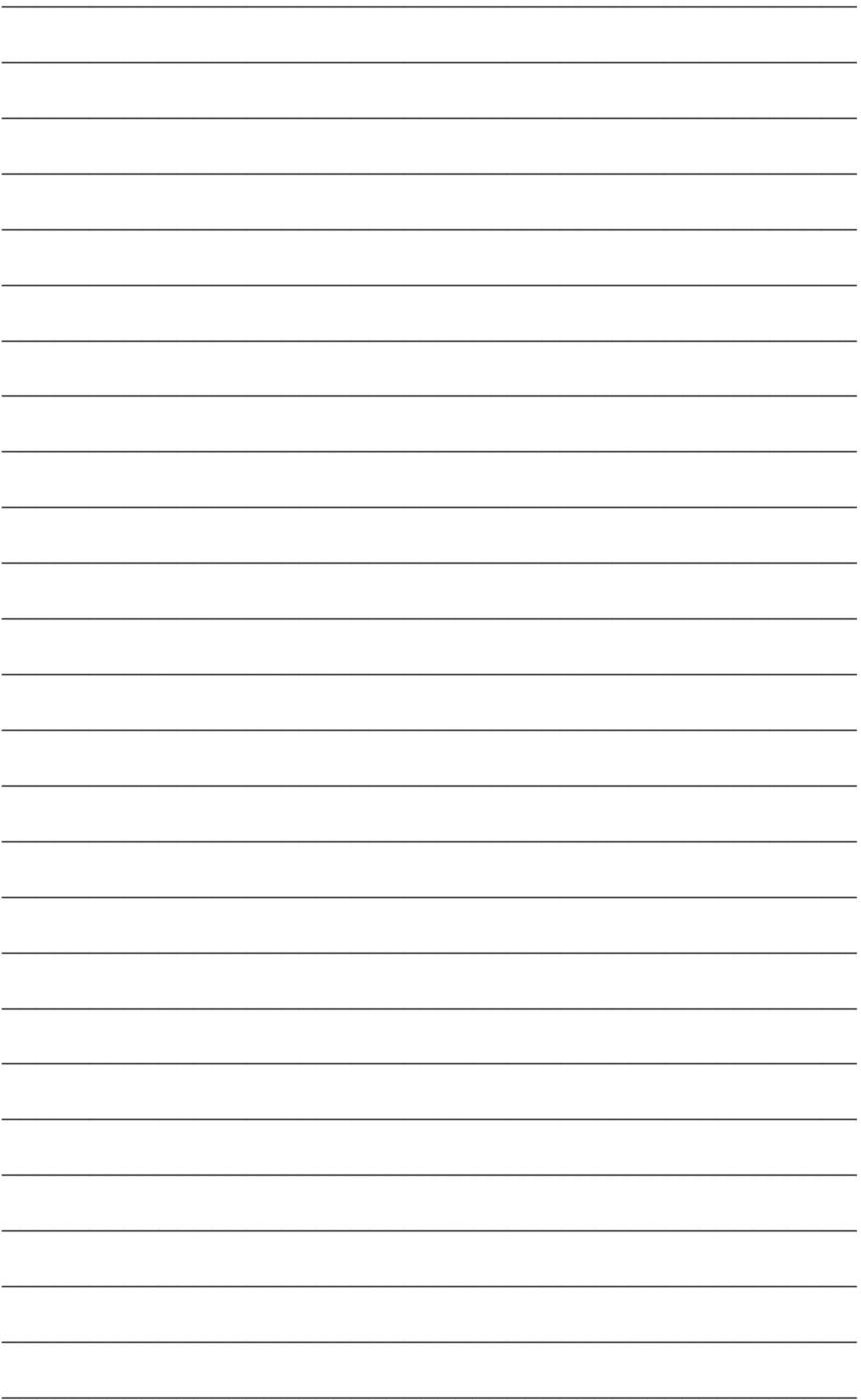






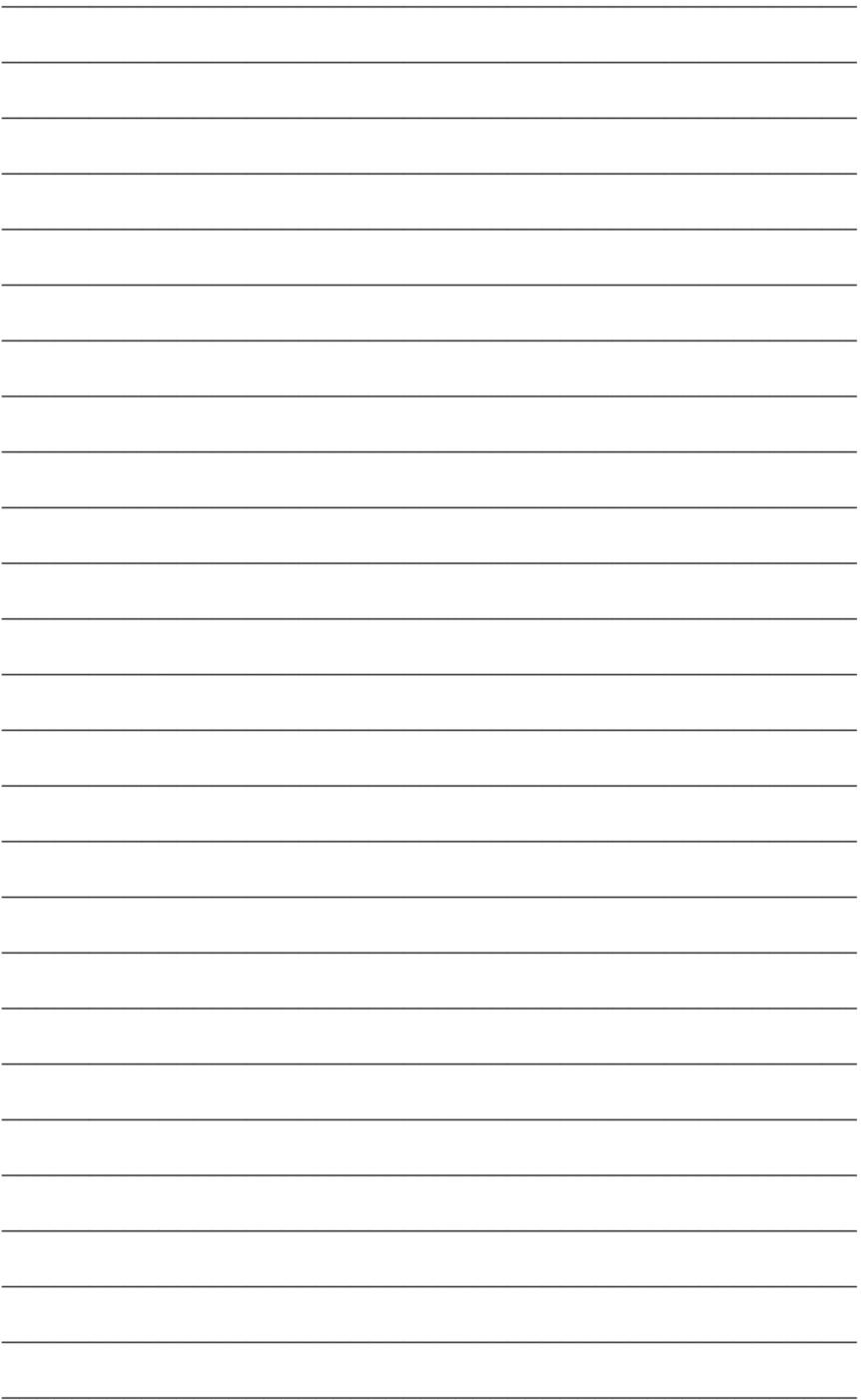
Every single person in our lives will disappoint us at some level. Some days they'll be busy when we need them to be still; other days they'll be self-centered when we need them to concentrate on us. Sometimes they'll bruise us with hard words aimed right for the soft places in our soul. They won't meet all our emotional needs. They can't; they have too many needs of their own. They're sinners just like us. Only our Creator can love us perfectly, the way He created us to be loved. His love is the only thing that can define us without destroying us.

- Lisa Harper



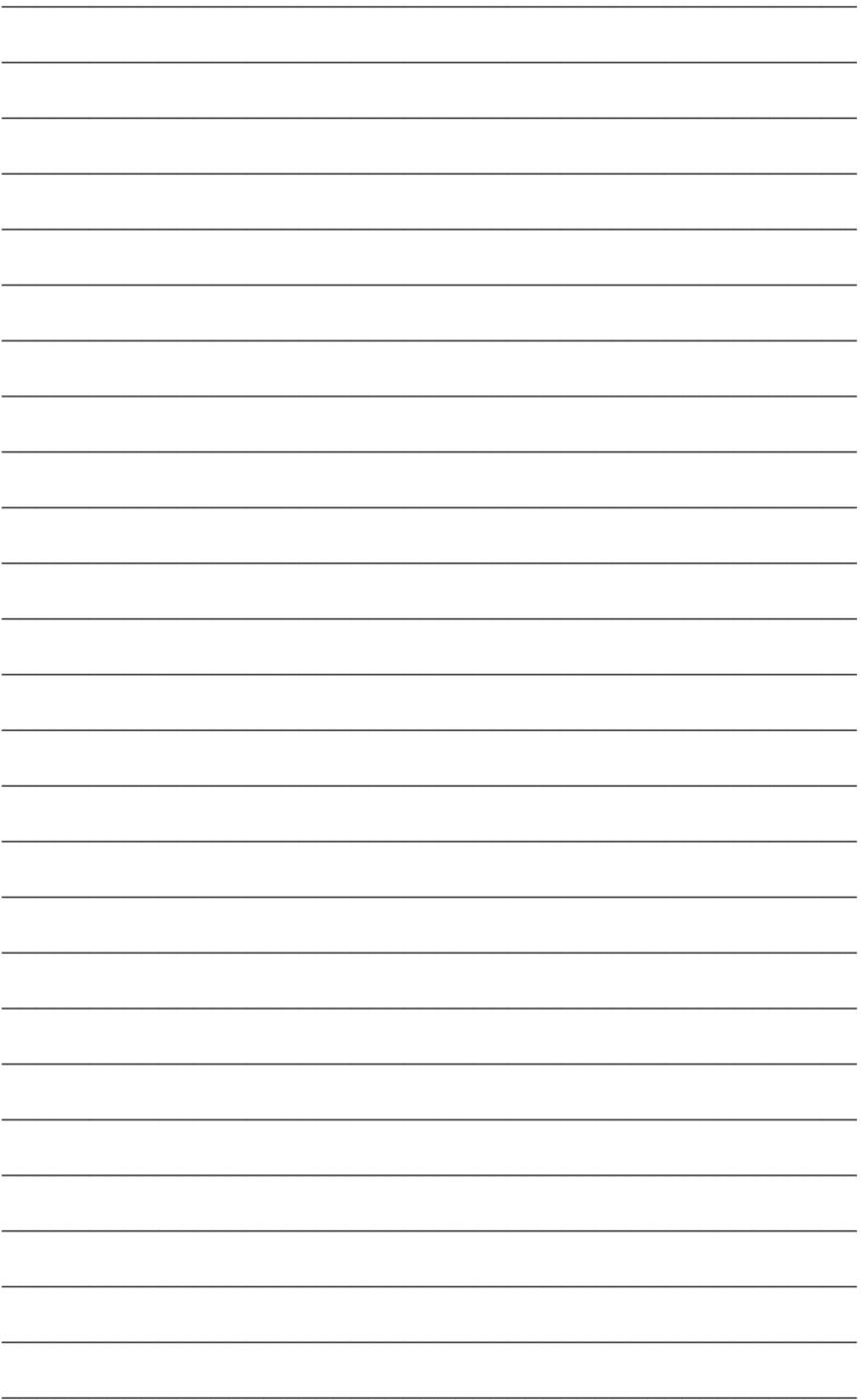
Nothing can separate you from His love, absolutely nothing. God is enough for time, and God is enough for eternity. God is enough!

- Hannah Whitall Smith



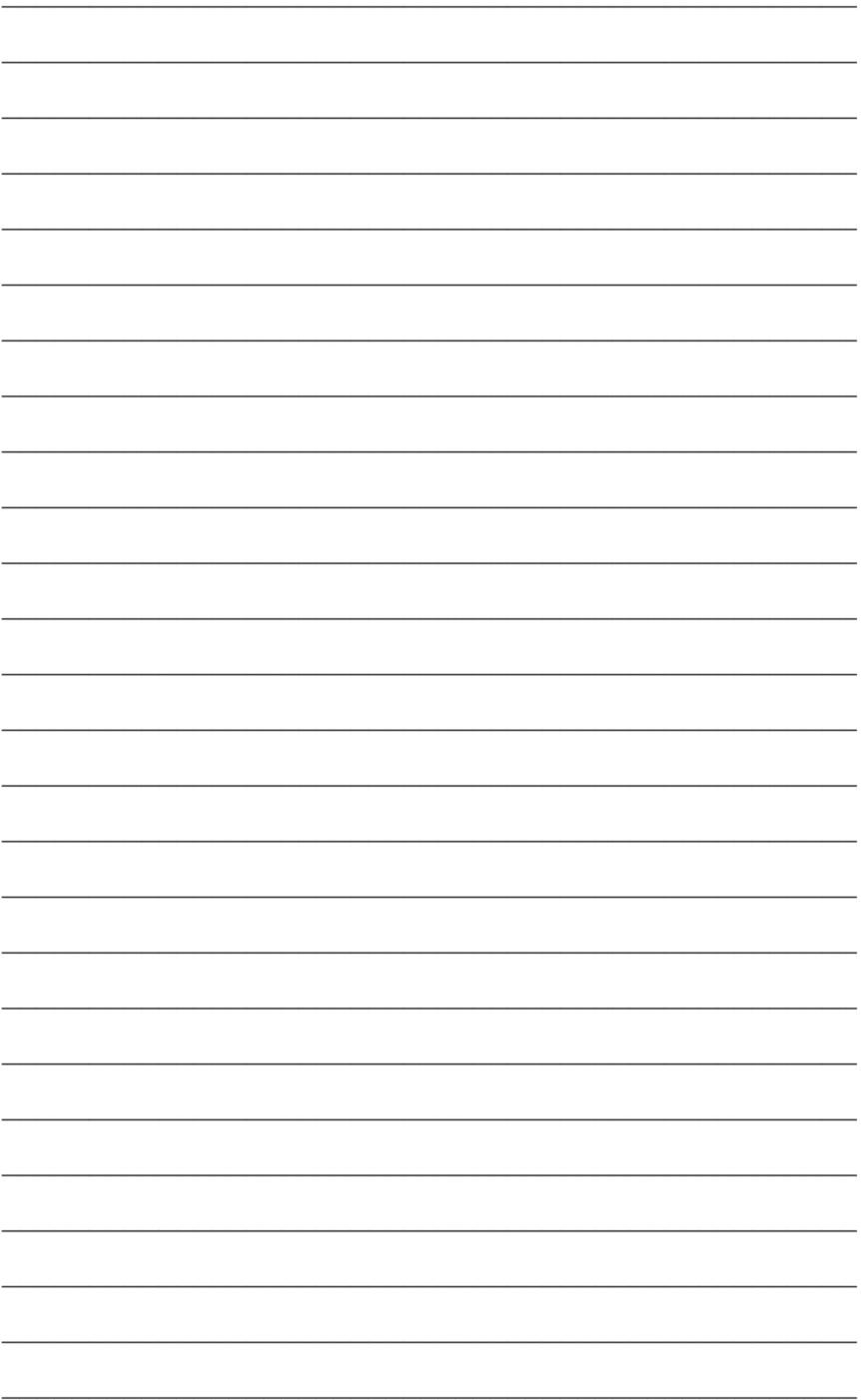
Life's short and we never have enough time for the hearts of those who travel the way with us. O, be swift to love! Make haste to be kind.

- Henri-Frederic Amiel

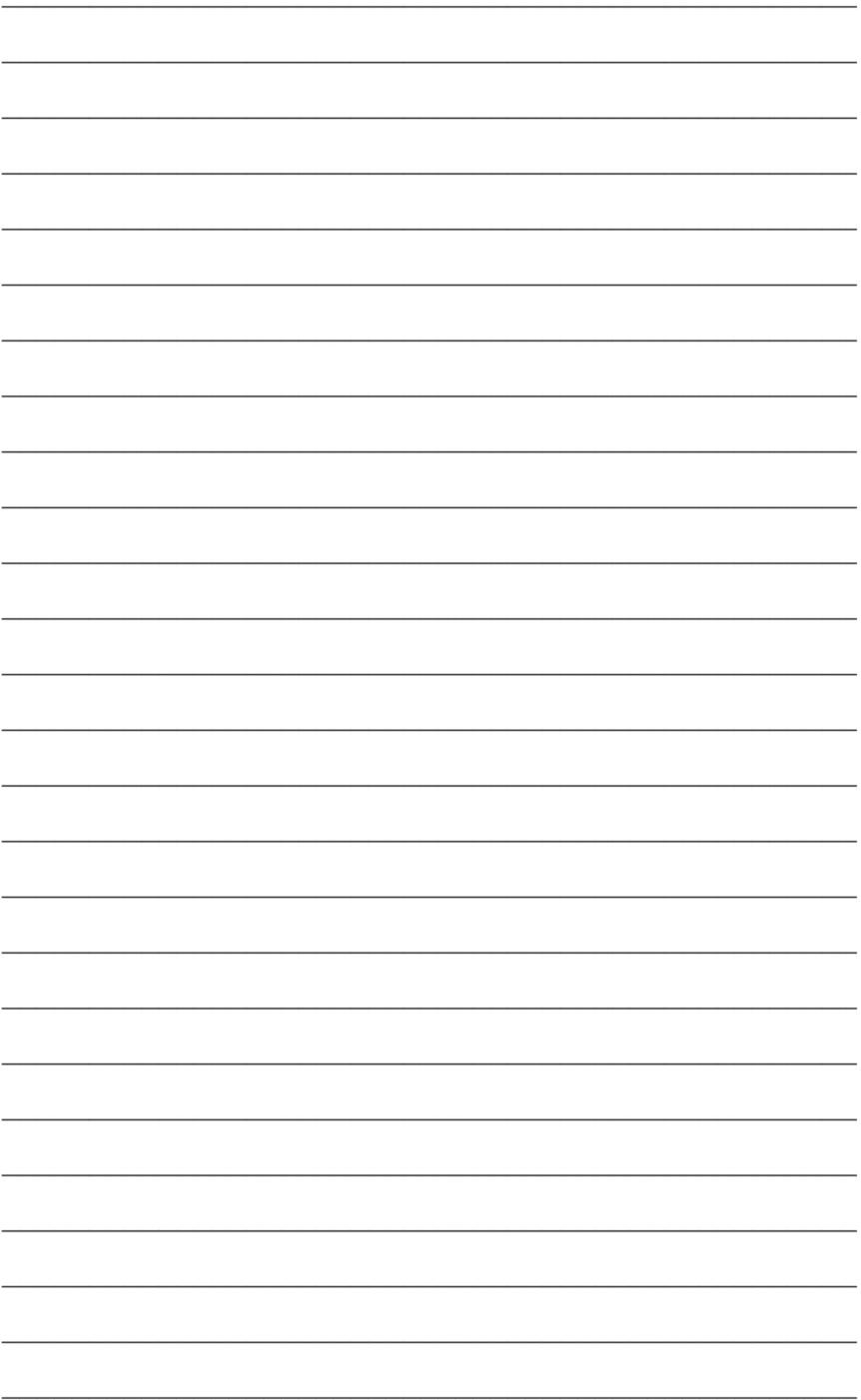


Some four-letter words that Christians need to revitalize with appropriate action are: give, live, pray, read, hope, help, sing, work, lead, grow, walk, dare, join, lift, talk and love; but the greatest of these is "love."

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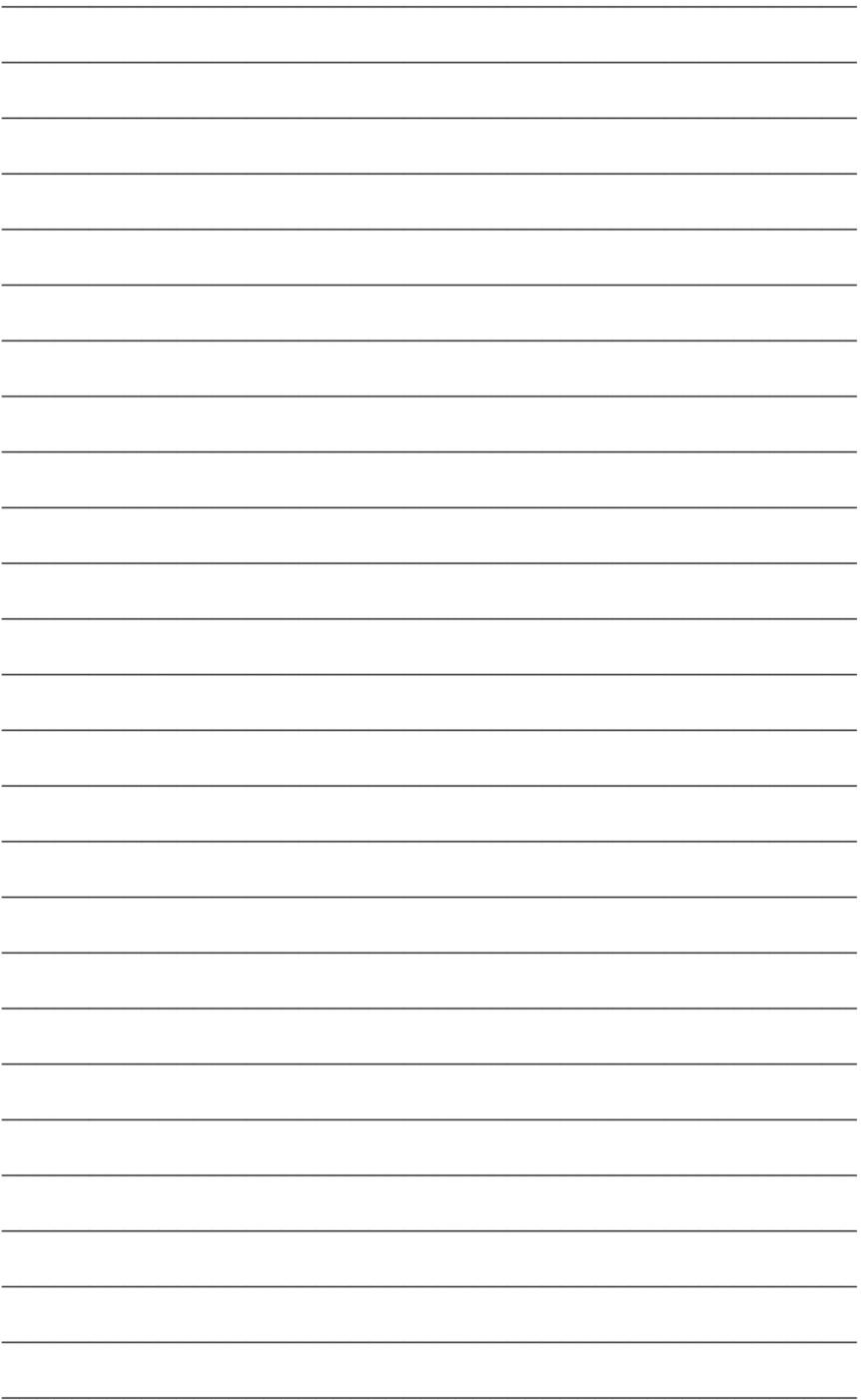






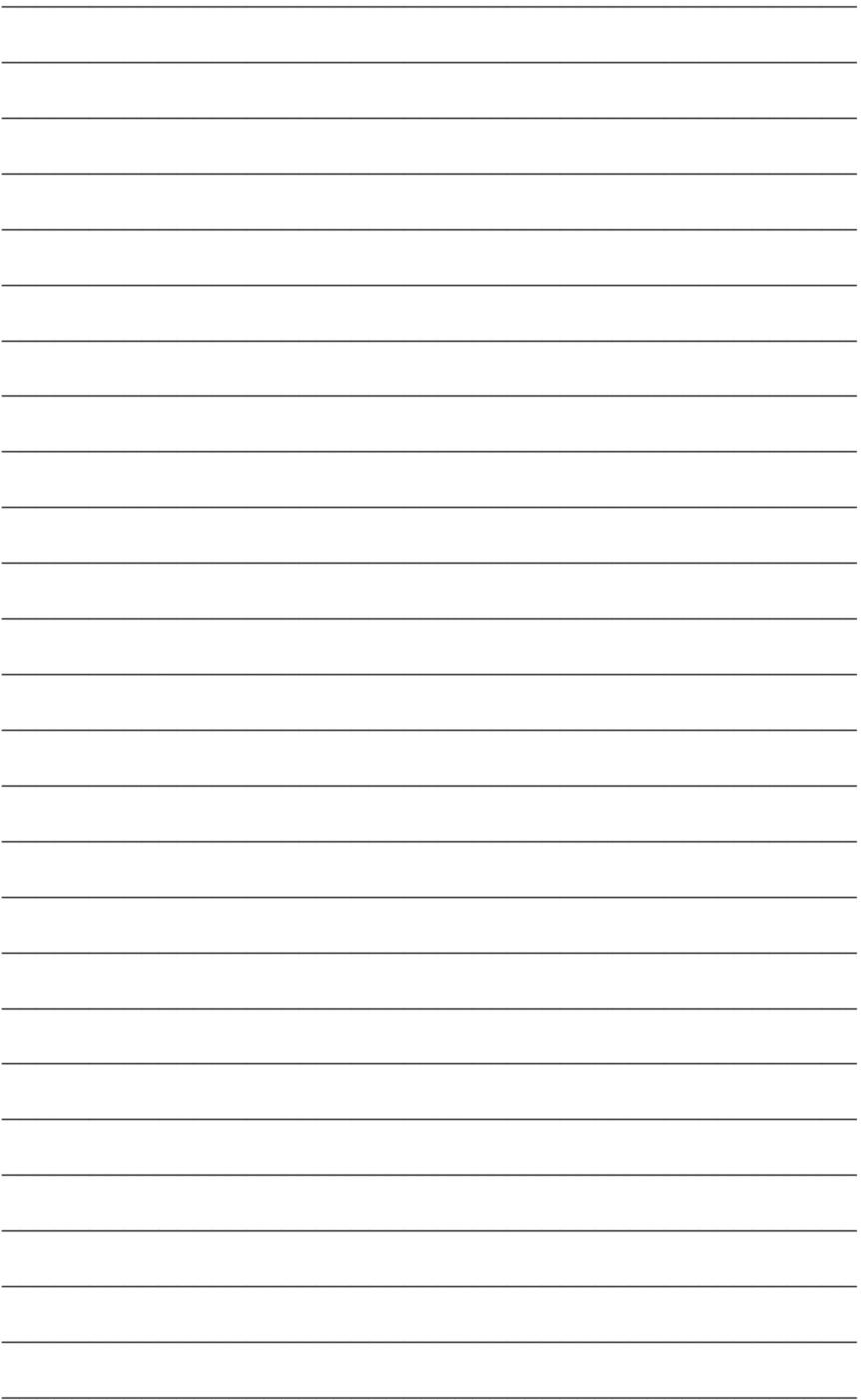
Always, love is a choice. You come up against scores of opportunities every day to love or not to love. You encounter hundreds of small chances to please your friends, delight your Lord, and encourage your family. That's why love and obedience are intimately linked- you can't have one without the other.

- Joni Eareckson Tada



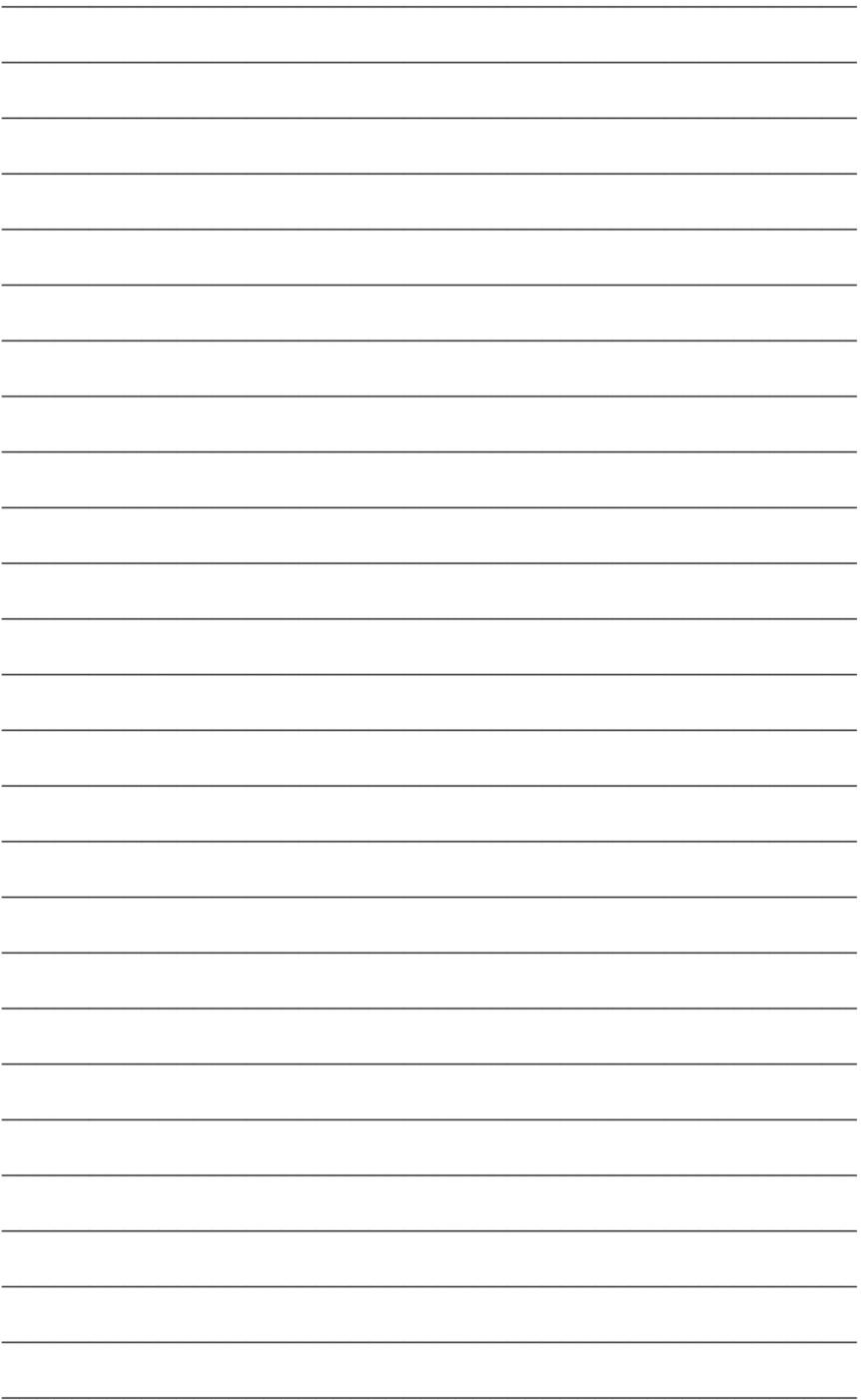
The first command in Ephesians 5 tells us to be imitators of God by reflecting the way he loves us. Our love for others flows out of our sense of being deeply loved. Instead of constantly looking for the right person, God tells us to become the right person. Instead of looking for love, God tells us to realize that love has already found us! God loves us no one else ever can.

- Chip Ingram



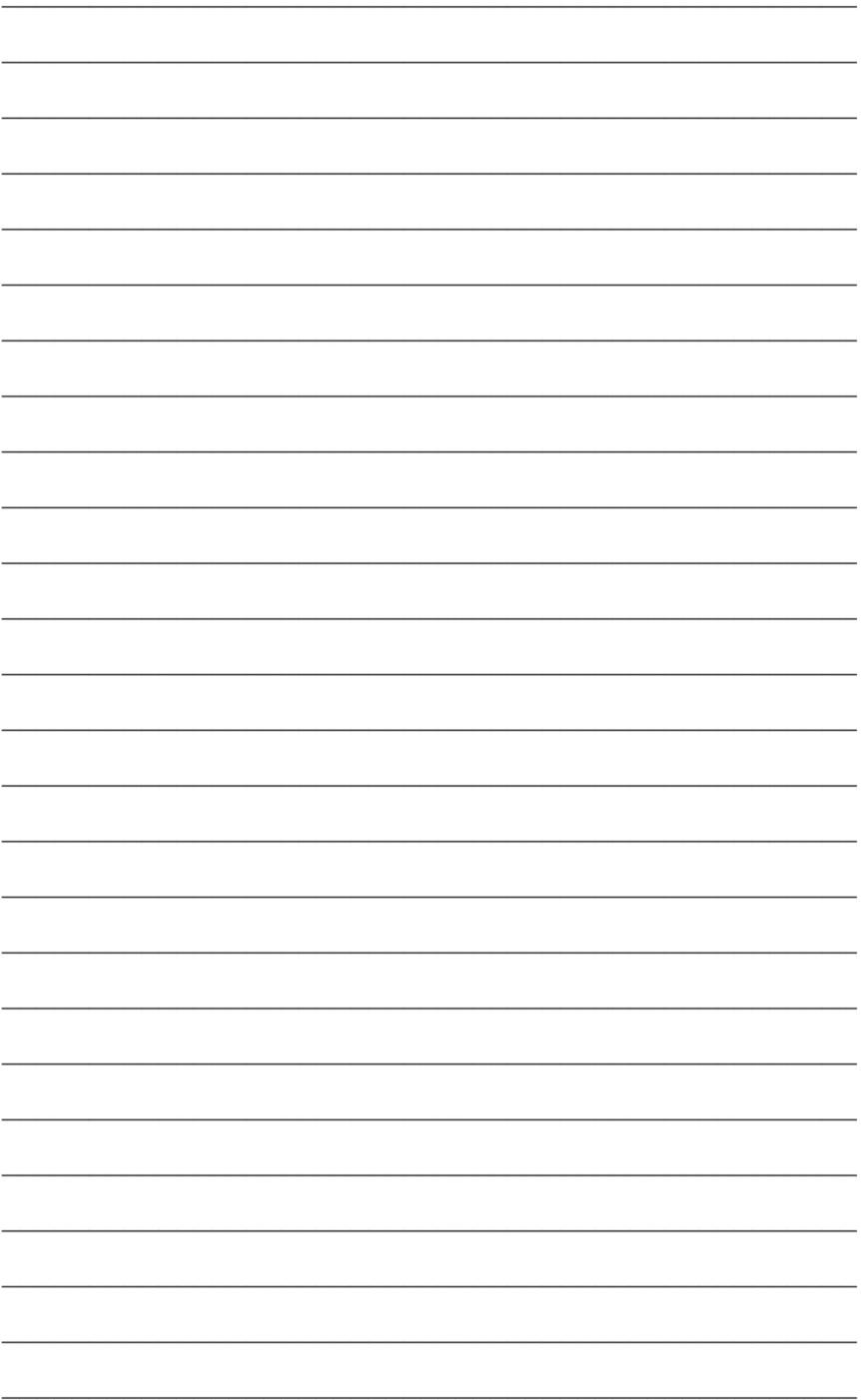
The main evidence that we are growing in Christ is not exhilarating prayer experiences, but steadily increasing, humble love for other people.

- Frederica Mathewes-Green



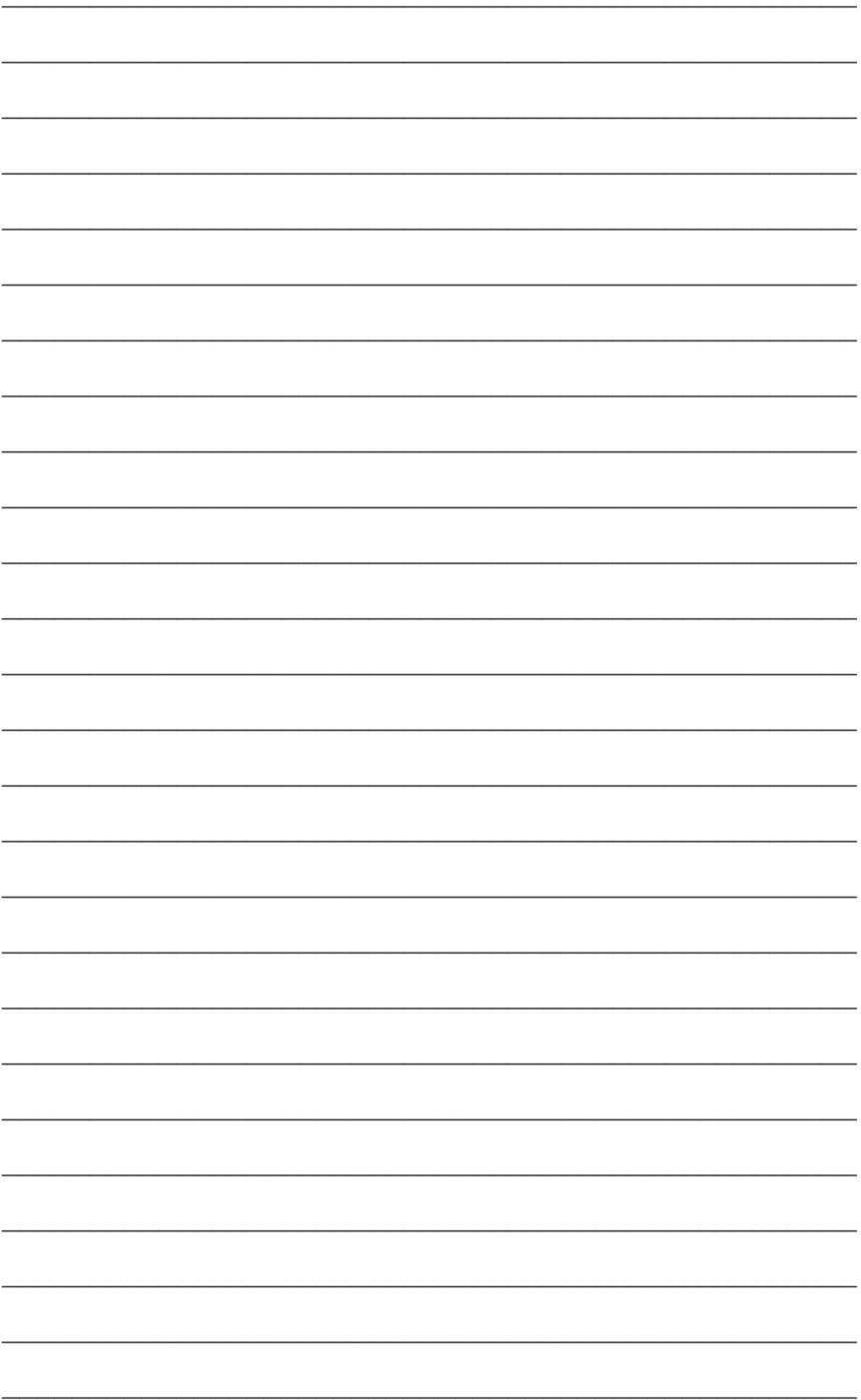
People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway.

- Mother Teresa



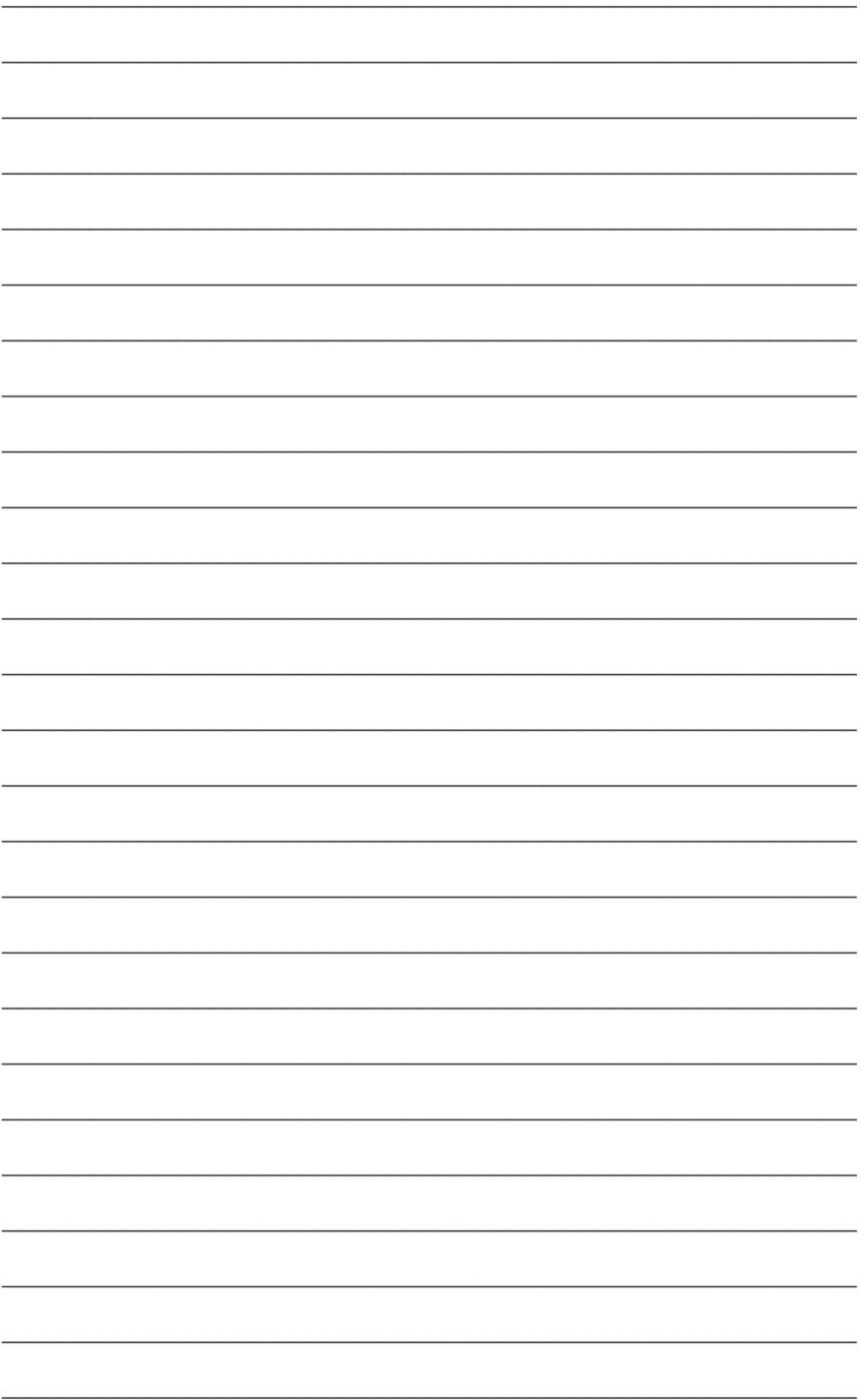
Trust God's love. His perfect love. Don't fear he will discover your past. He already has. Don't fear disappointing him in the future. He can show you the chapter in which you will. With perfect knowledge of the past and perfect vision of the future, he loves you perfectly in spite of both.

- Max Lucado



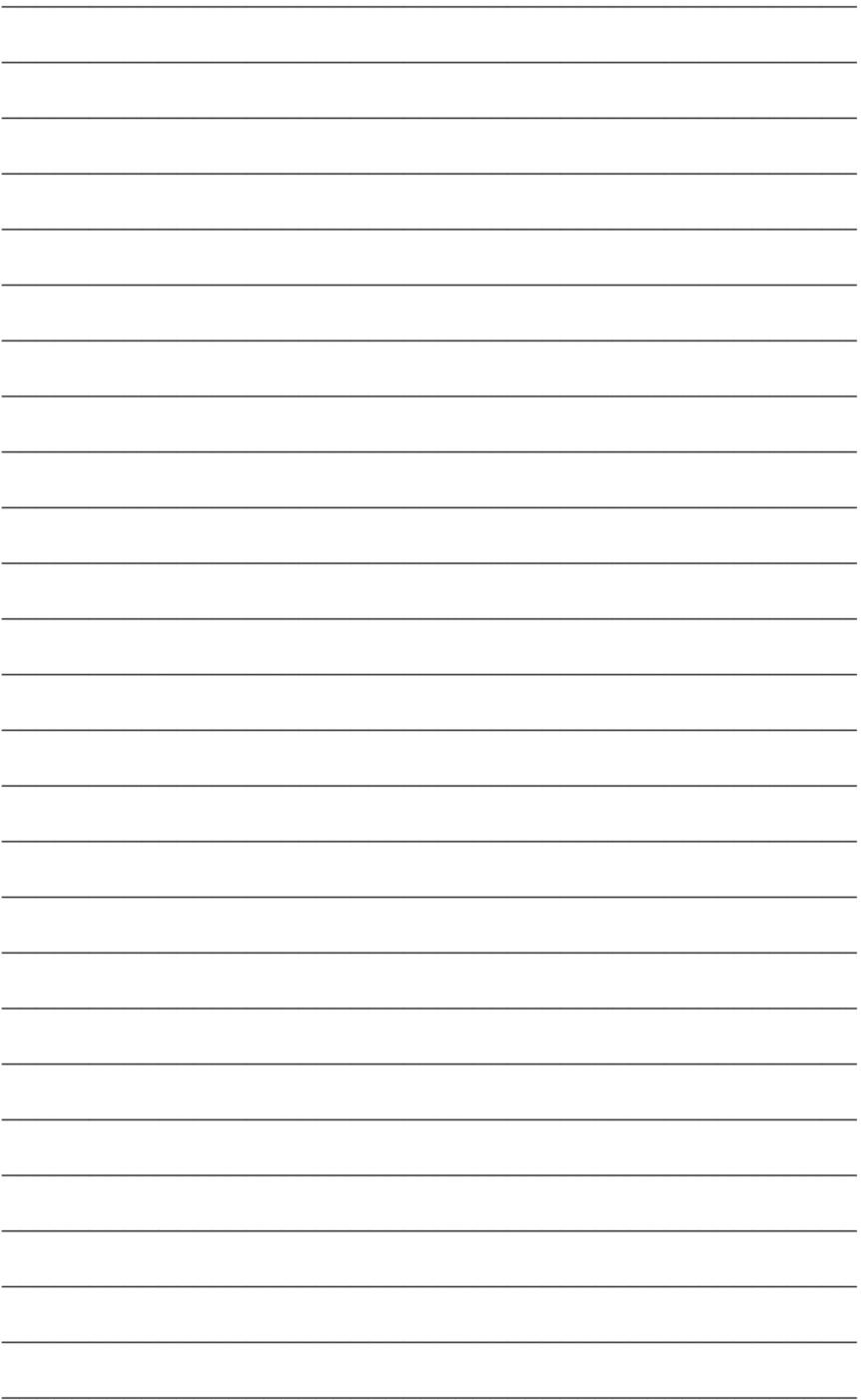
Allowing ourselves to be more loving is a most beautiful journey.

- Barry Neil Kaufman

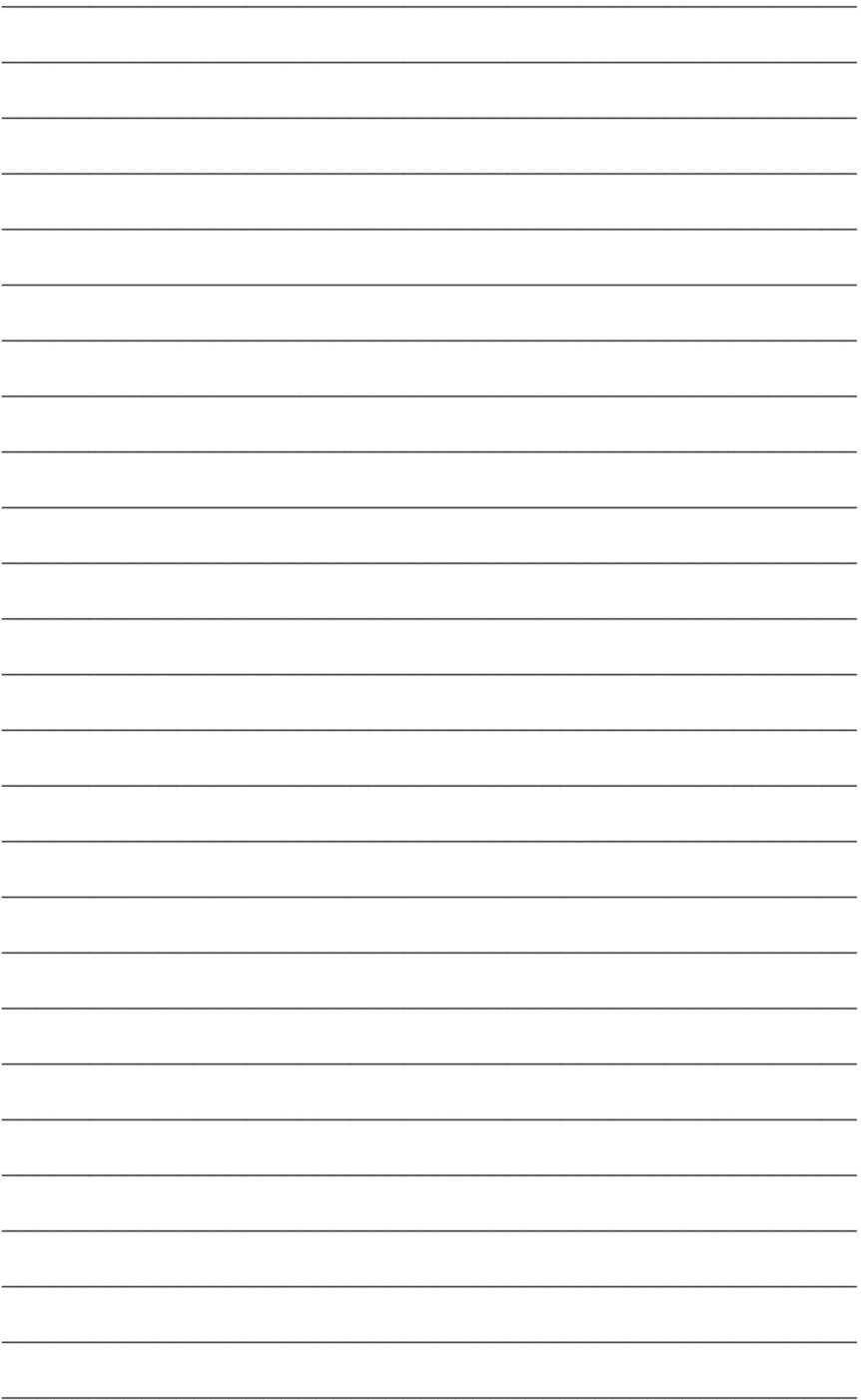


If we're not telling God and our family that we love them, we just wasted a day of our life.

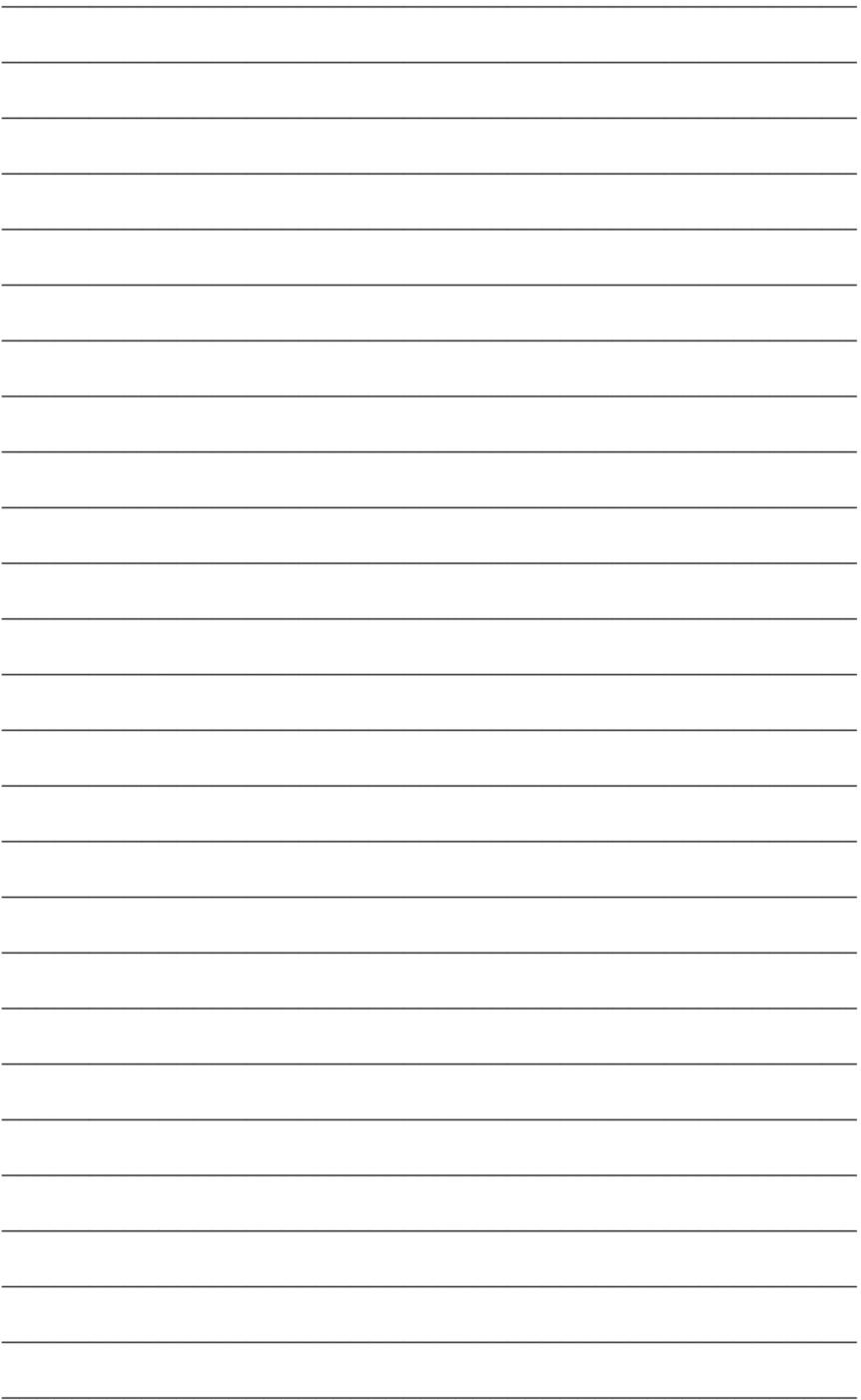
- Ted Roberts





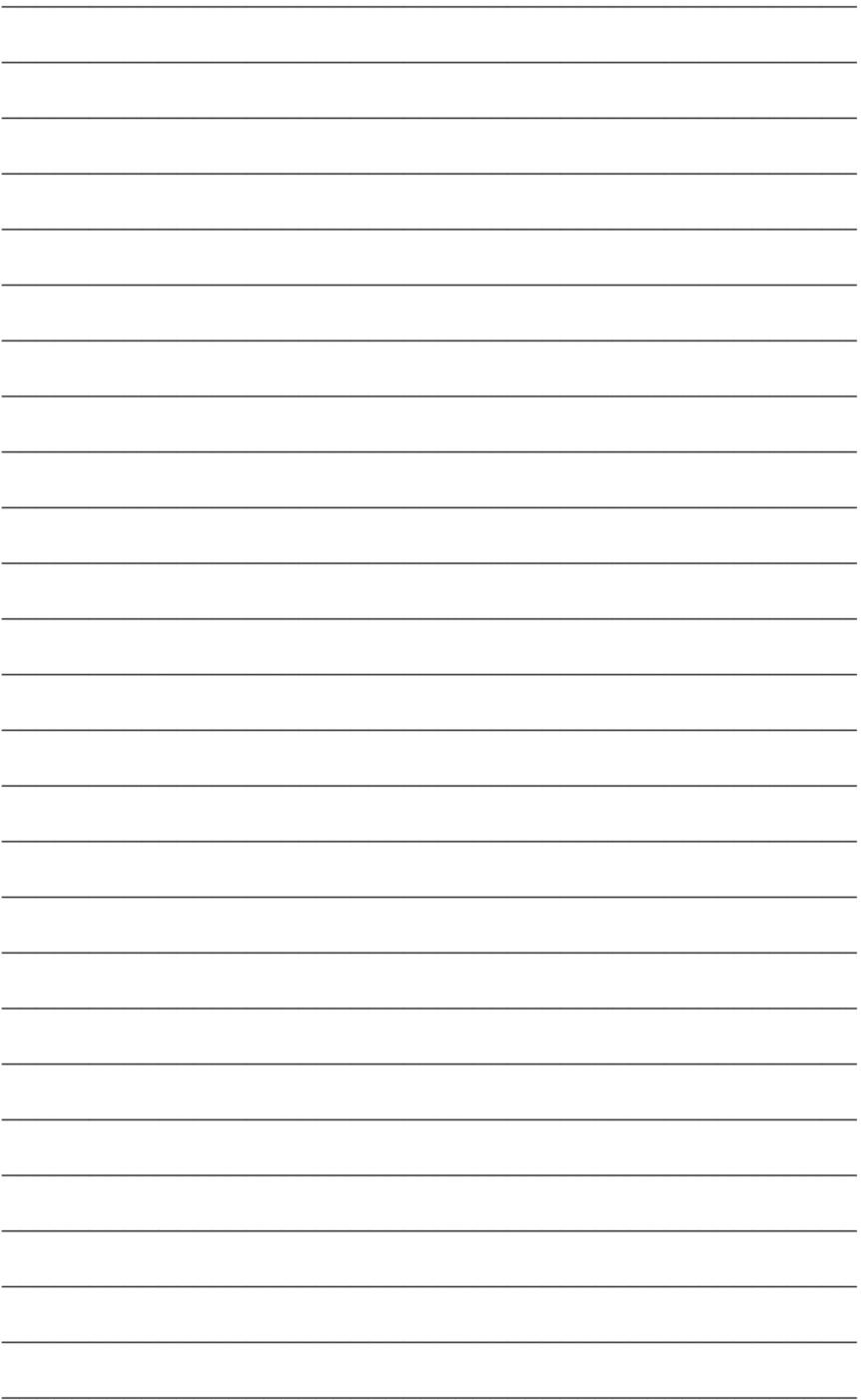






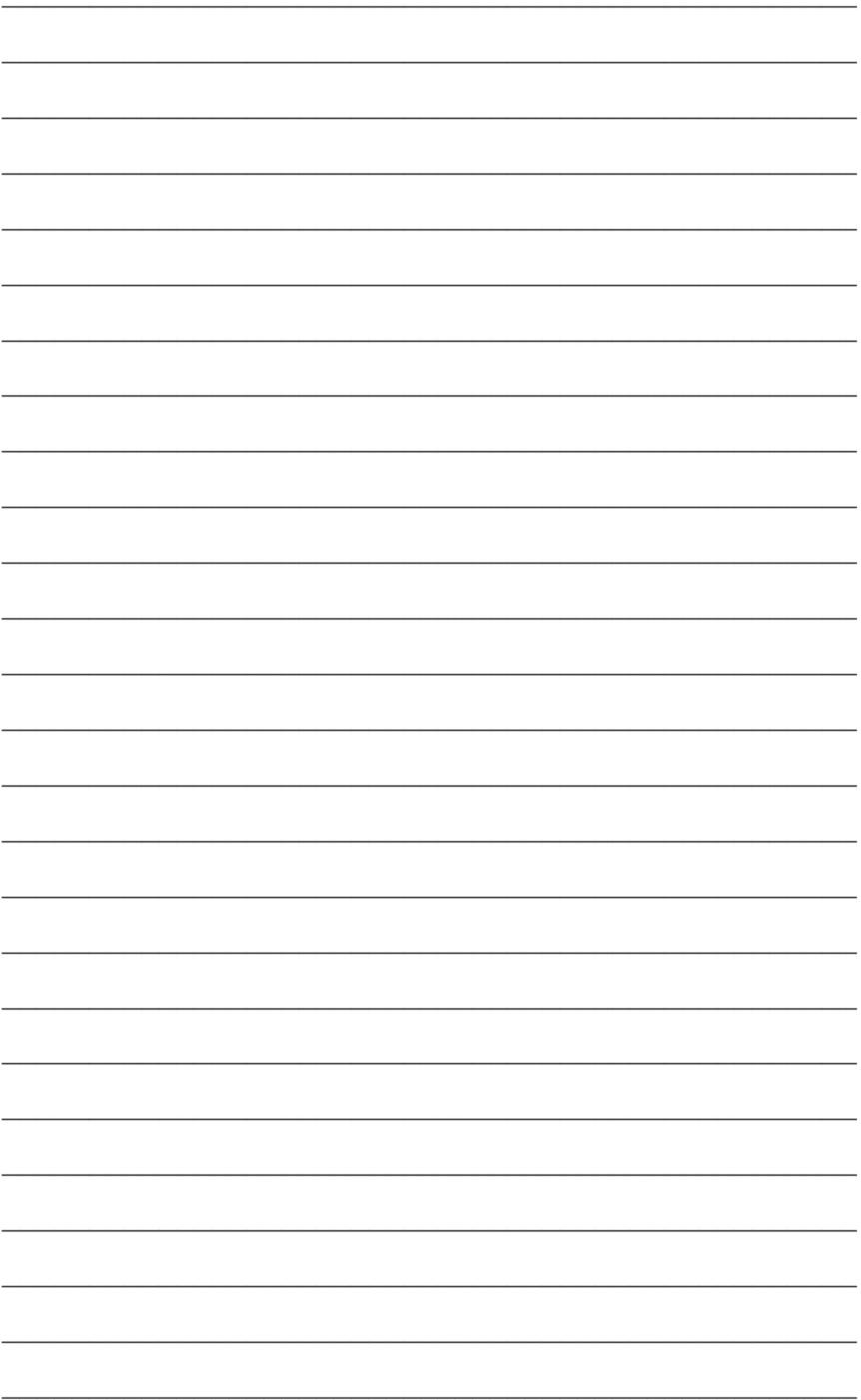
*Authentic religion is not a theology test. It's a love test.*

*- Oliver Thomas*



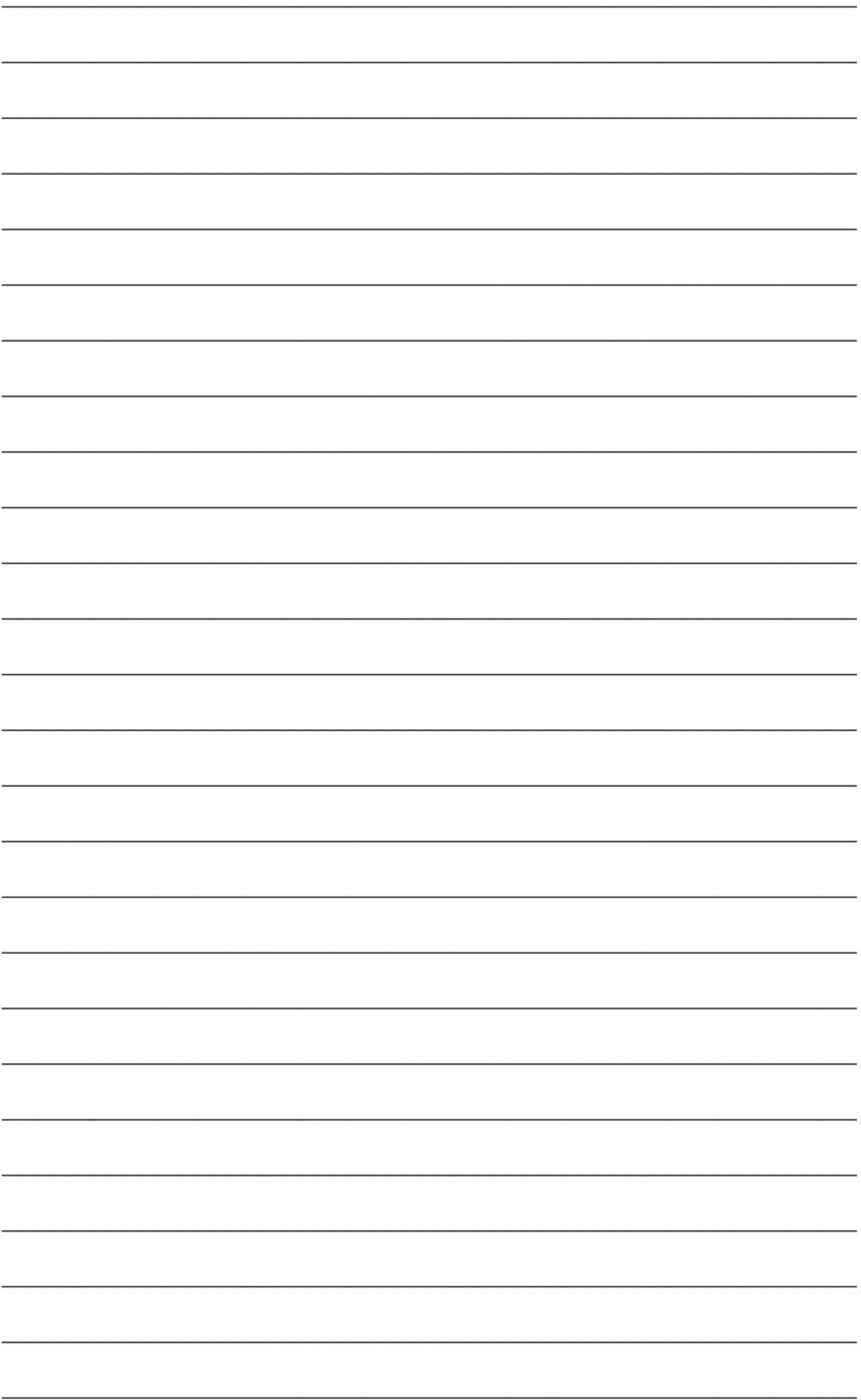
*I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.*

*- Henry Ward Beecher*



The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself, or more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself.

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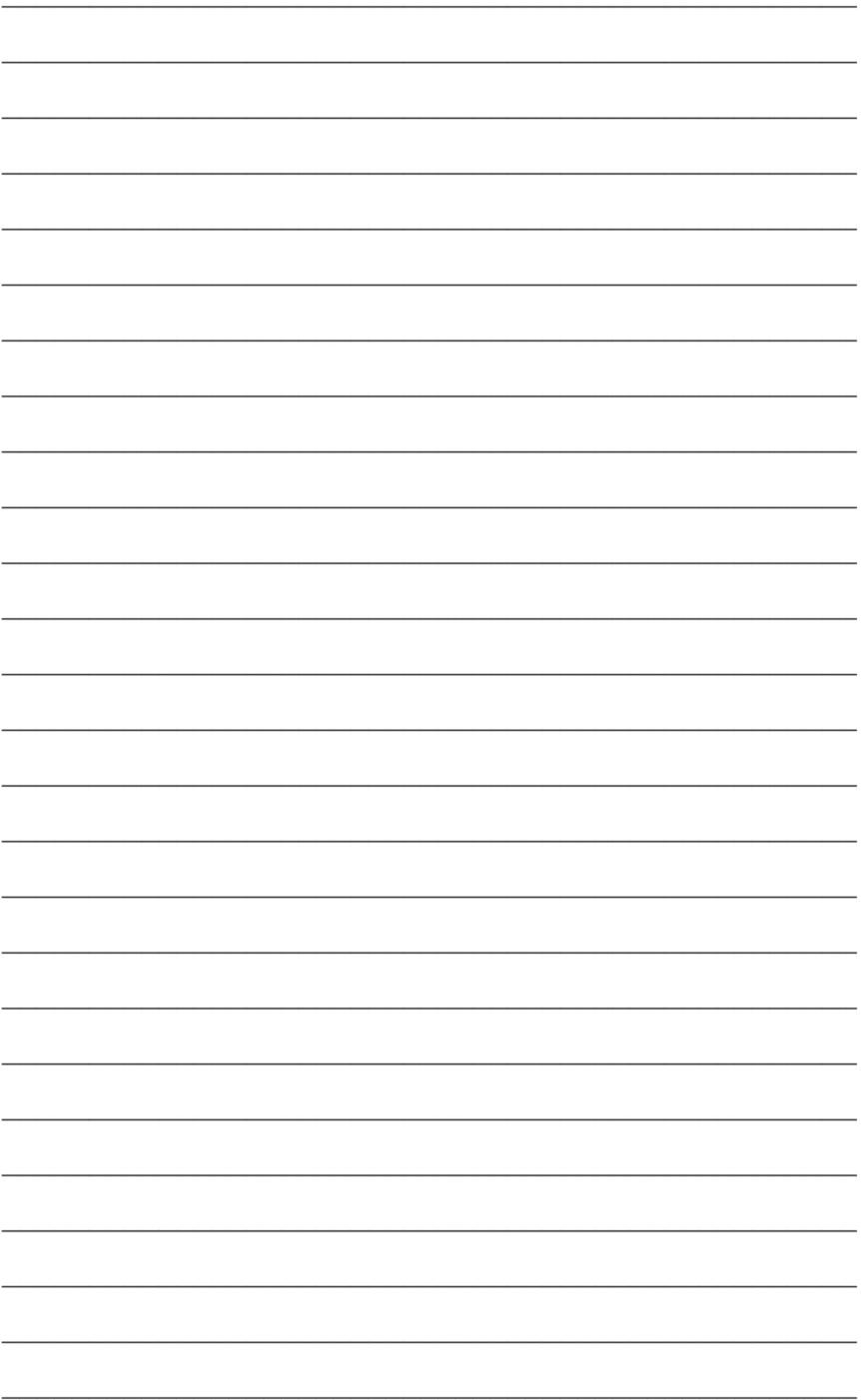
Love me when I least deserve it, because that's when I really need it.

- Swedish proverb



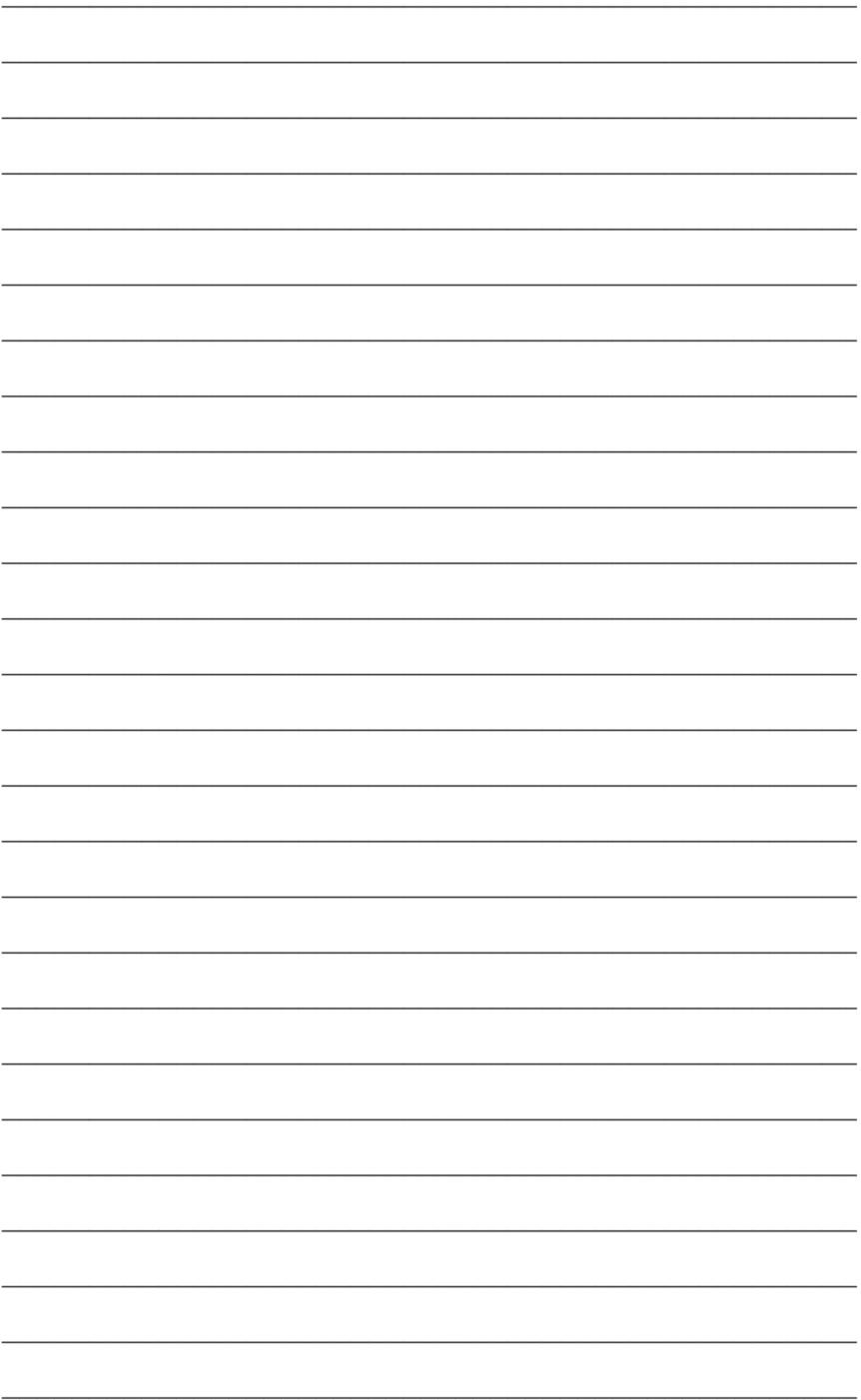
We are all pencils in the hand of a writing God, who is sending love letters to the world.

- Mother Teresa



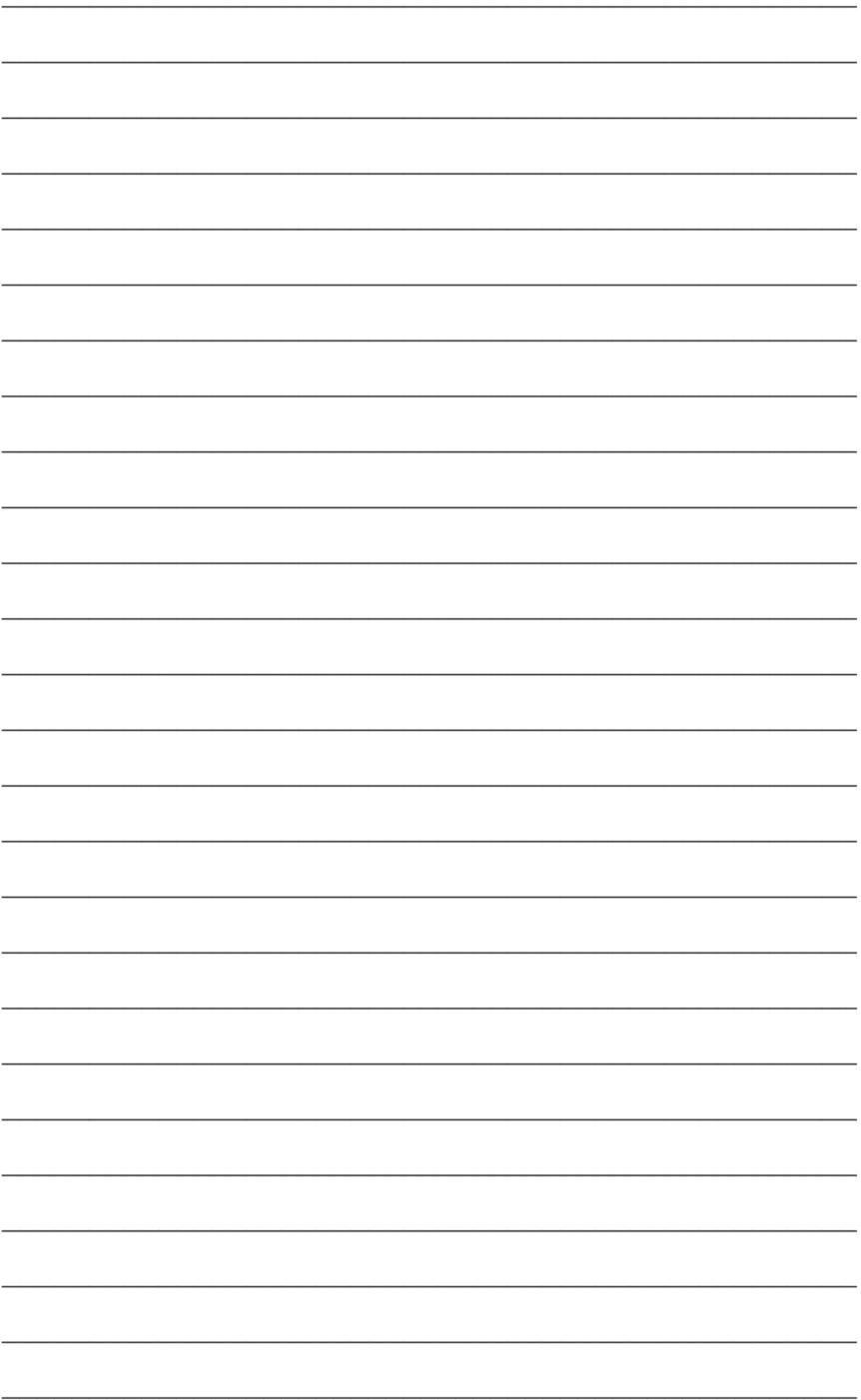
Tell me how much you know of the sufferings of your fellow men and I will tell how much you have loved them.

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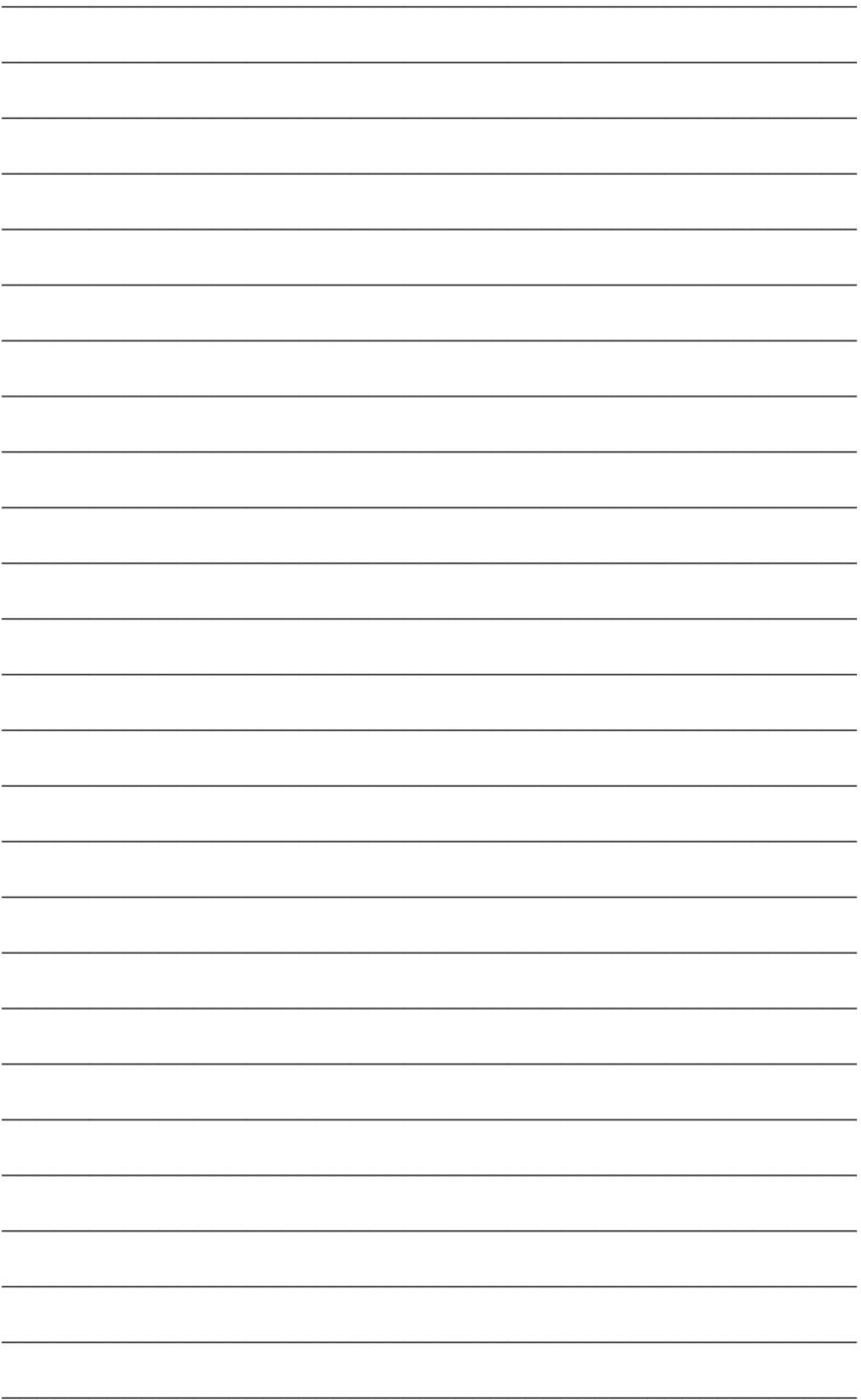


*It is love, not reason, that is stronger than death.*

*- Thomas Mann*

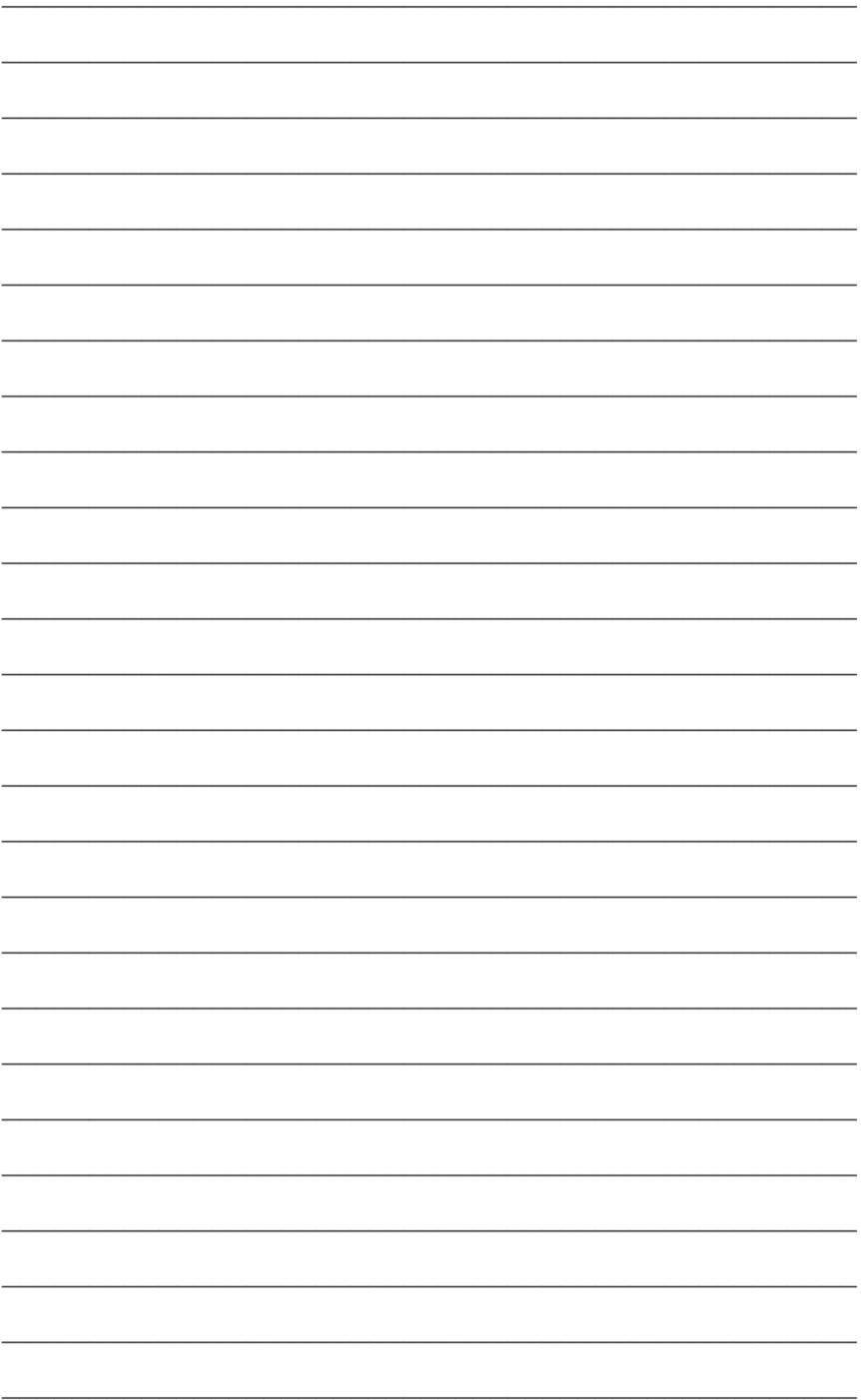




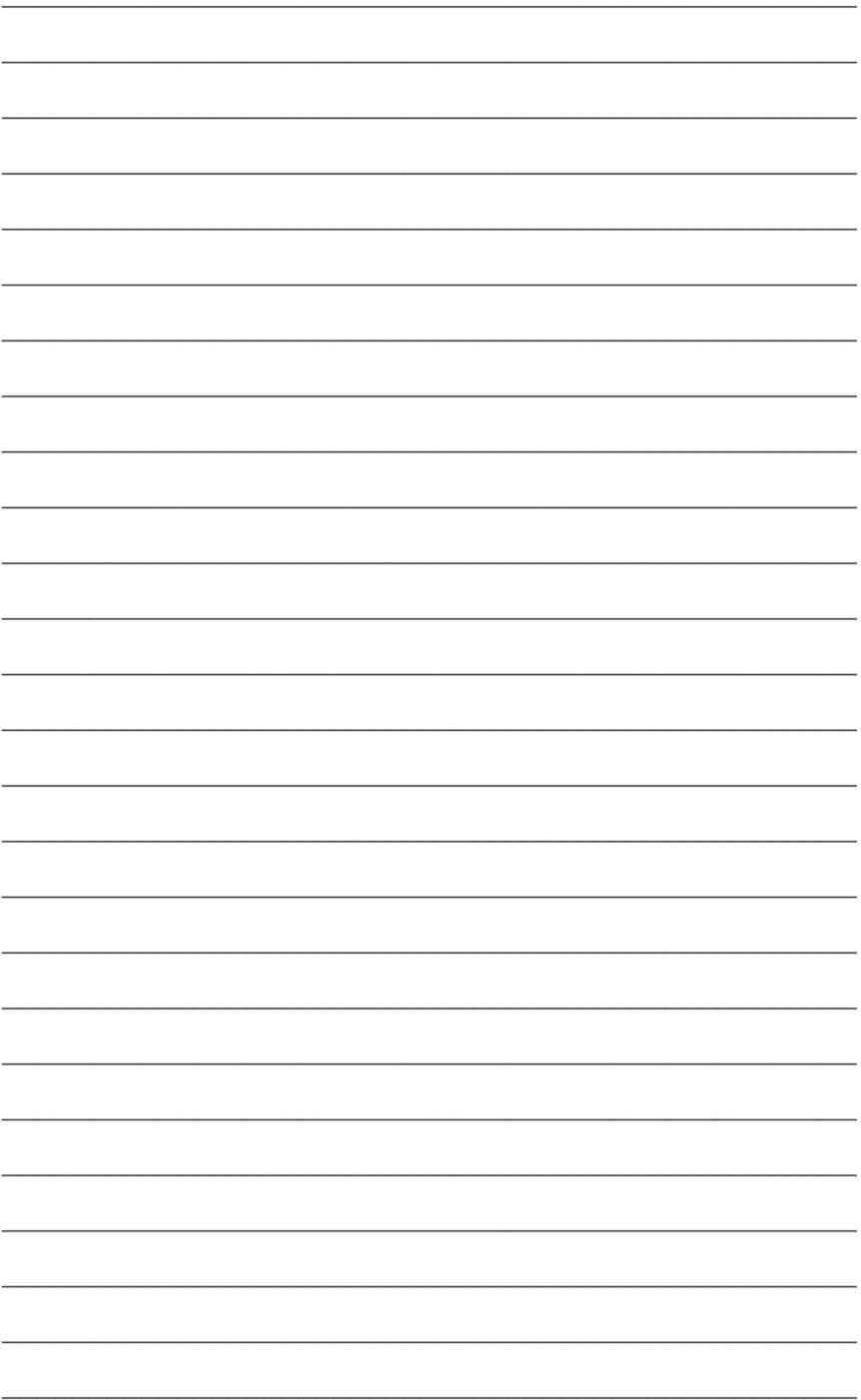


Looking back, I have this to regret, that too often when I loved,  
I did not say so.

- David Grayson

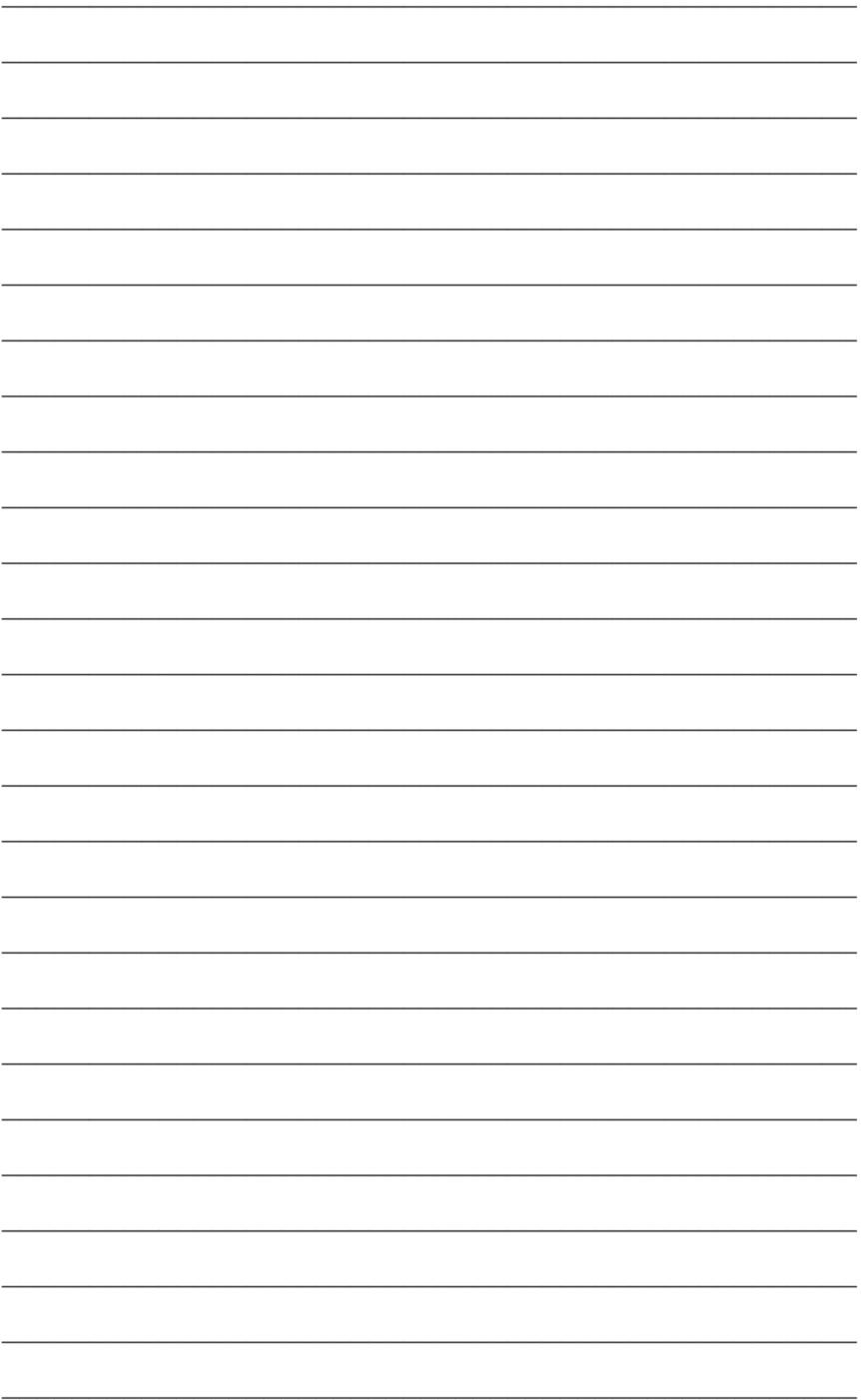






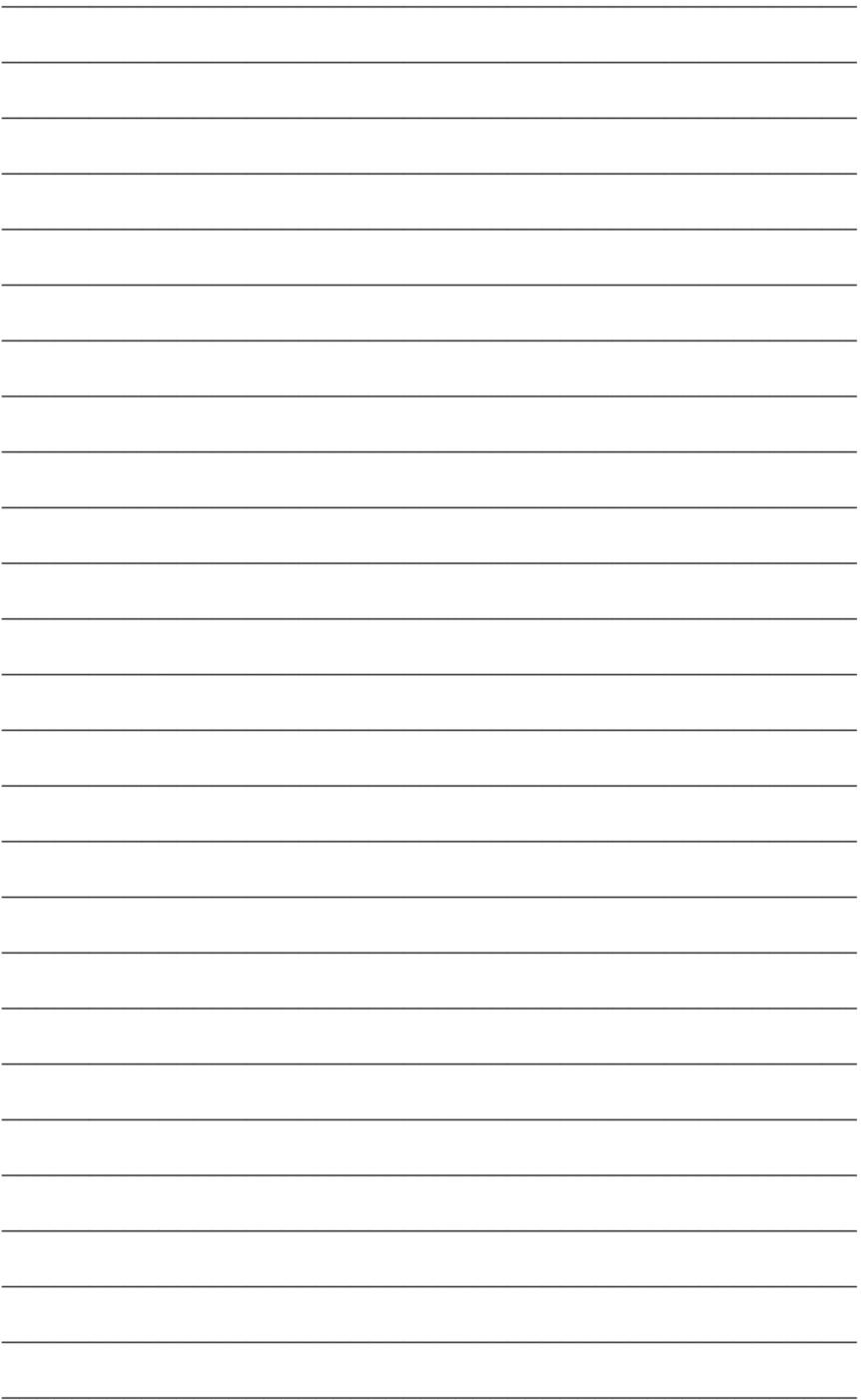
God loves us the way we are, but He loves us too much to  
leave us that way.

- Leighton Ford



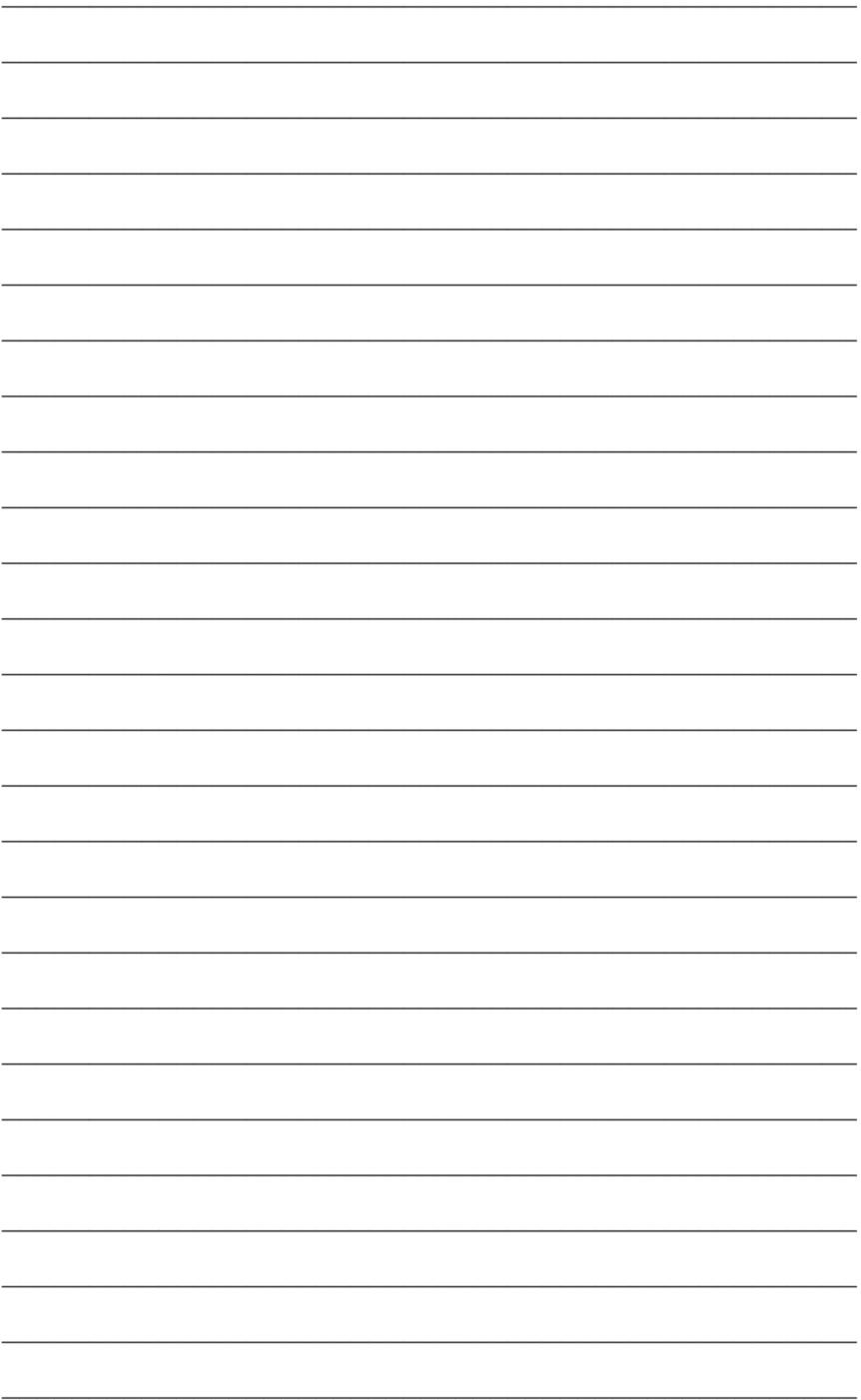
The love of God is like the Amazon River flowing down to water one daisy.

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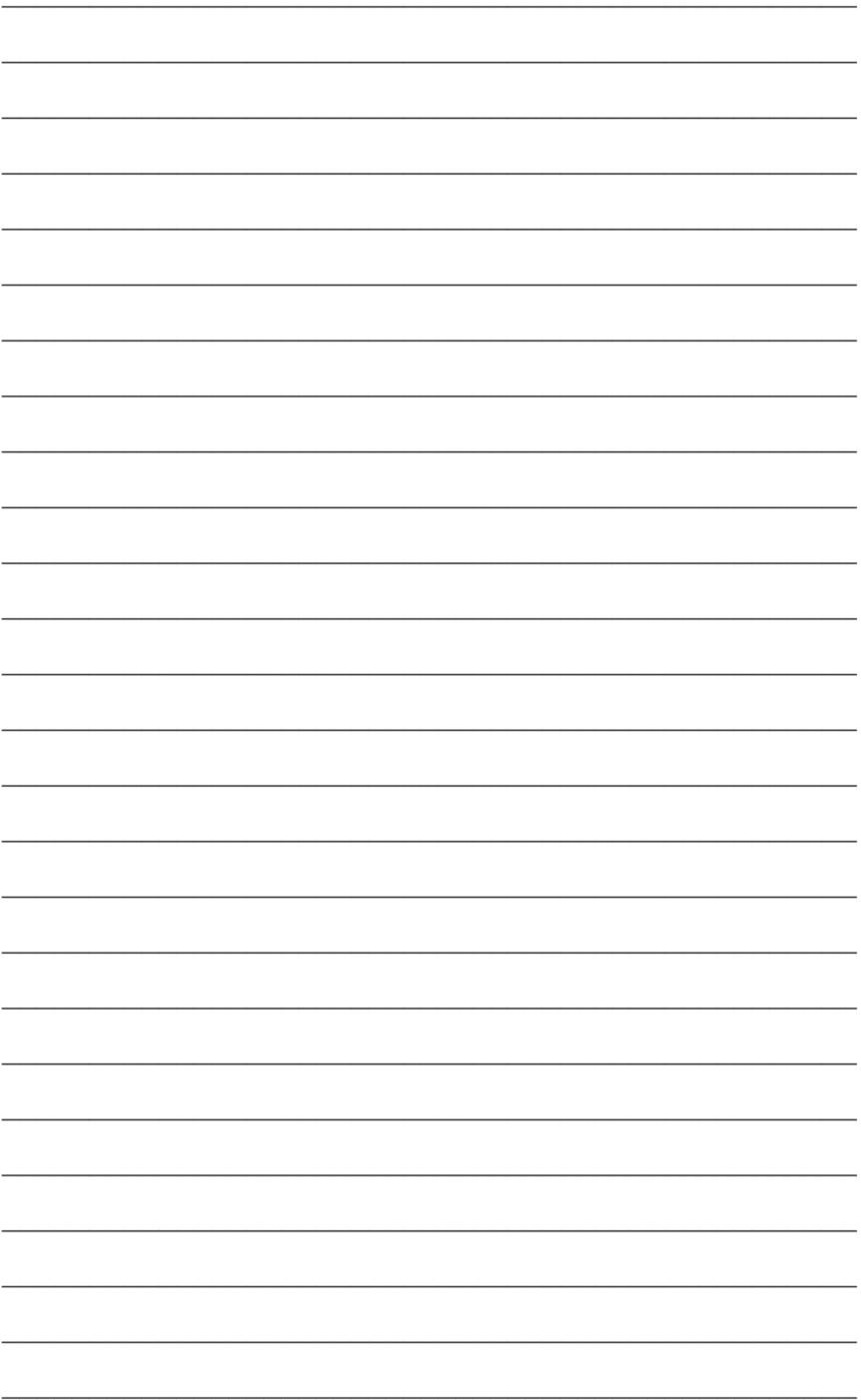
There is nothing that will not reveal its secrets if you love it enough.

- George Washington Carver



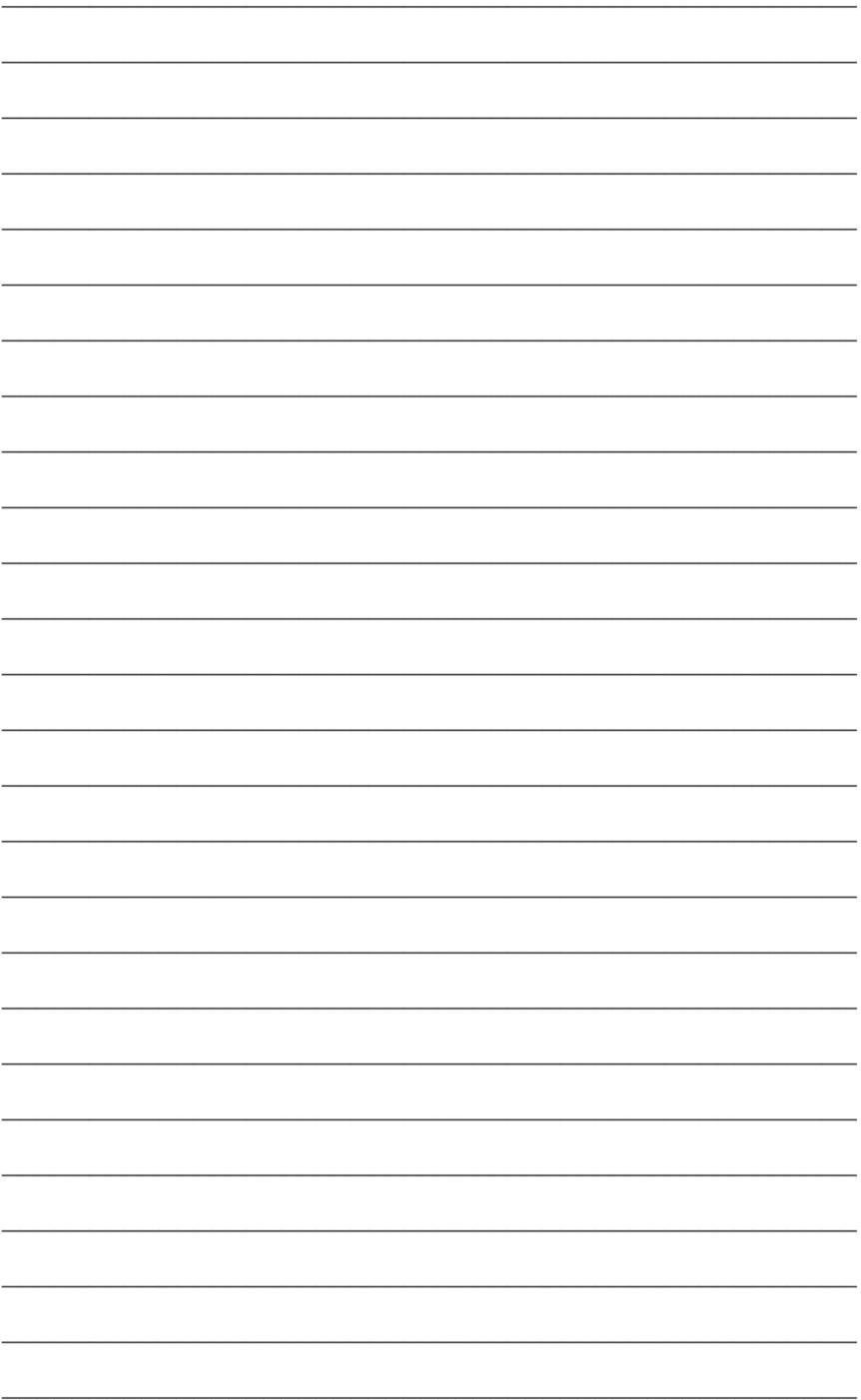
When we come to the last moment of this lifetime, and we look back across it, the only thing that's going to matter is "what was the quality of our love?"

- Richard Bach



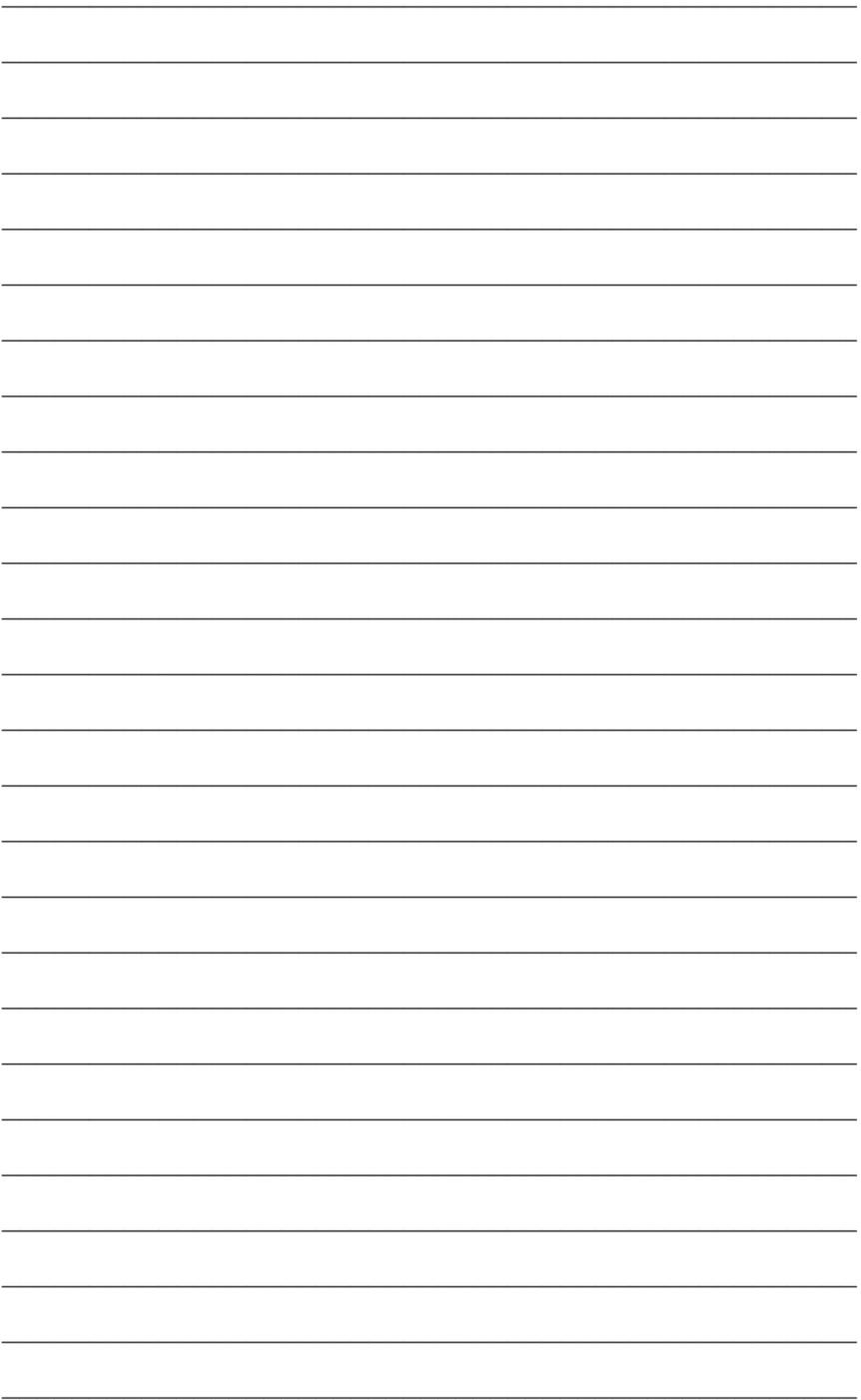
*Others may argue your beliefs, but they can't refuse your love.*

*- Unknown*



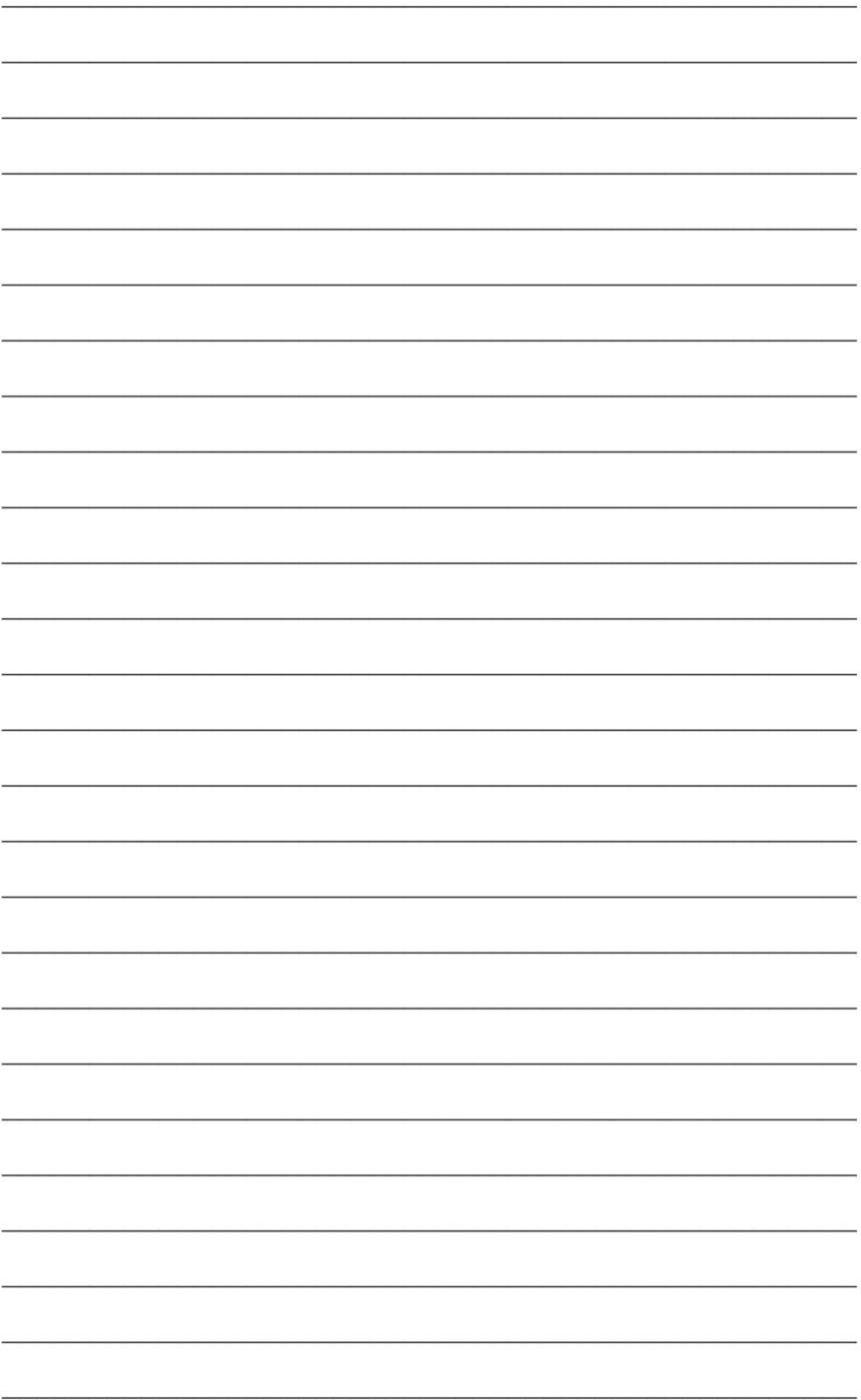
*Not where I breathe,  
But where I love, I live.*

*- Robert Southey*



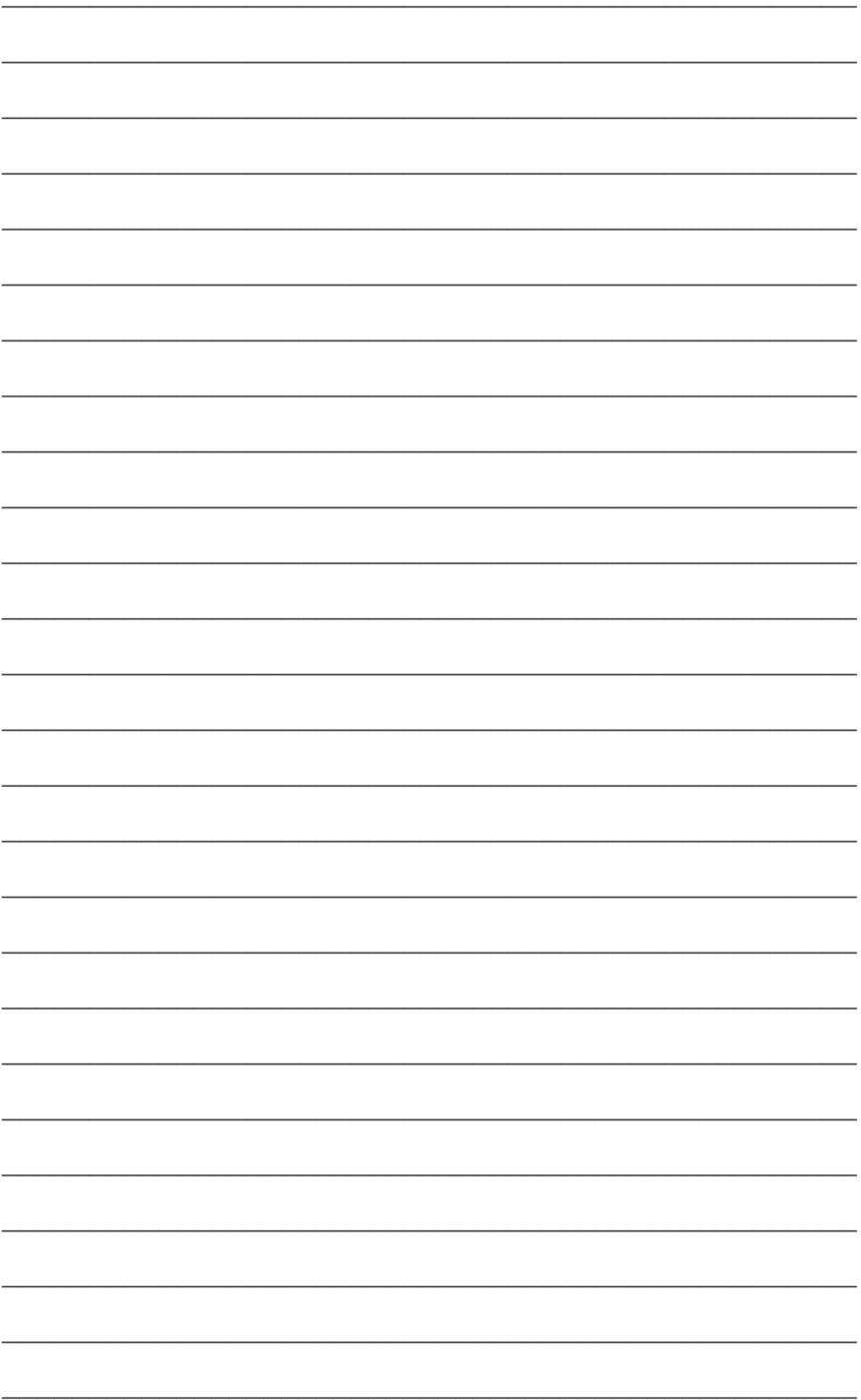
When Jesus tells us to love our enemies, He Himself will give us the love with which to do it. We are neither factories nor reservoirs of His love, only channels. When we understand that, all excuse for pride is eliminated.

- Corrie ten Boom

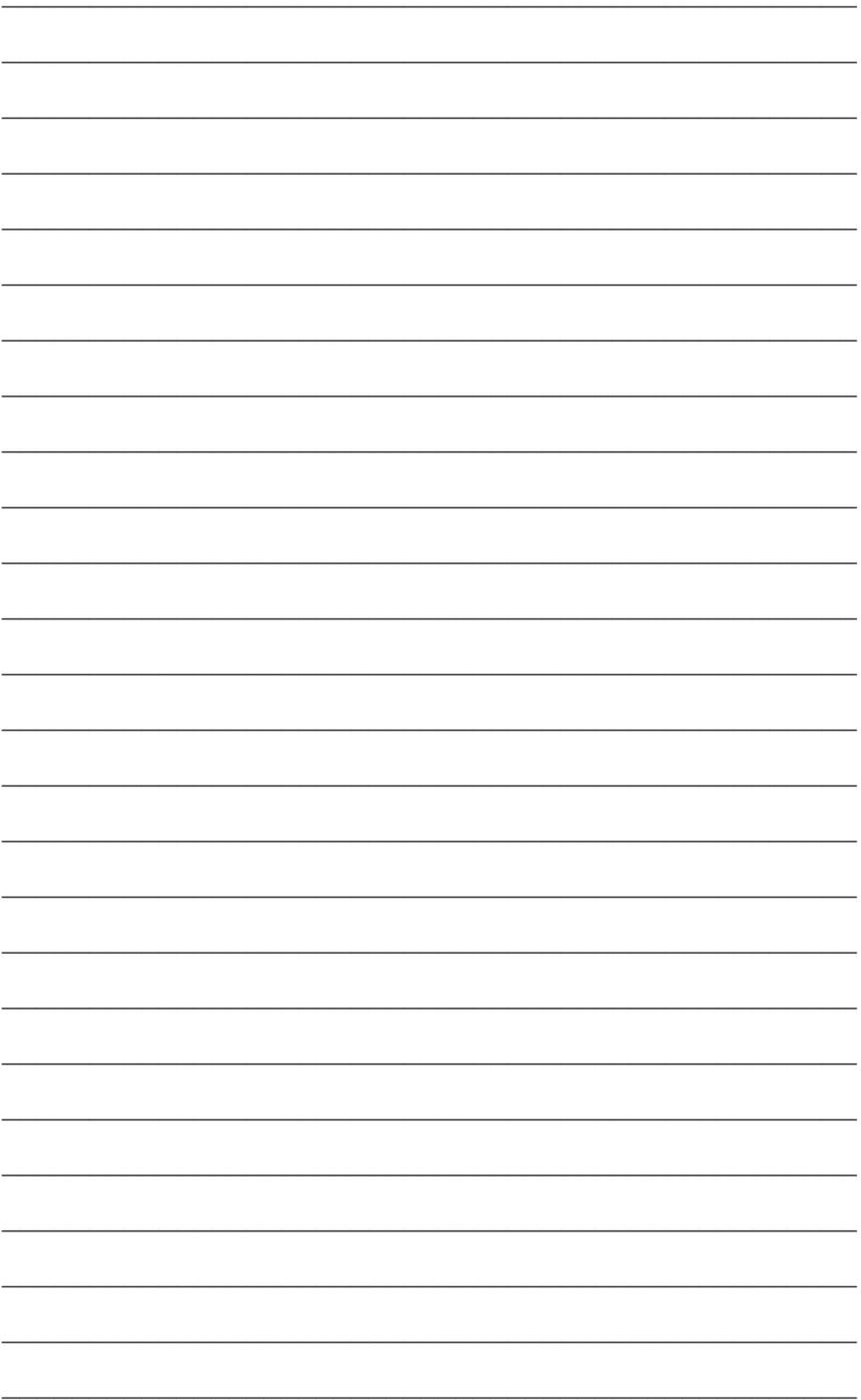


Grace means that God already loves us as much as an infinite  
God can possibly love.

- Philip Yancey

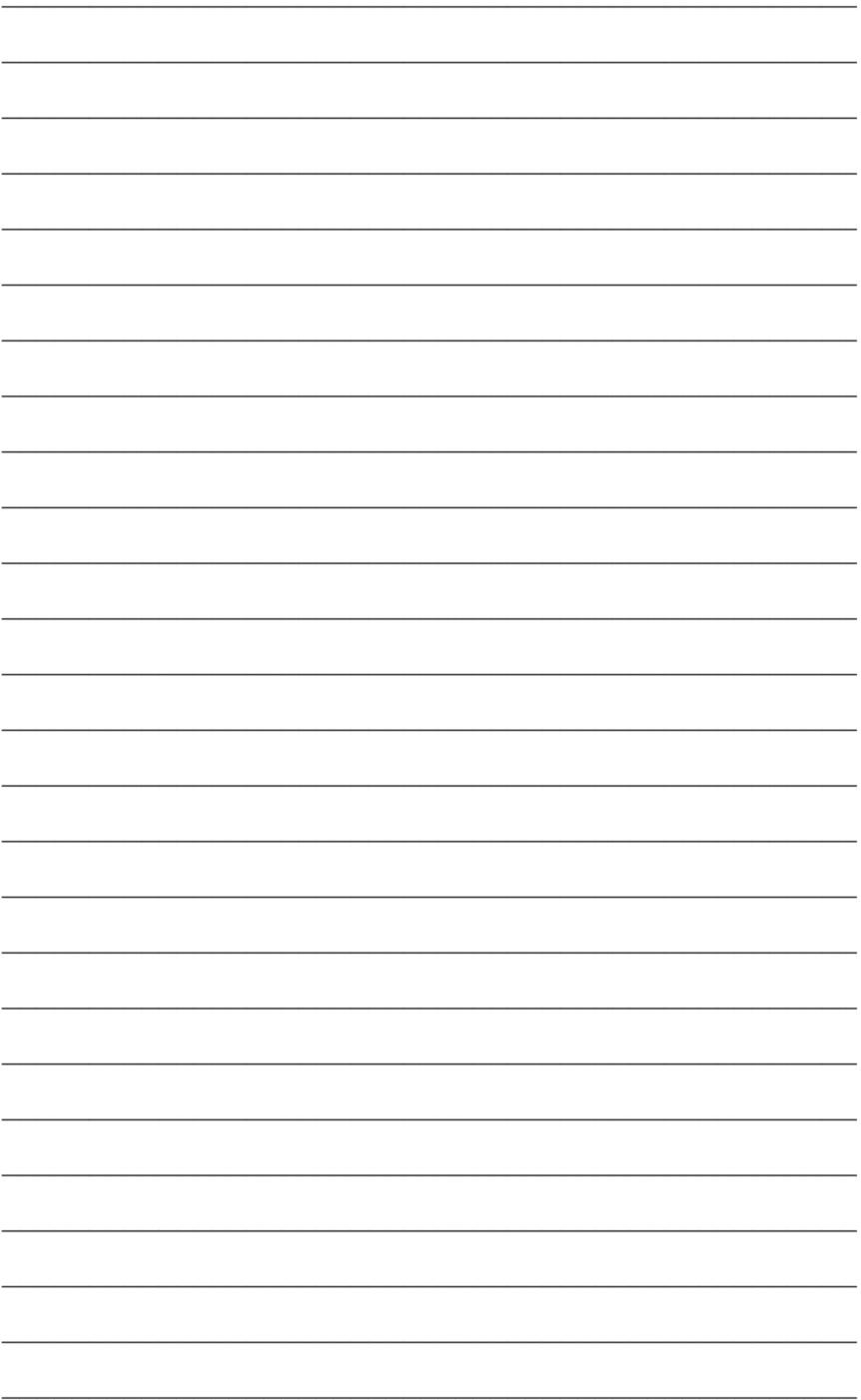






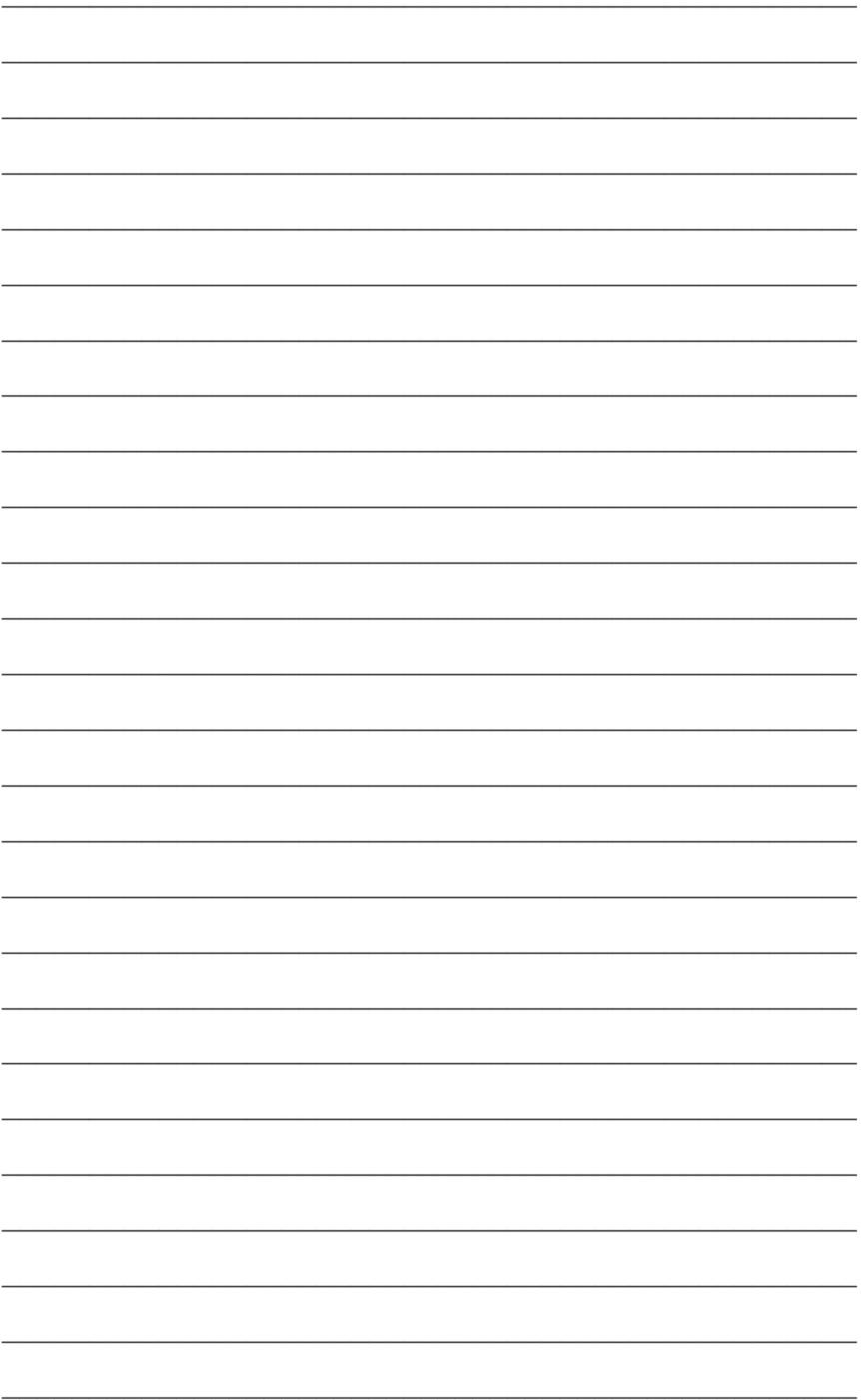
Lord, give me an open heart to find You everywhere, to  
glimpse the heaven enfolded in a bud, and to experience eternity  
in the smallest act of love.

- Mother Teresa

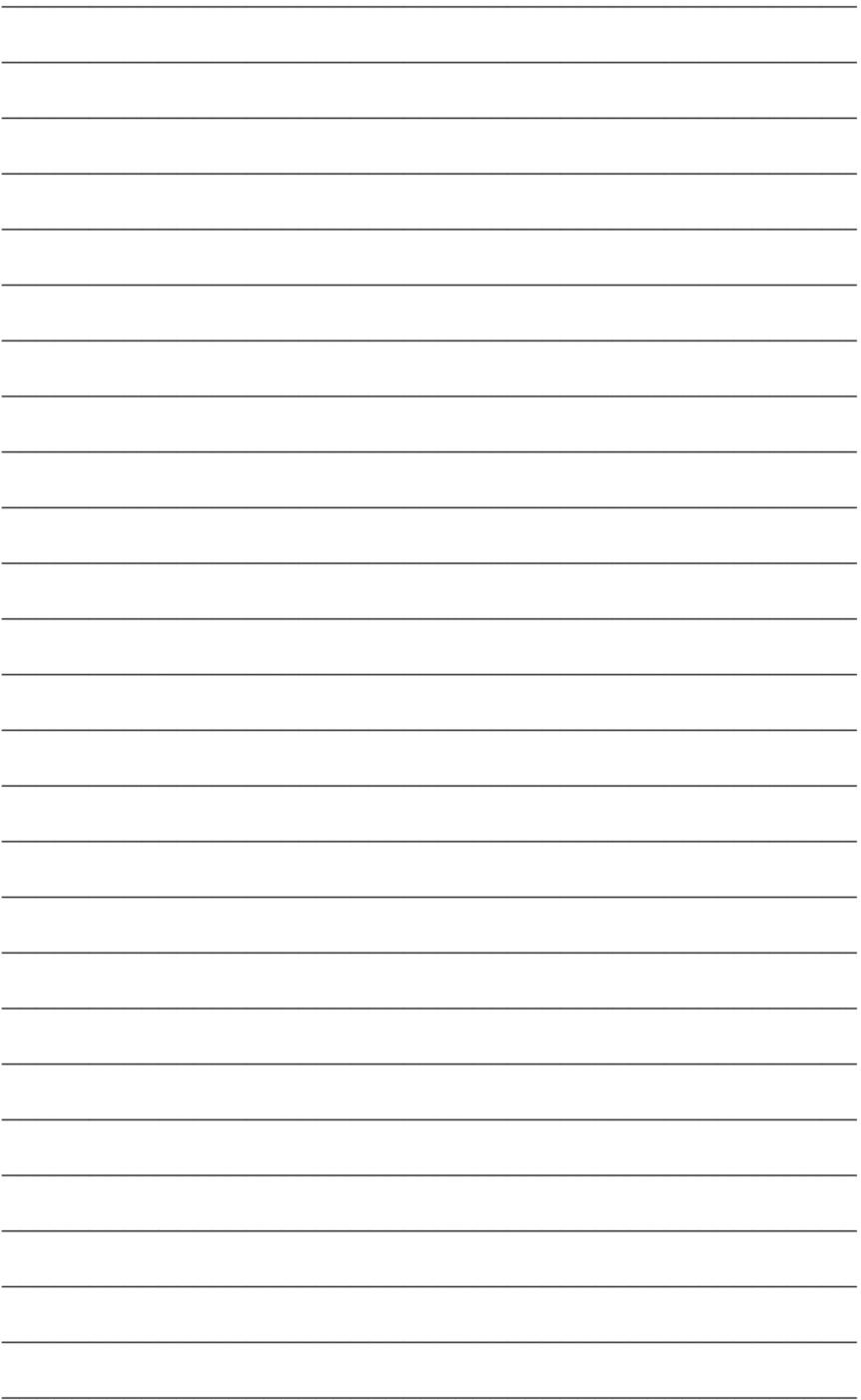


Love is of utmost importance. Once you have set your will that you will learn the way of love, then there is no flaw or irritation in another person that you cannot bear... If this one commandment were kept- "Love one another"- I know that it would carry us a long way toward keeping all the rest of our Lord's commands.

- Teresa of Avila

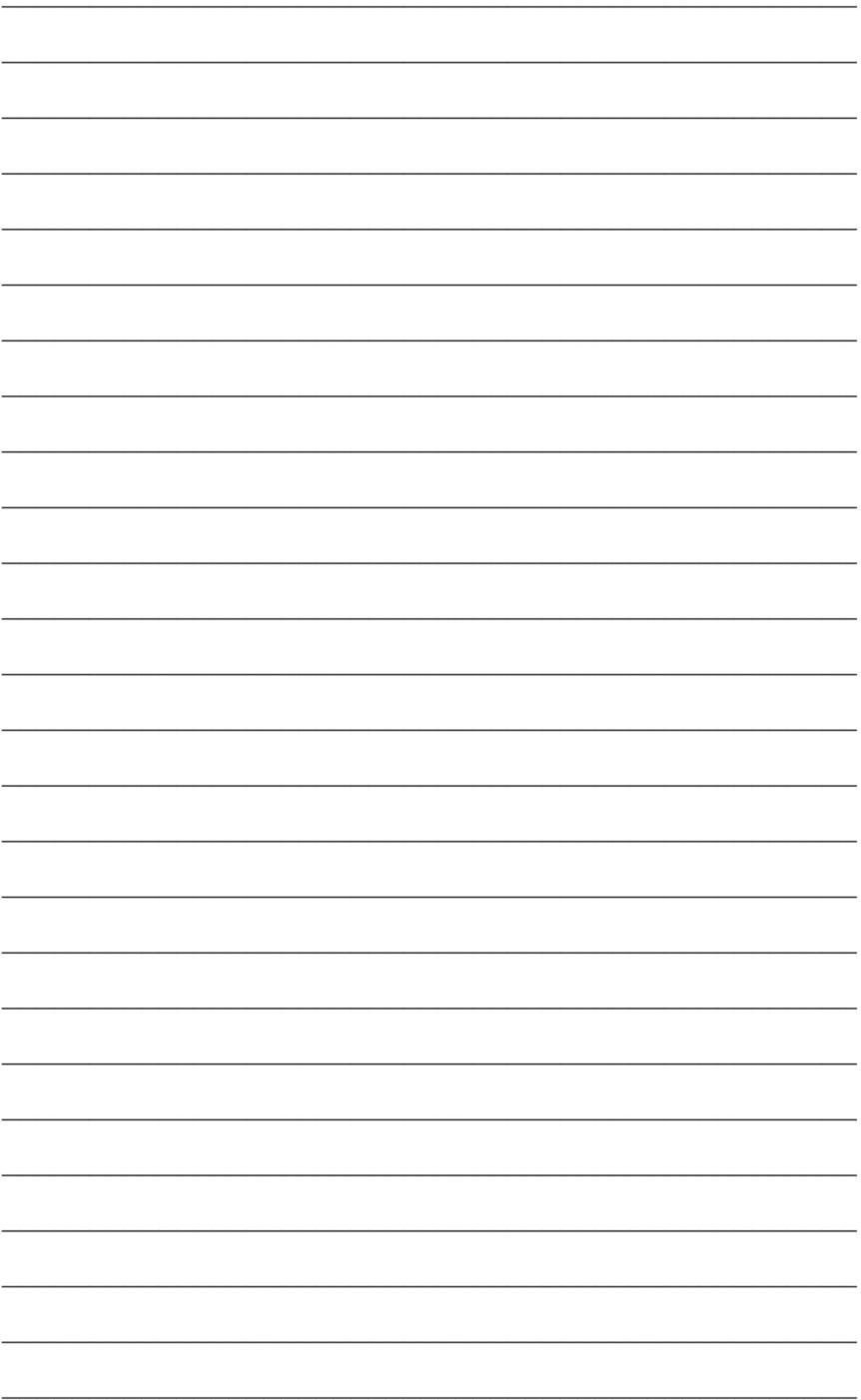






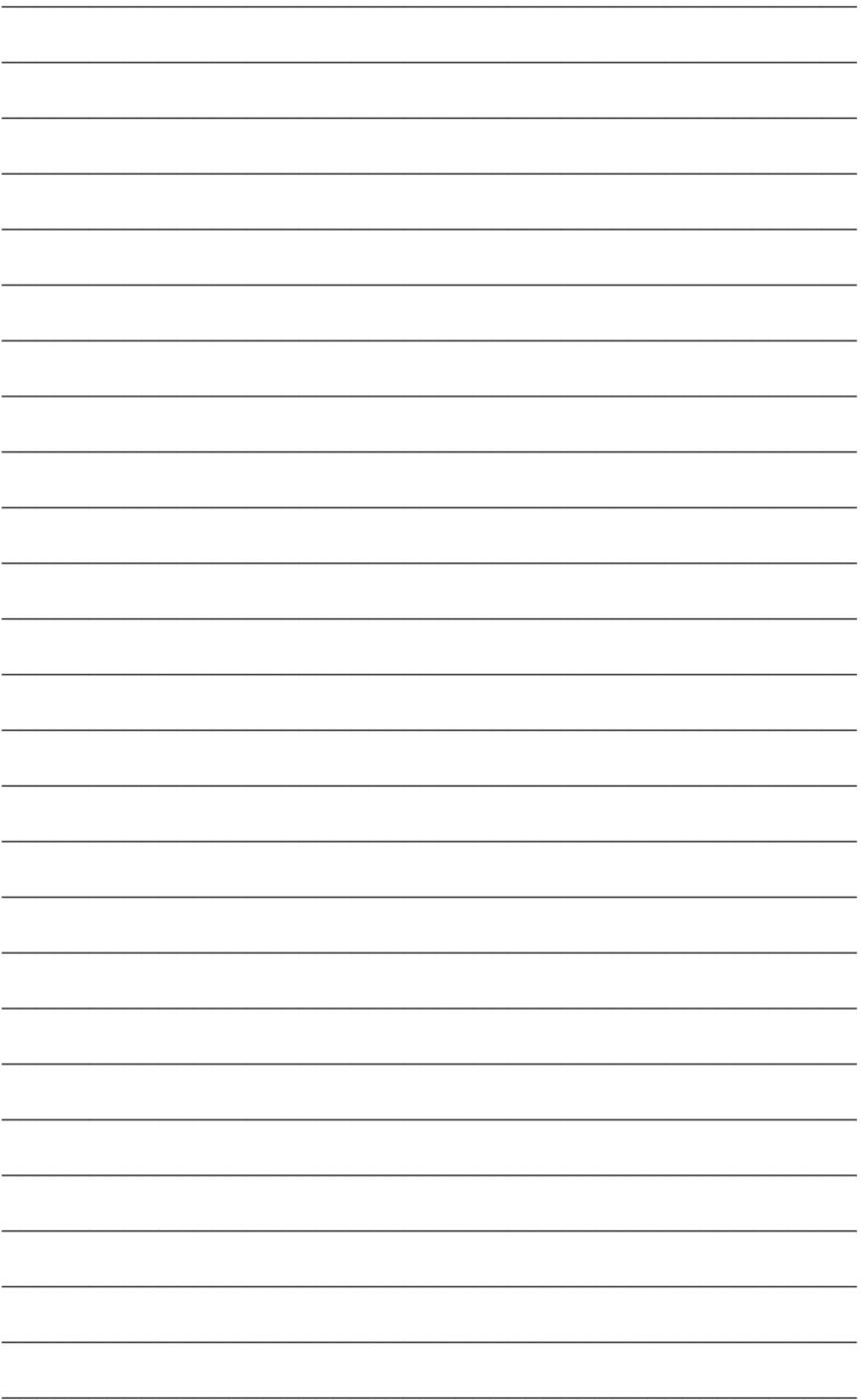
Goodness is love in action, love with its hands to the plow, love with the burden on its back, love following His footsteps who went about continually doing good.

- James H. Hamilton

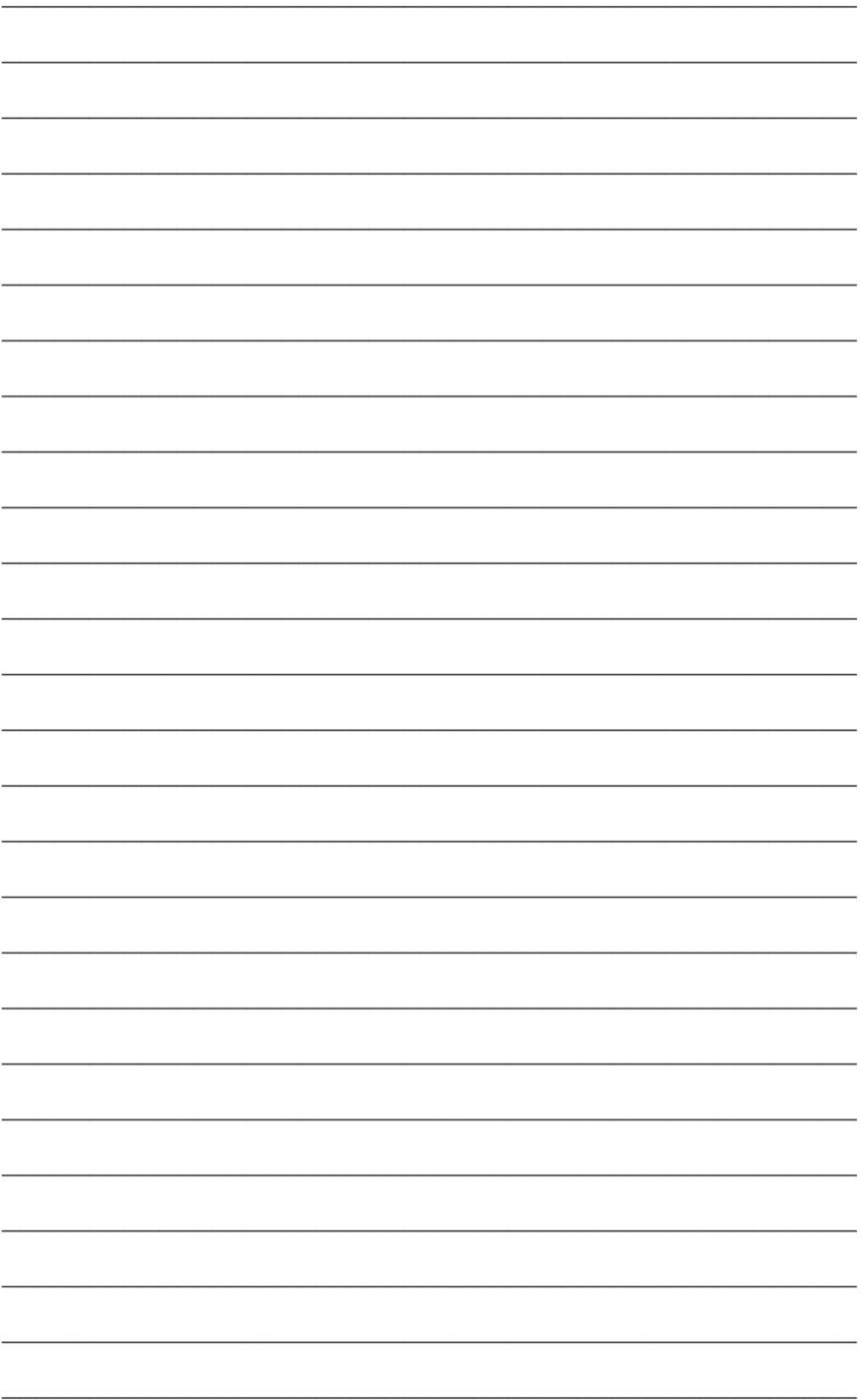


To please God... to be a real ingredient in the divine happiness... to be loved by God, not merely pitied, but delighted in, as an artist delights in this work or a father in a son... it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which your thoughts can hardly sustain. But it is so!

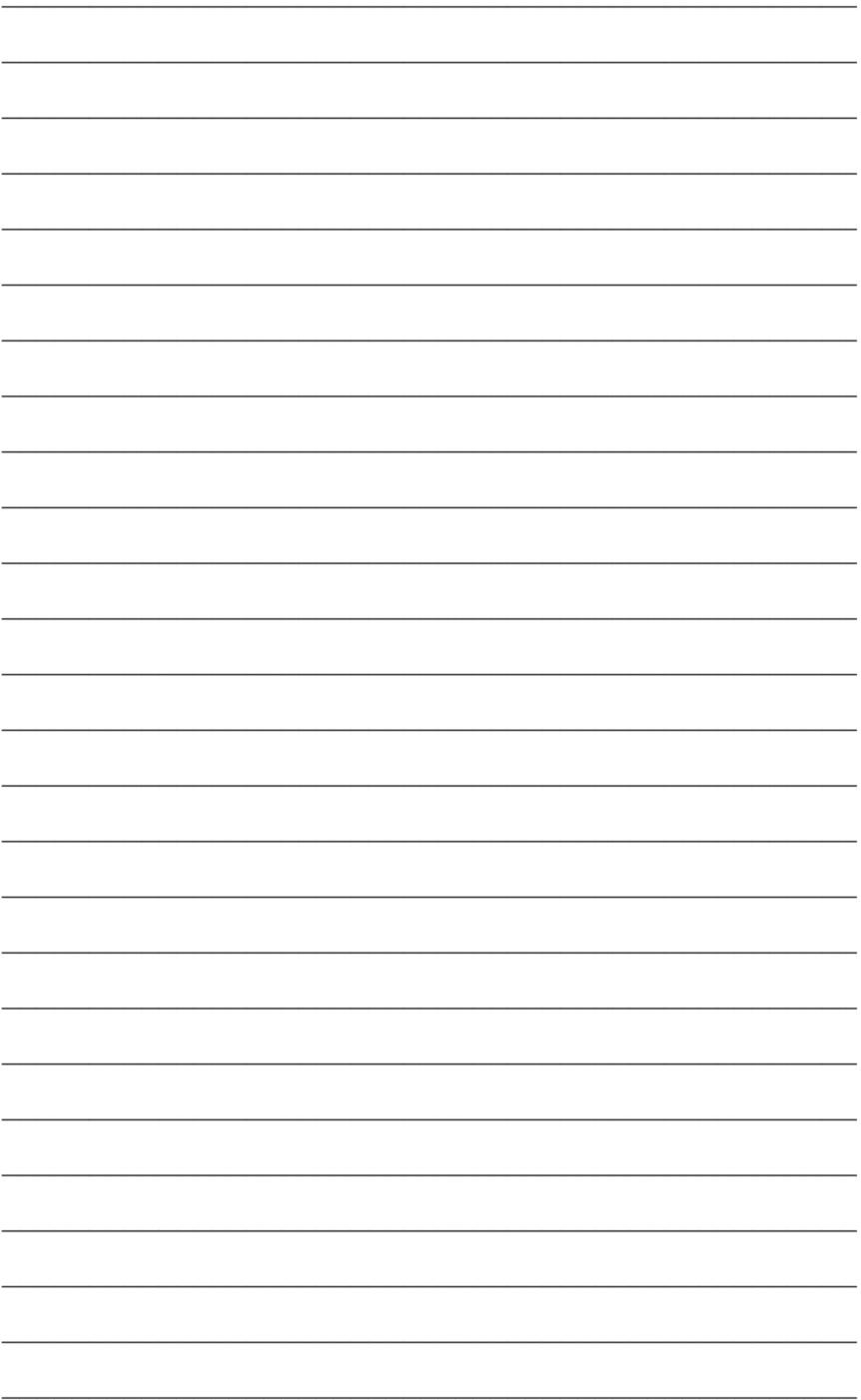
- C. S. Lewis











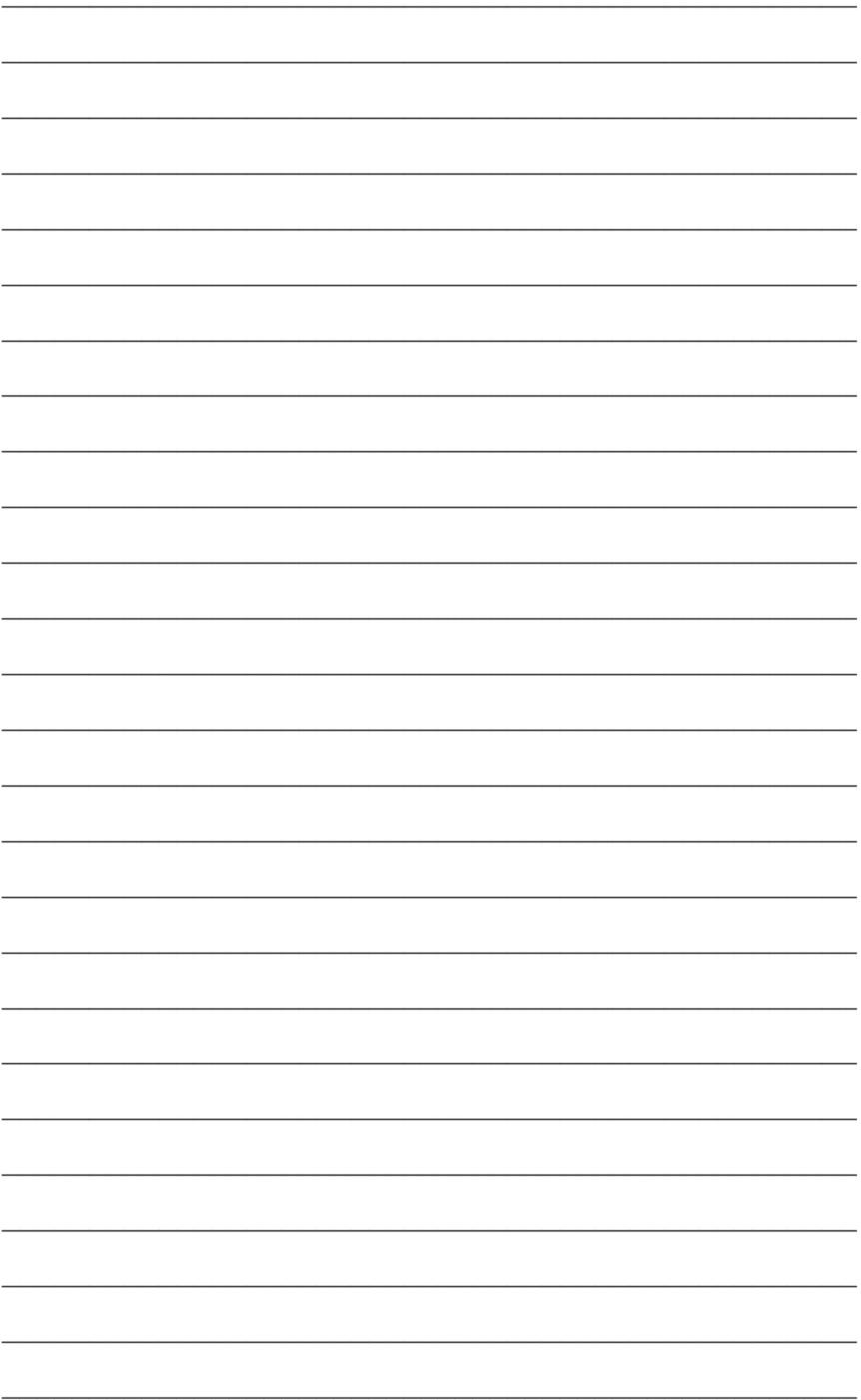
*Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear;  
only love can do that.*

*Hatred paralyses life; love releases it.*

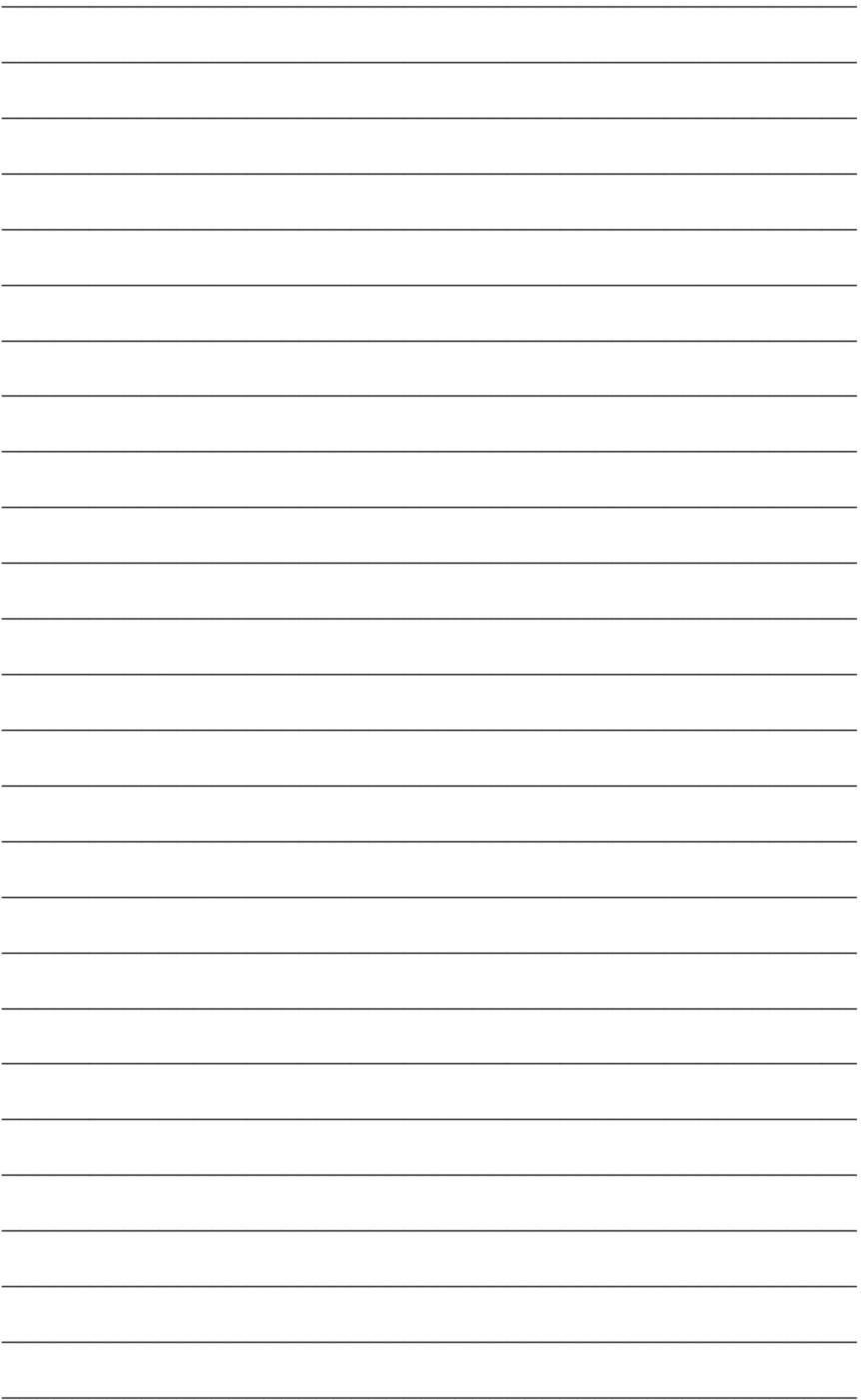
*Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.*

*Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

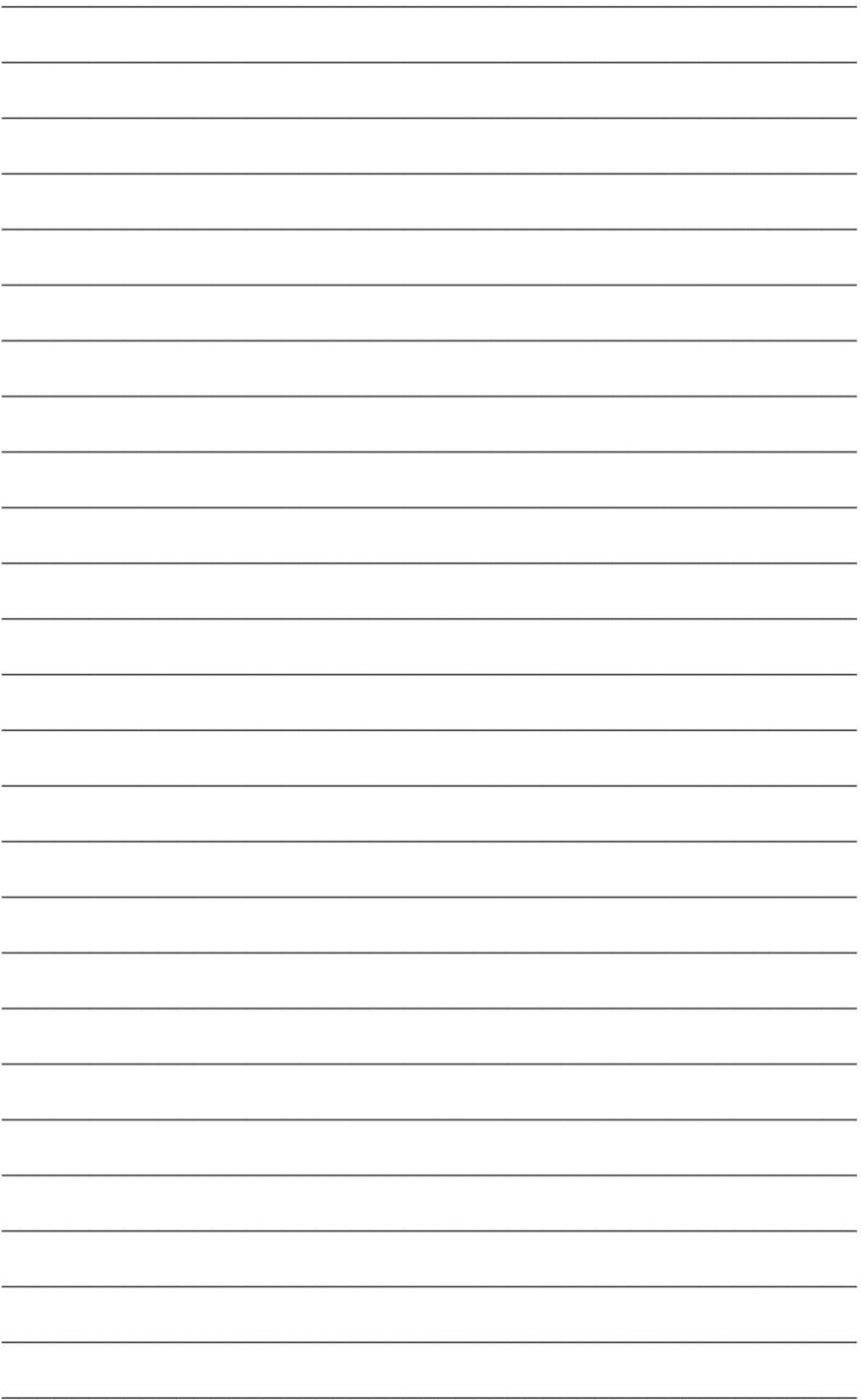




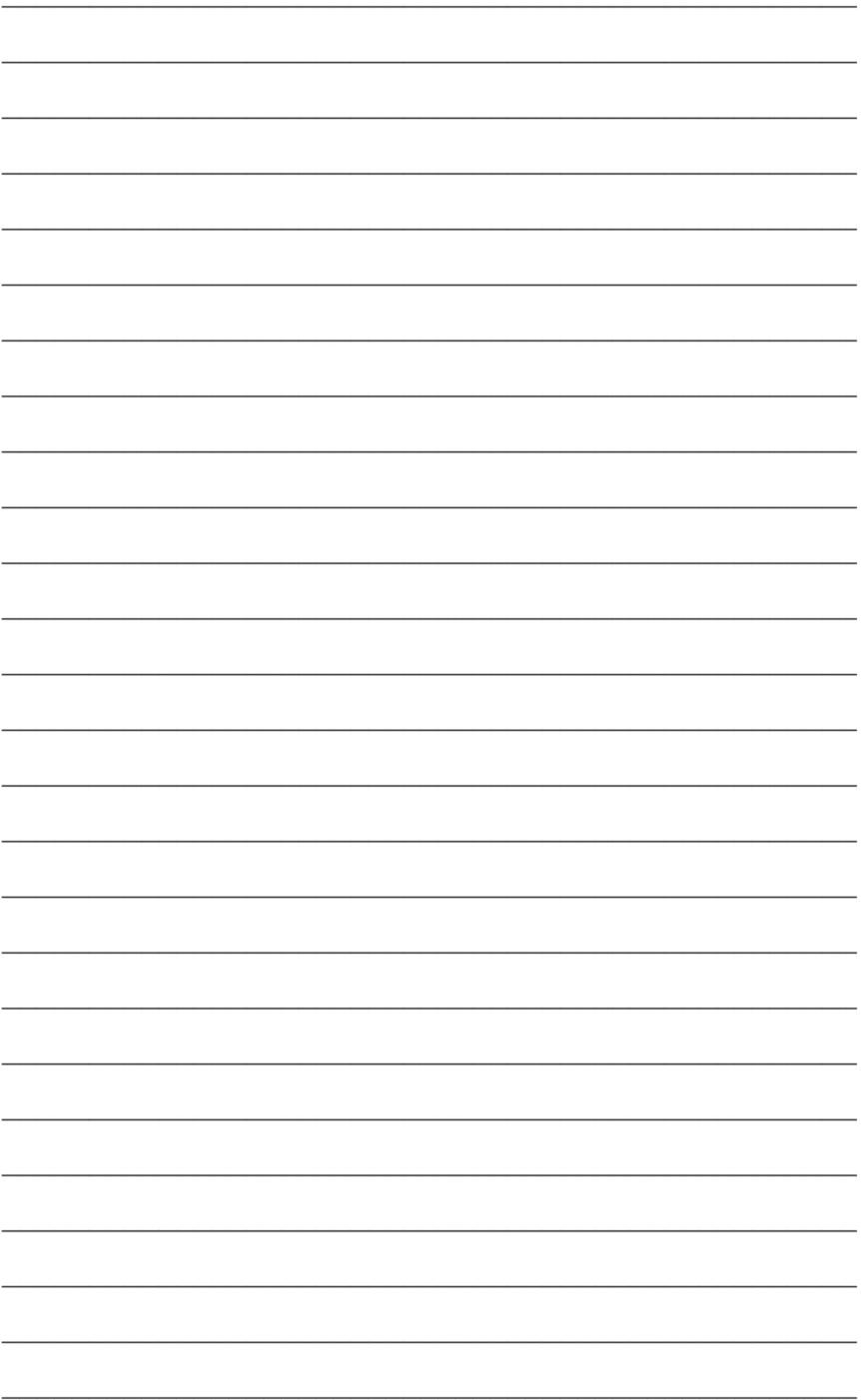


*Live your human task in the liberating certainty that nothing in the world can separate you from God's love for you.*

*- Brakkenstein Community of Blessed Sacrament Fathers*

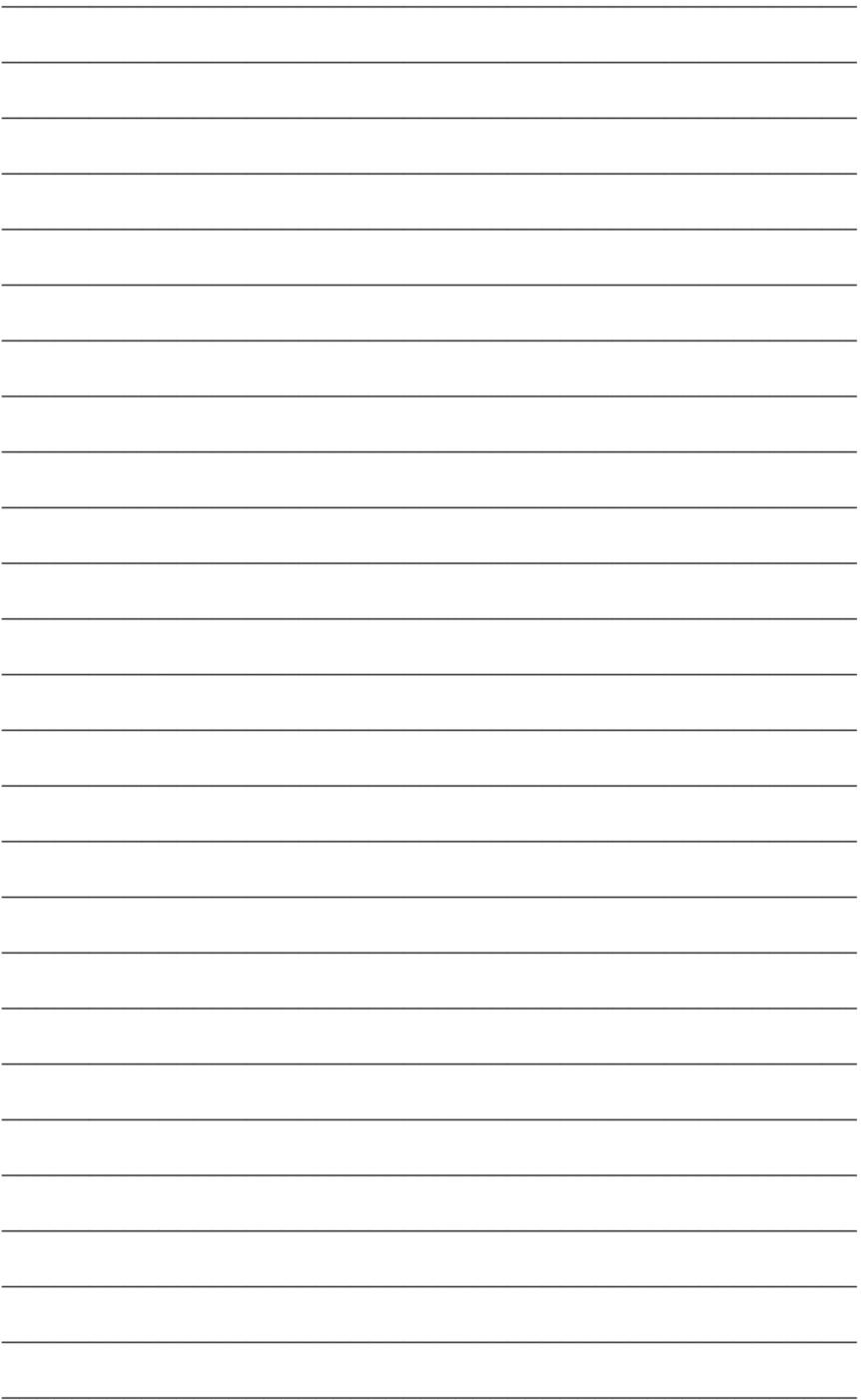






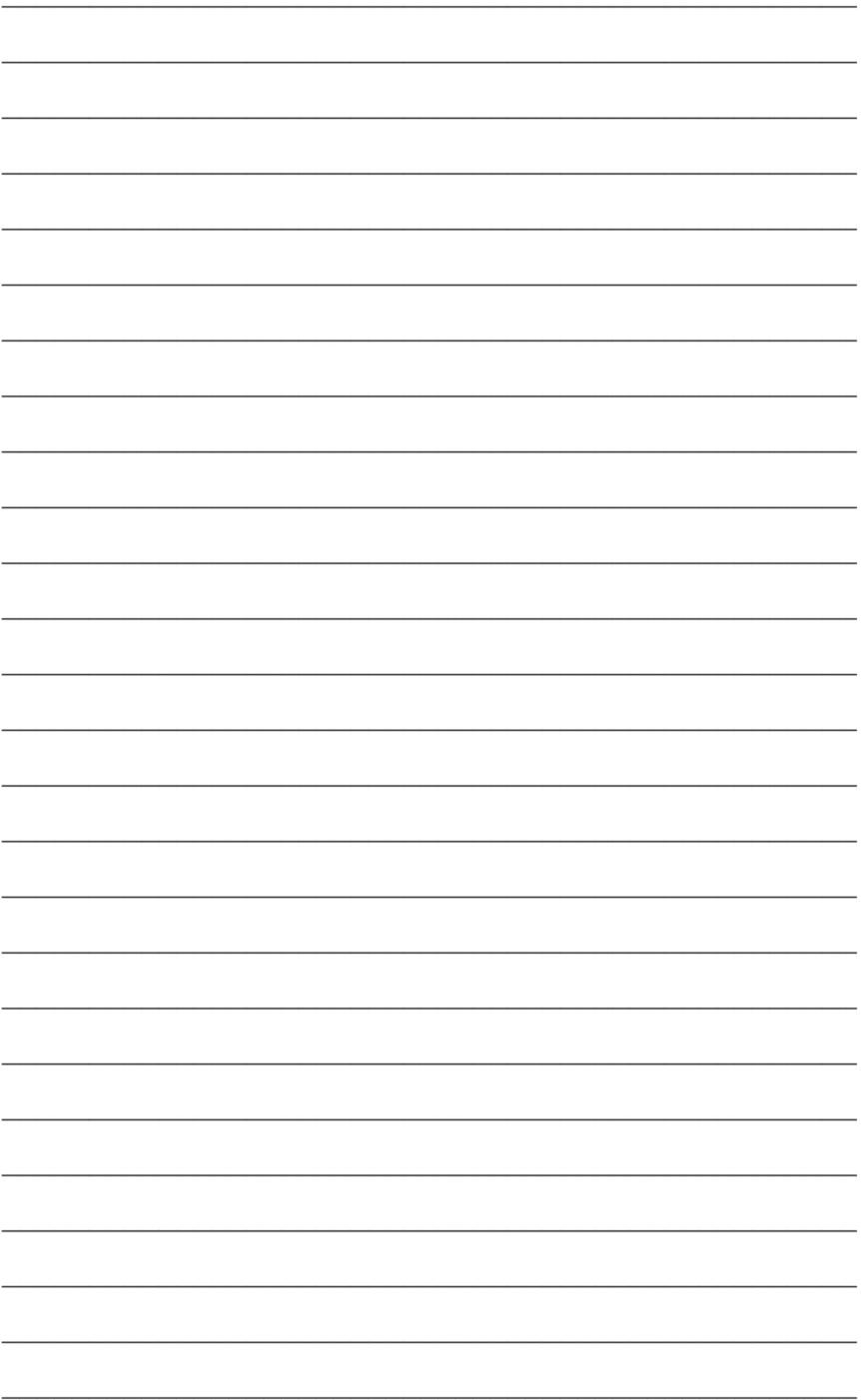
Not tongues nor faith nor prophecy nor knowledge nor  
martyrdom nor philanthropy, but love is the Christian's mark  
of distinction.

- Vance Havner



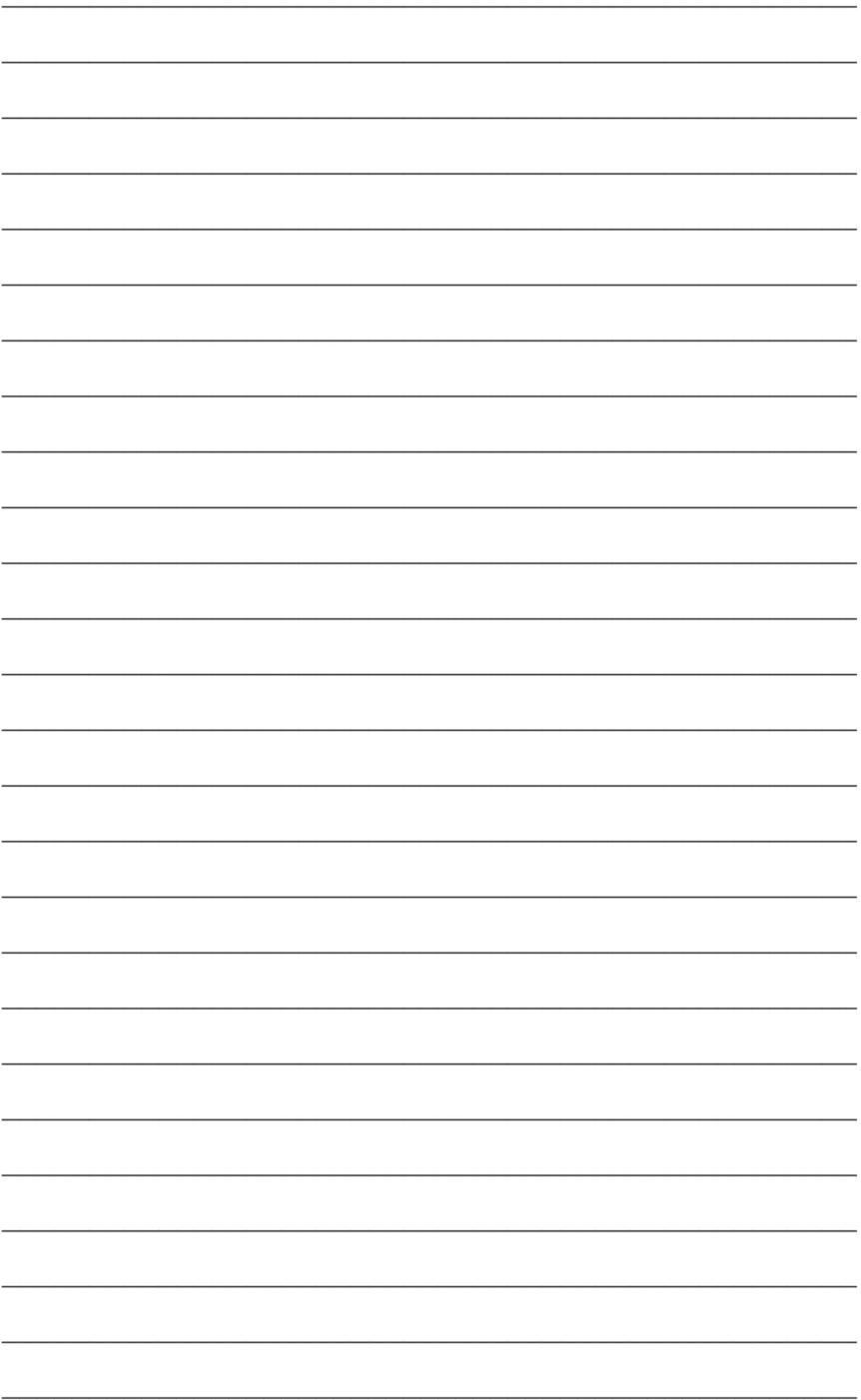
*To understand is not only to pardon, but in the end to love.*

*- Walter Lippmann*



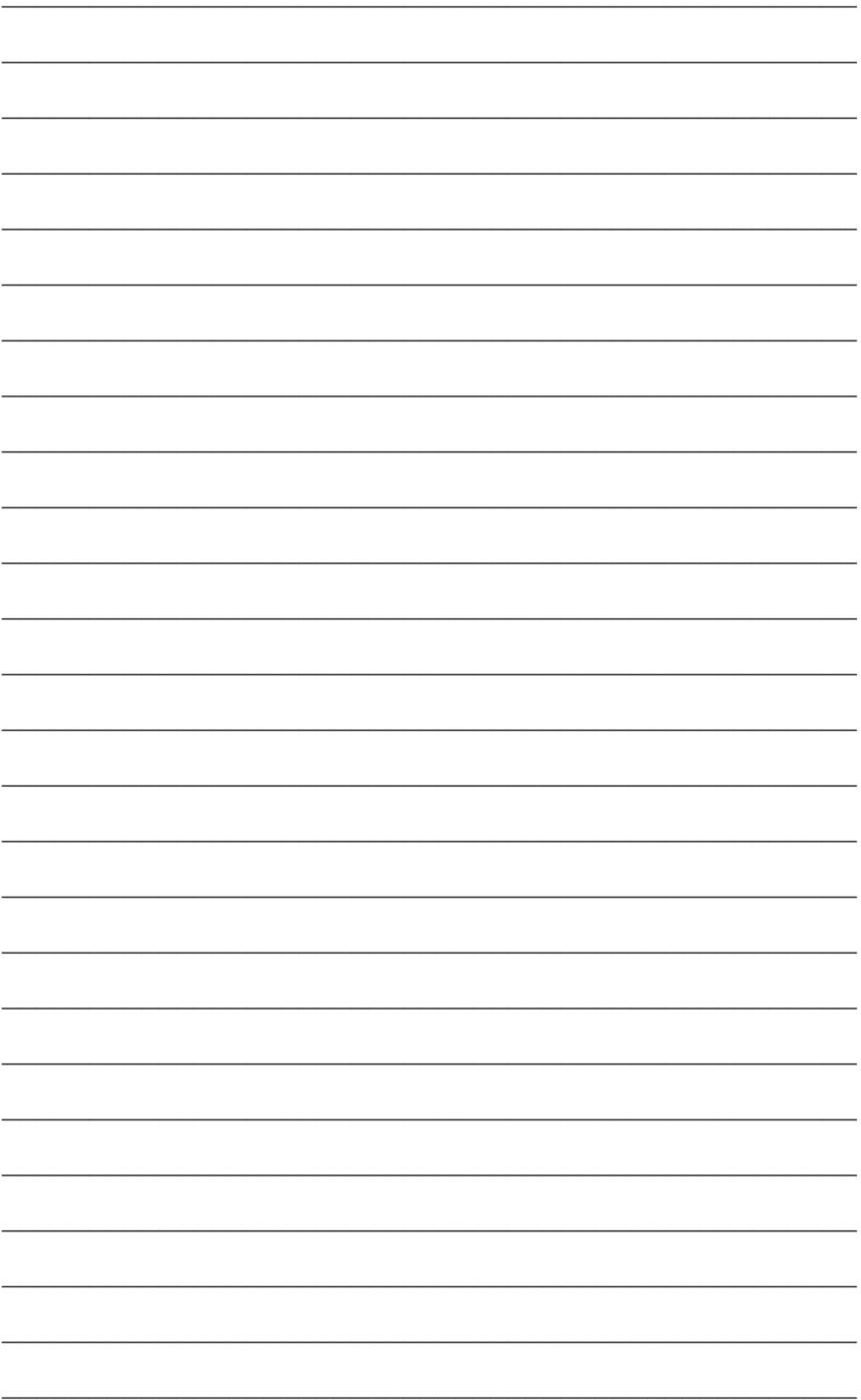
To love what is below the human is degradation; to love what is human for the sake of the human is mediocrity; to love the human for the sake of the Divine is enriching; to love the Divine for its own sake is sanctity.

- Fulton J. Sheen



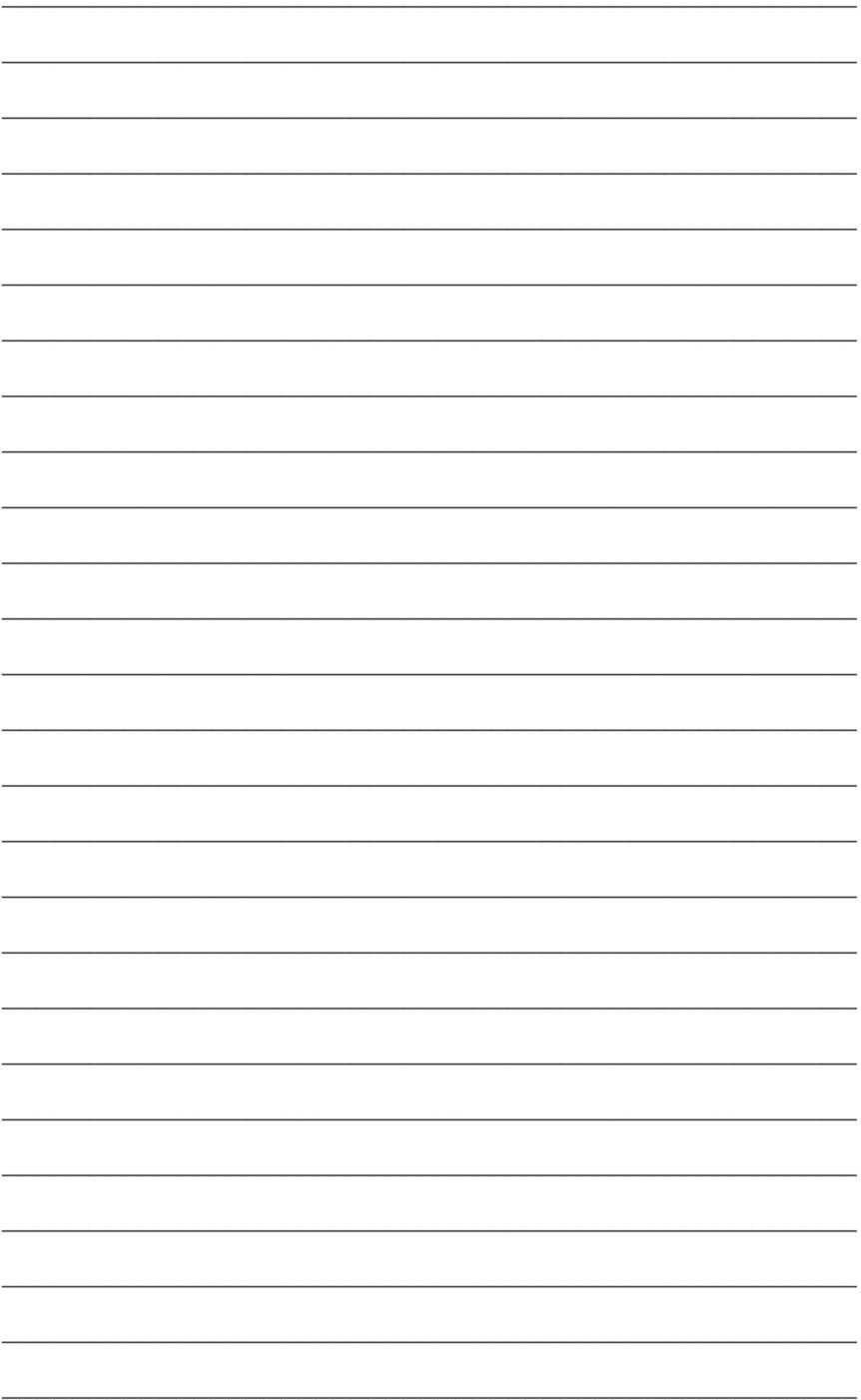
There is no greater love than the love that holds on where  
there seems nothing left to hold on to.

- G. W. C. Thomas

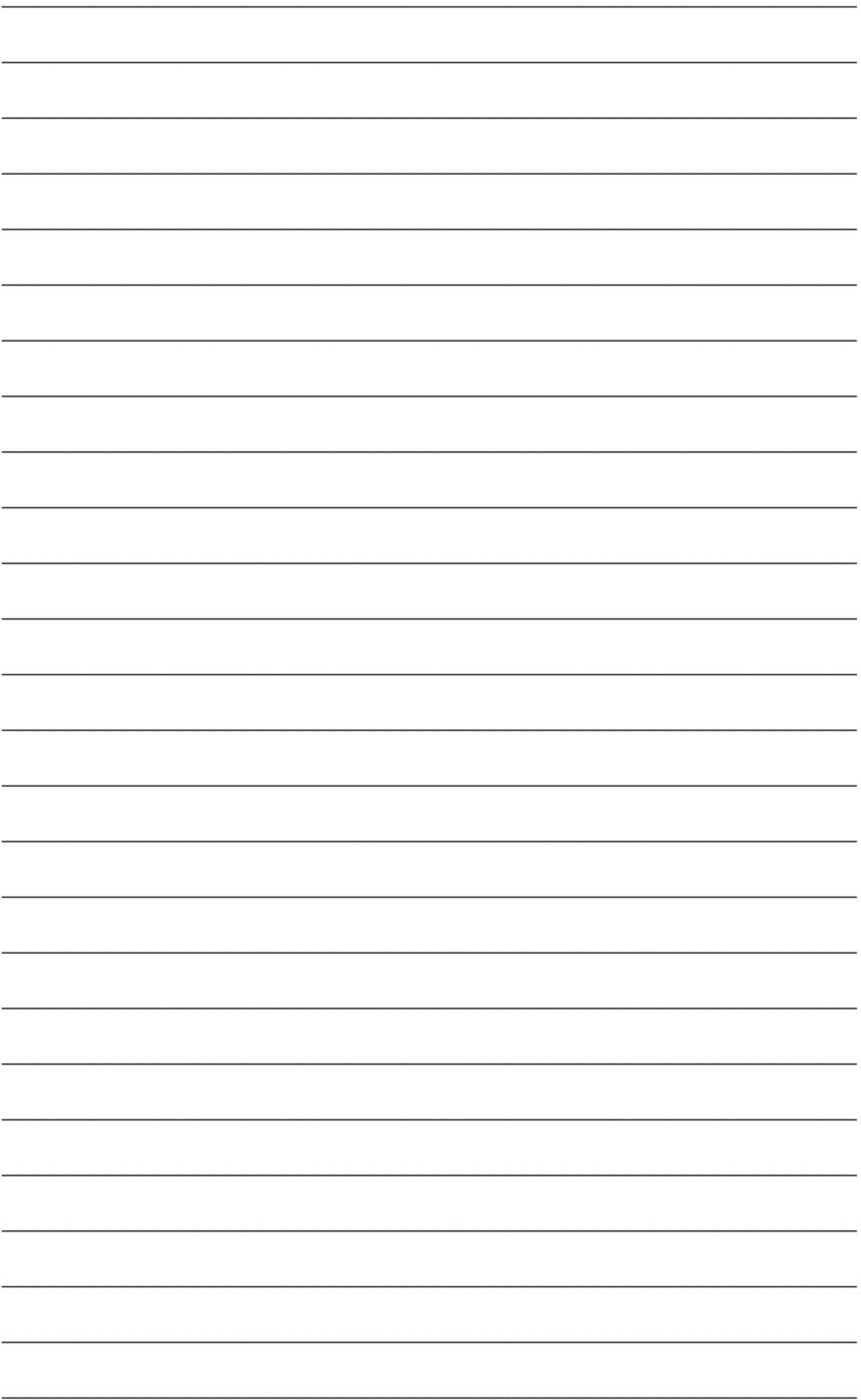


The loneliest place in the world is the human heart when love is absent.

- Unknown

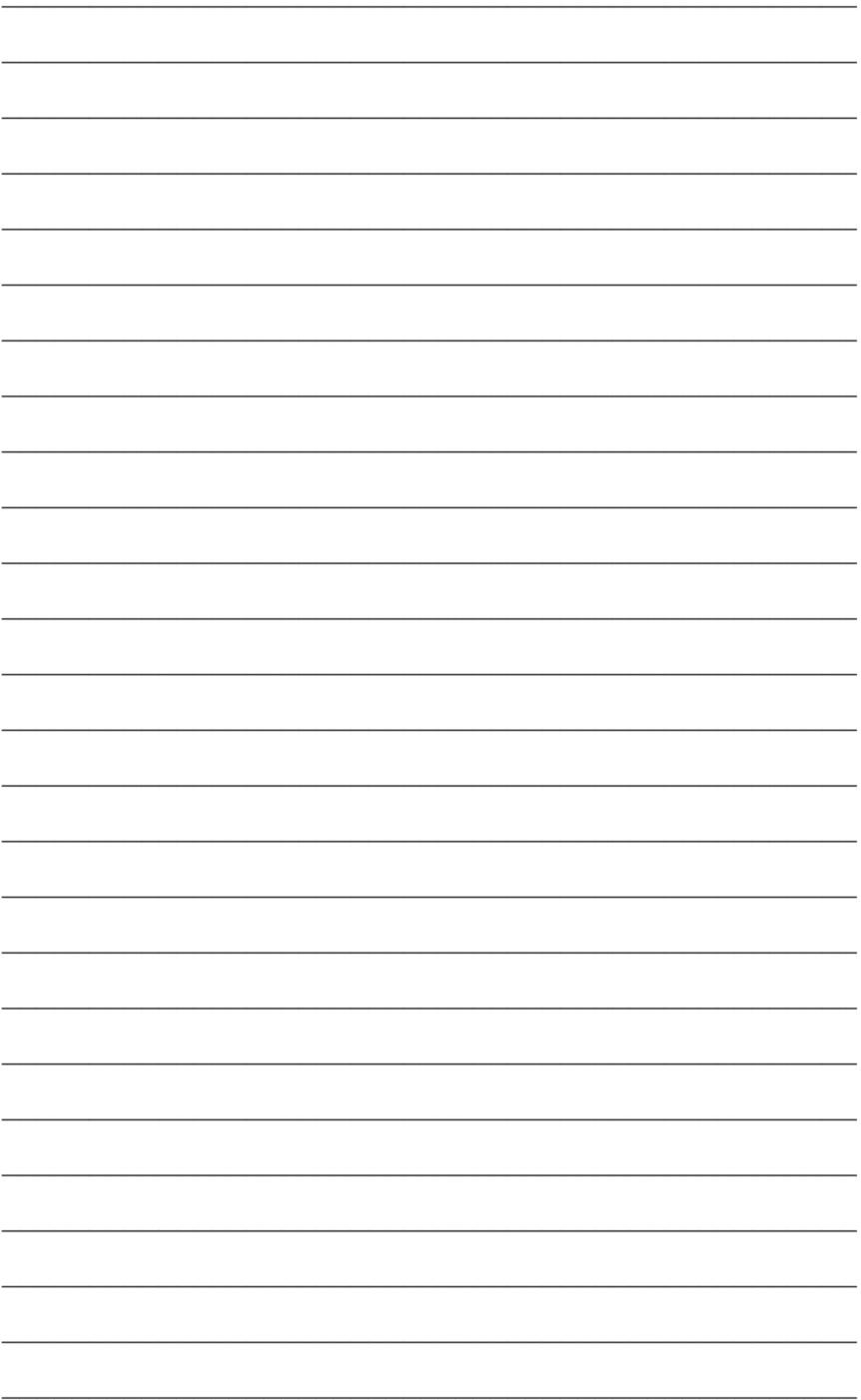






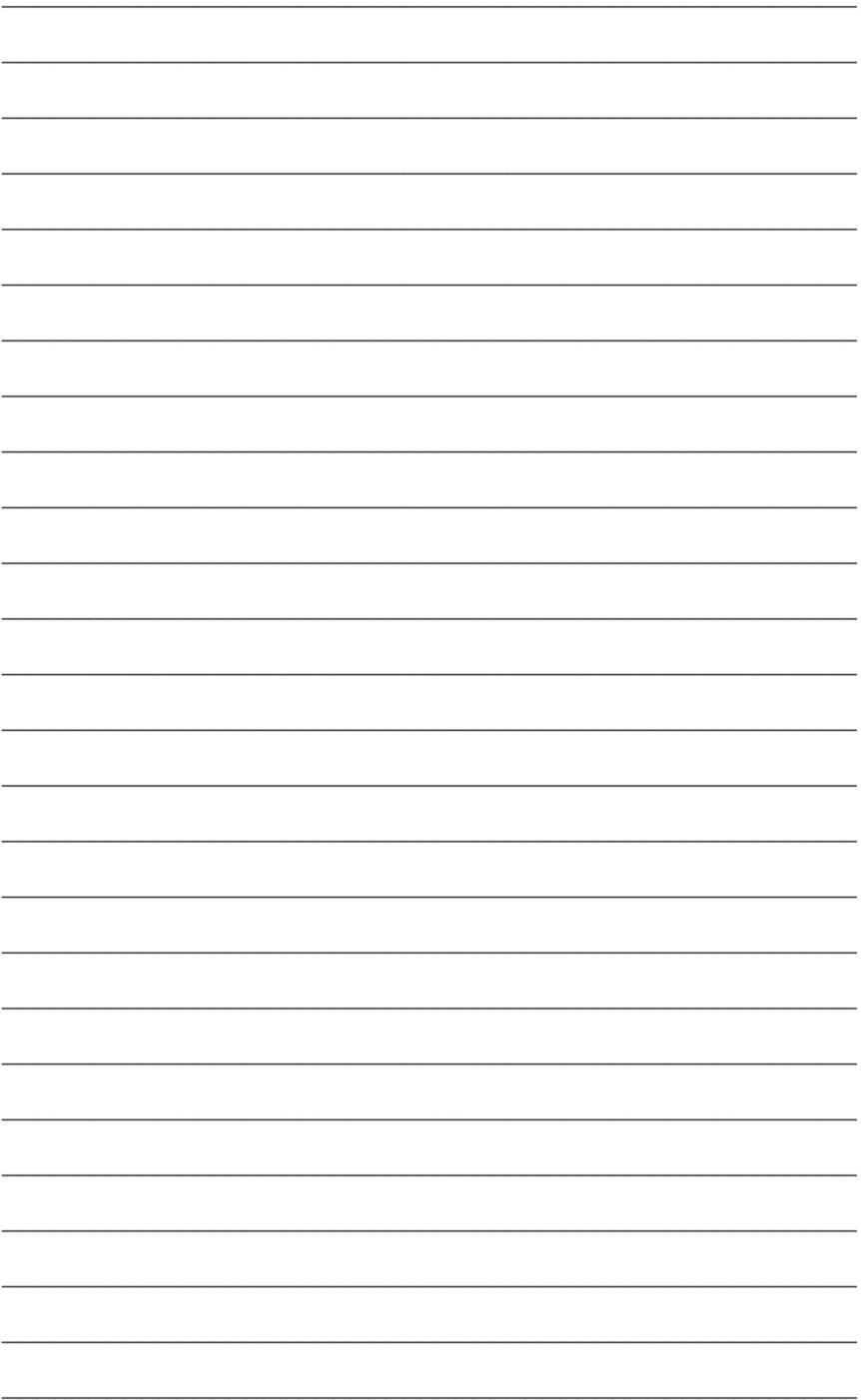
The problem of reconciling human suffering with the existence of a God who loves, is only insoluble so long as we attach a trivial meaning to the word "love."

- C. S. Lewis



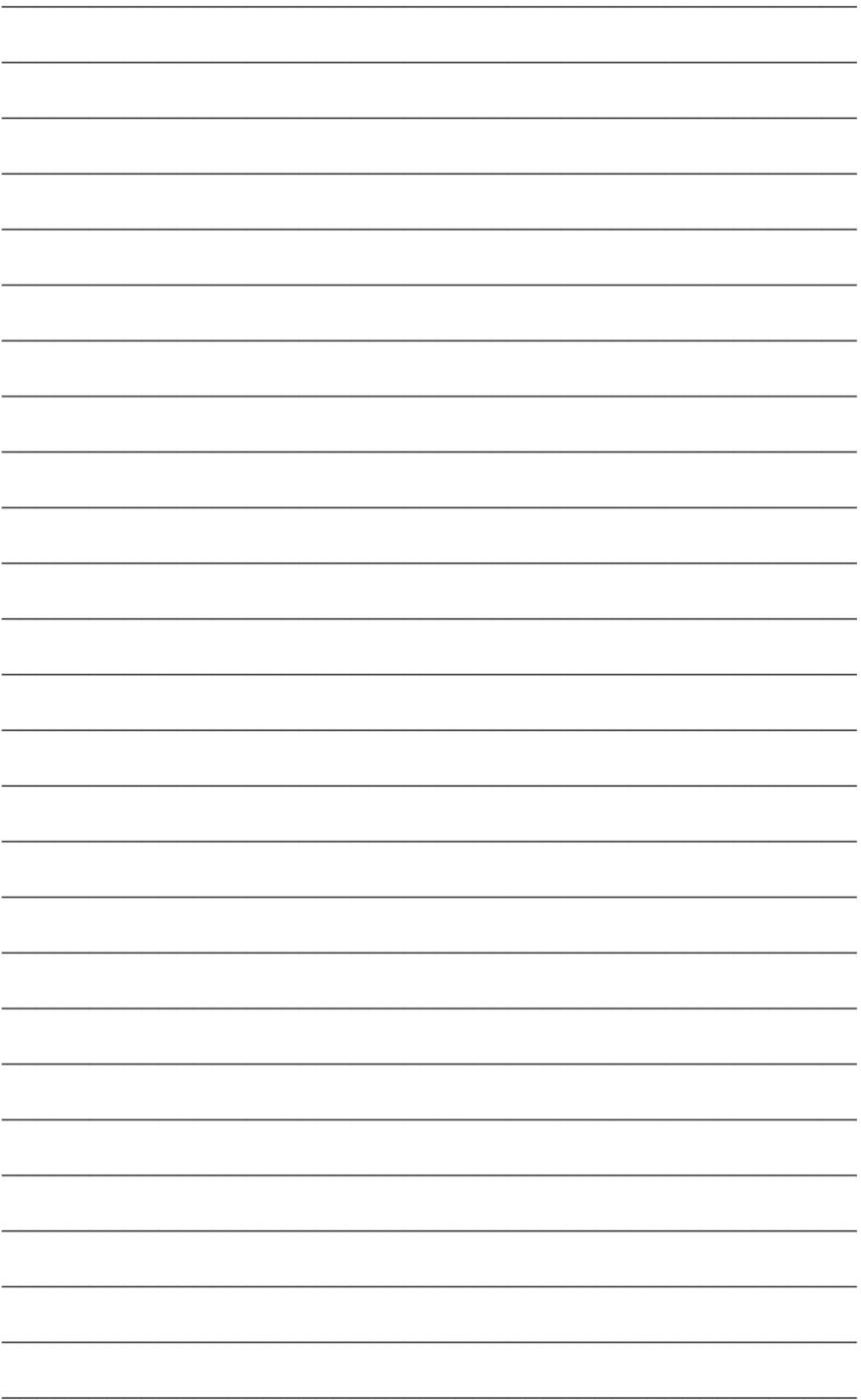
Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. This is what love looks like.

- Augustine

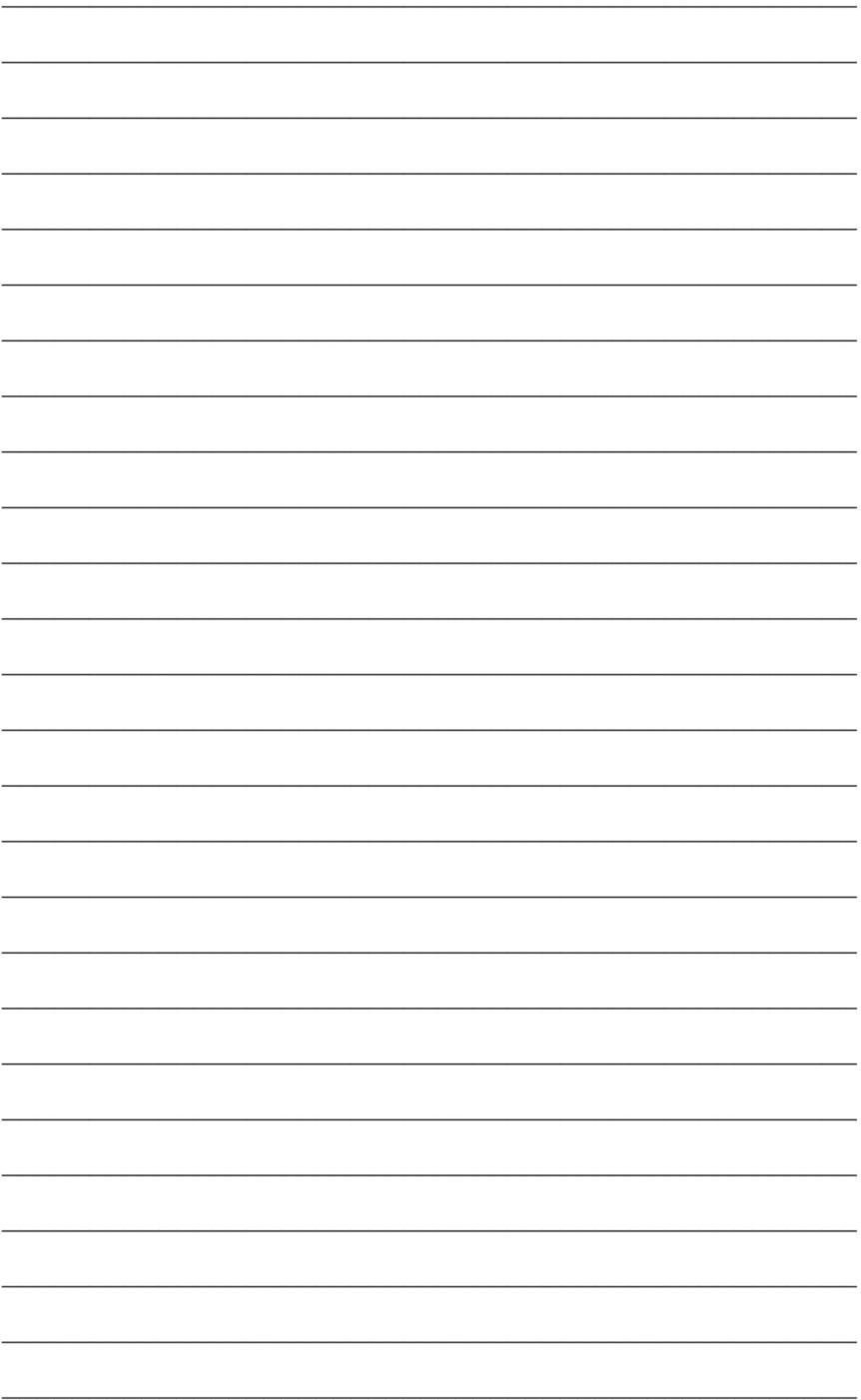


Love is the one business in which it pays to be an absolute spendthrift; give it away; throw it away; splash it over; empty your pockets; shake the basket; and tomorrow you'll have more than ever.

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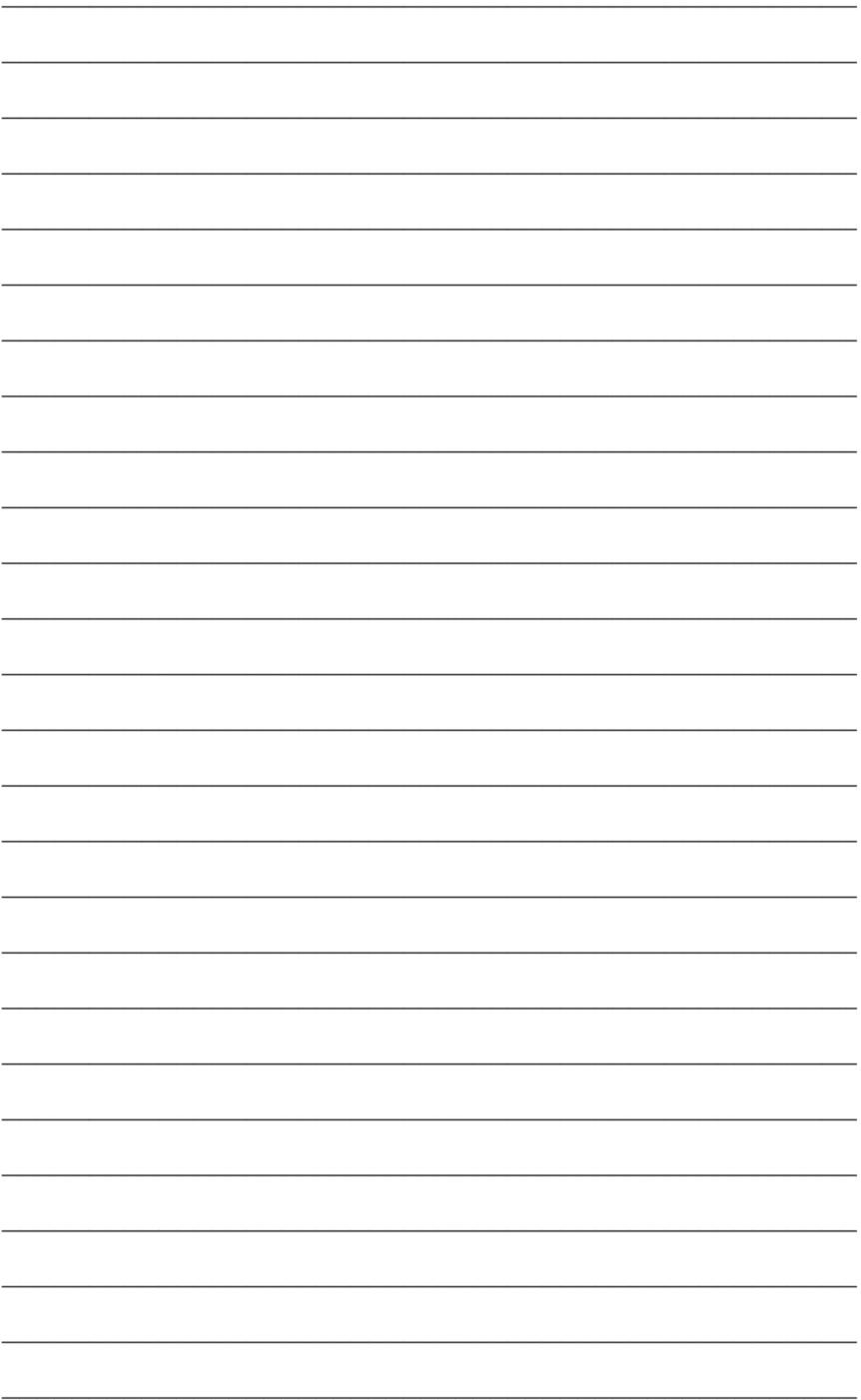






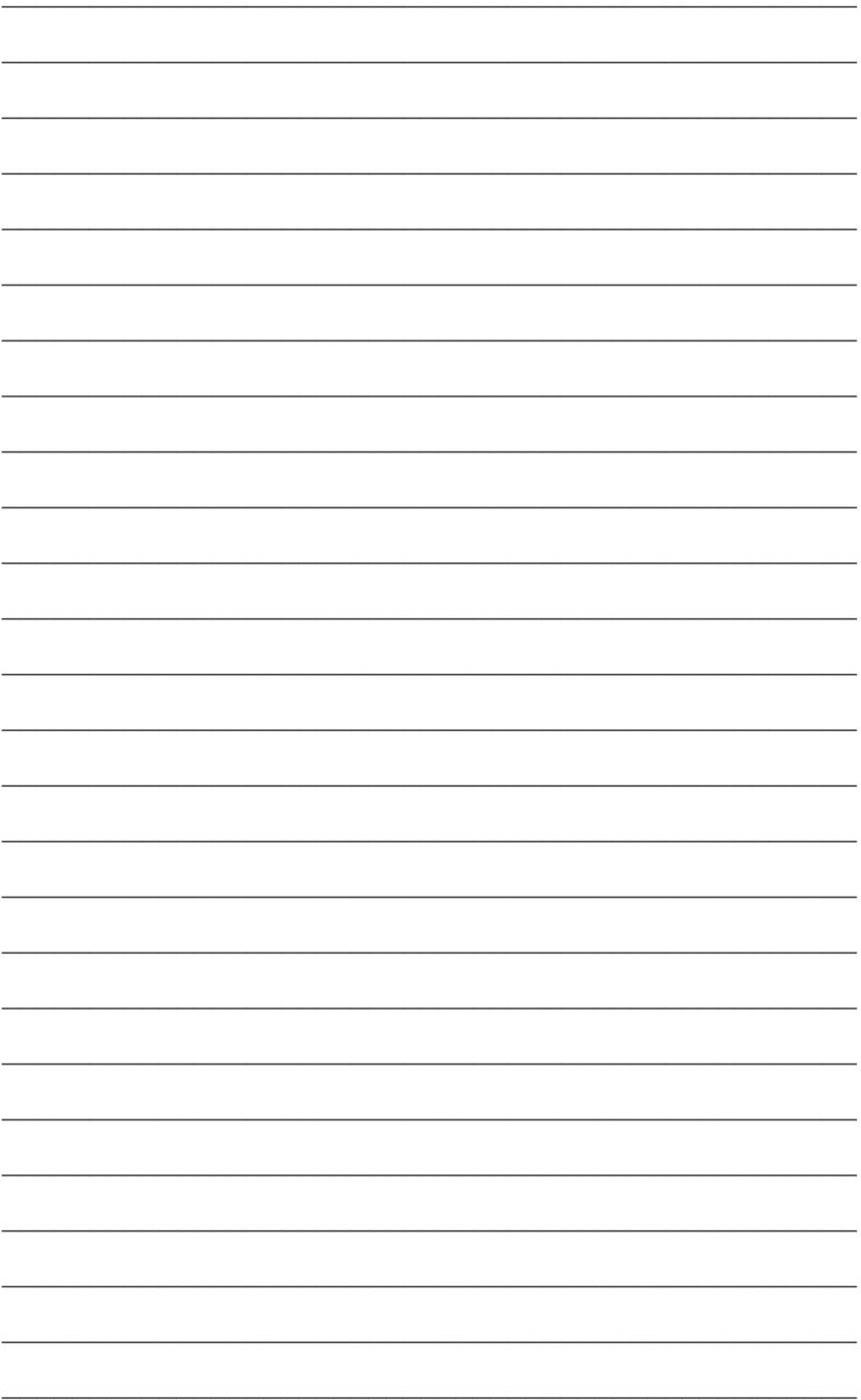
The truth about man is that he needs to be loved the most when he deserves it the least. Only God can fulfill this incredible need. Only God can provide a love so deep it saves from the depths.

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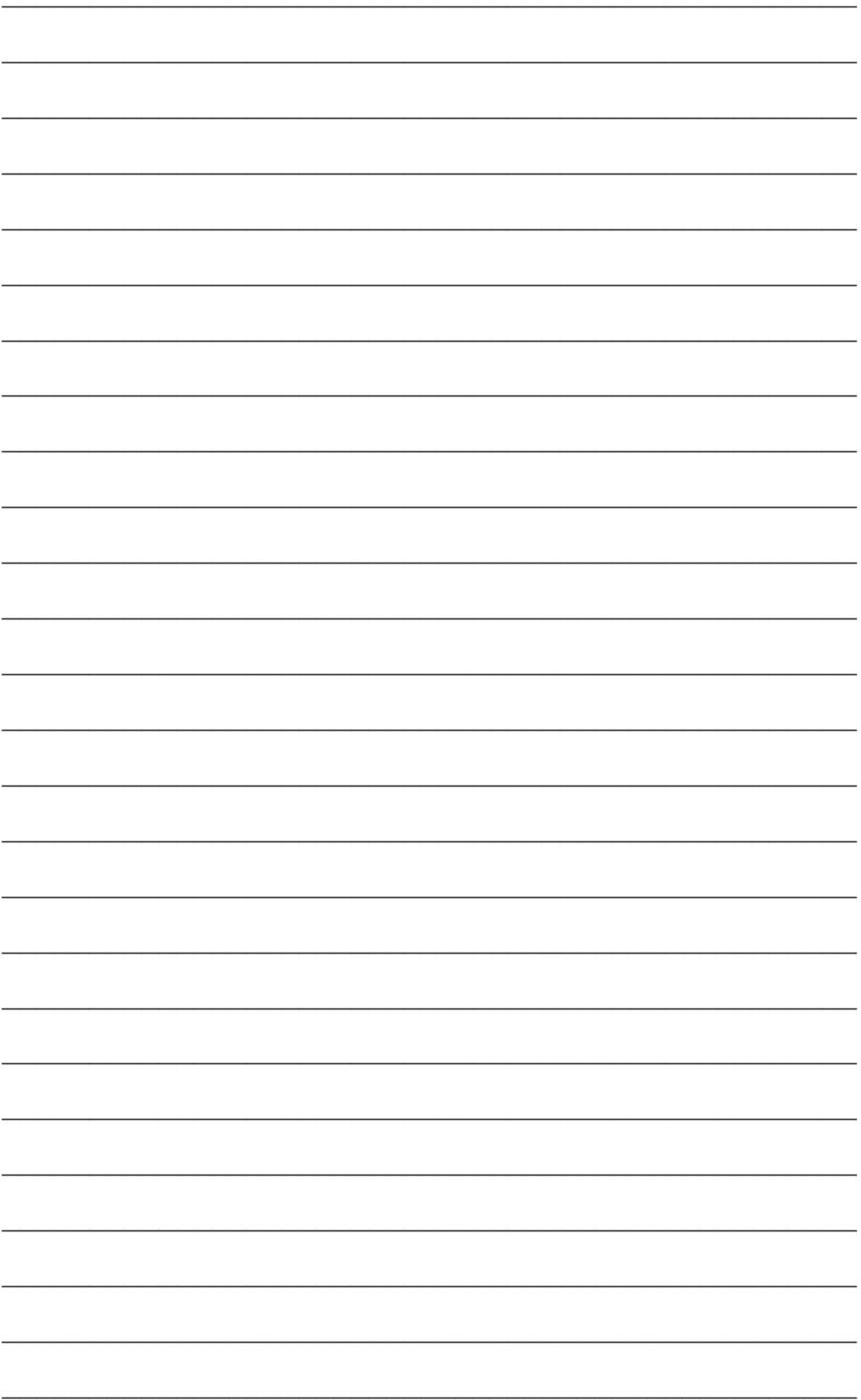
Without Christ I was like a fish out of water. With Christ I  
am in the ocean of love.

- Sadhu Singh



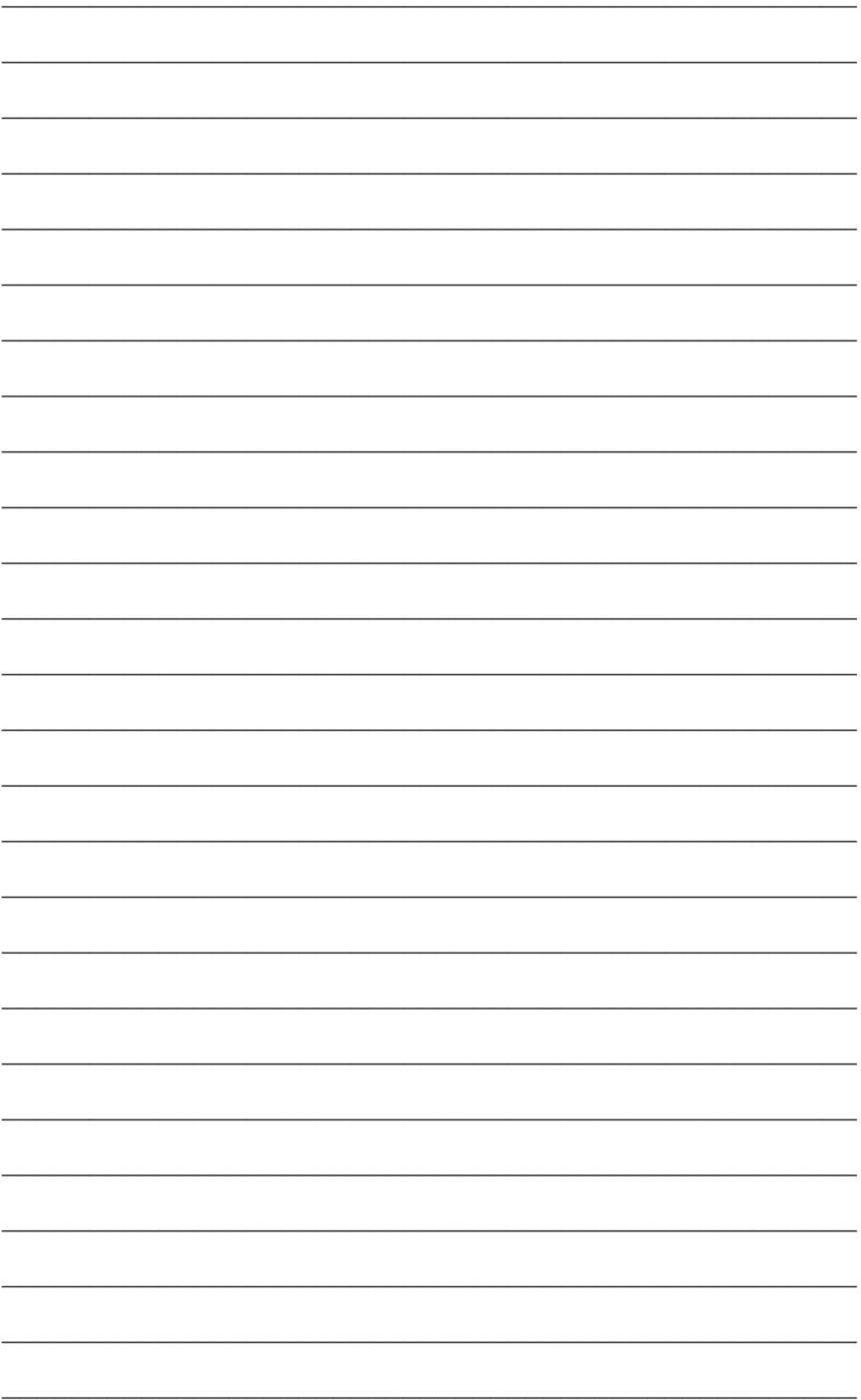
*We grasp for truth and lose it till it comes to us by love.*

*- Madeleine L'Engle*



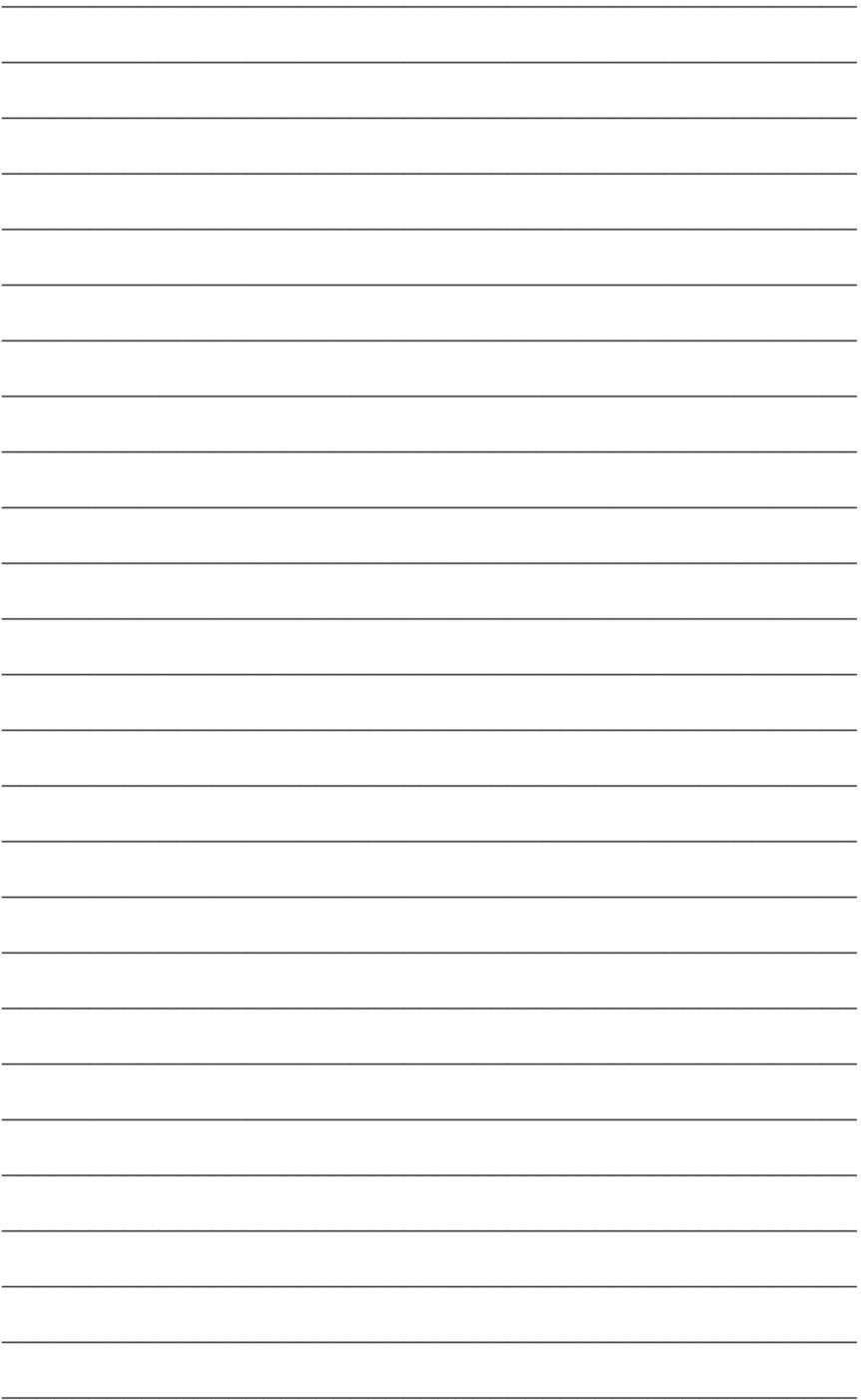
While faith makes all things possible, it is love that makes all things easy.

- Evan Hopkins



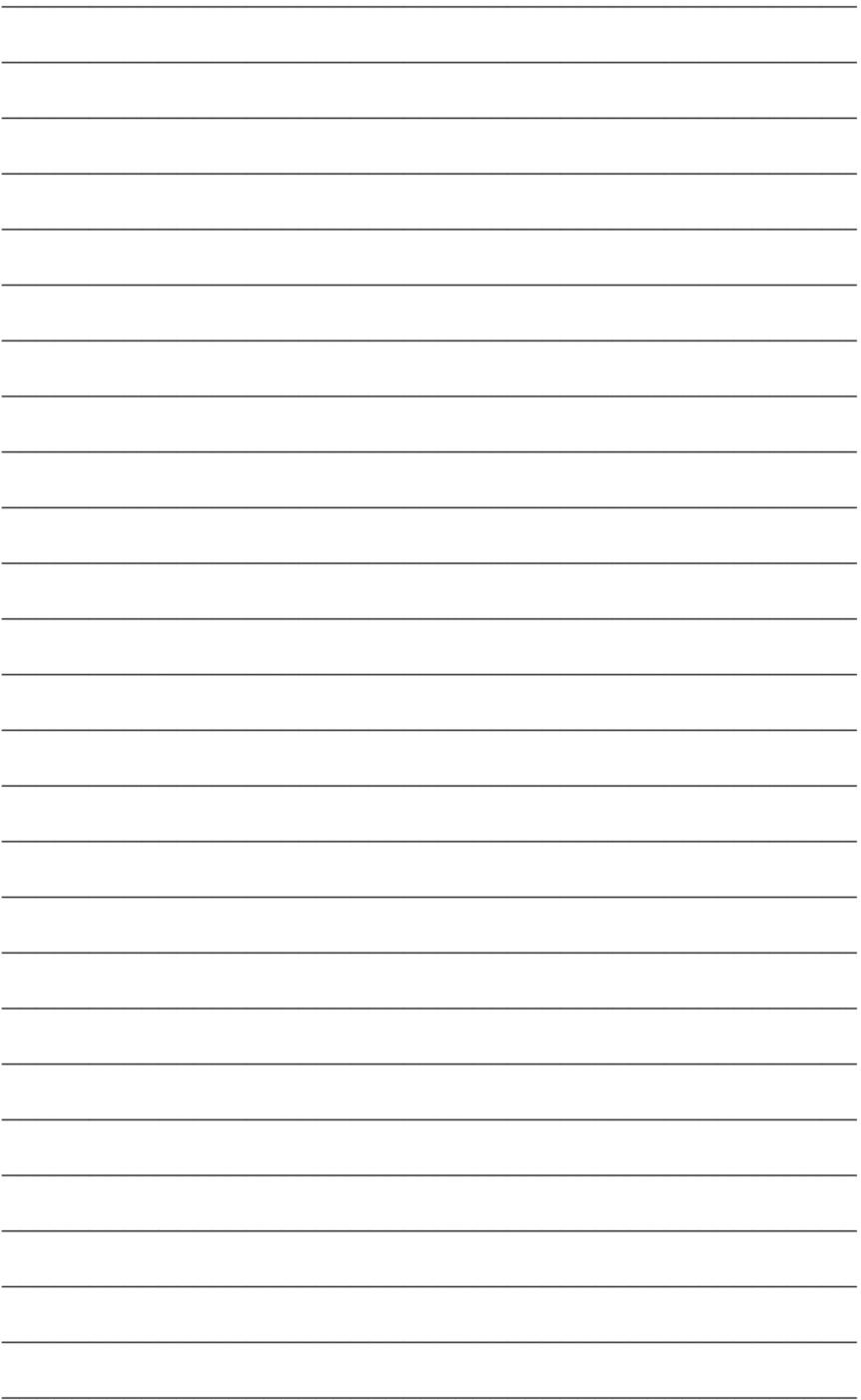
There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved. It is the finger of God on a man's shoulder.

- Charles Morgan



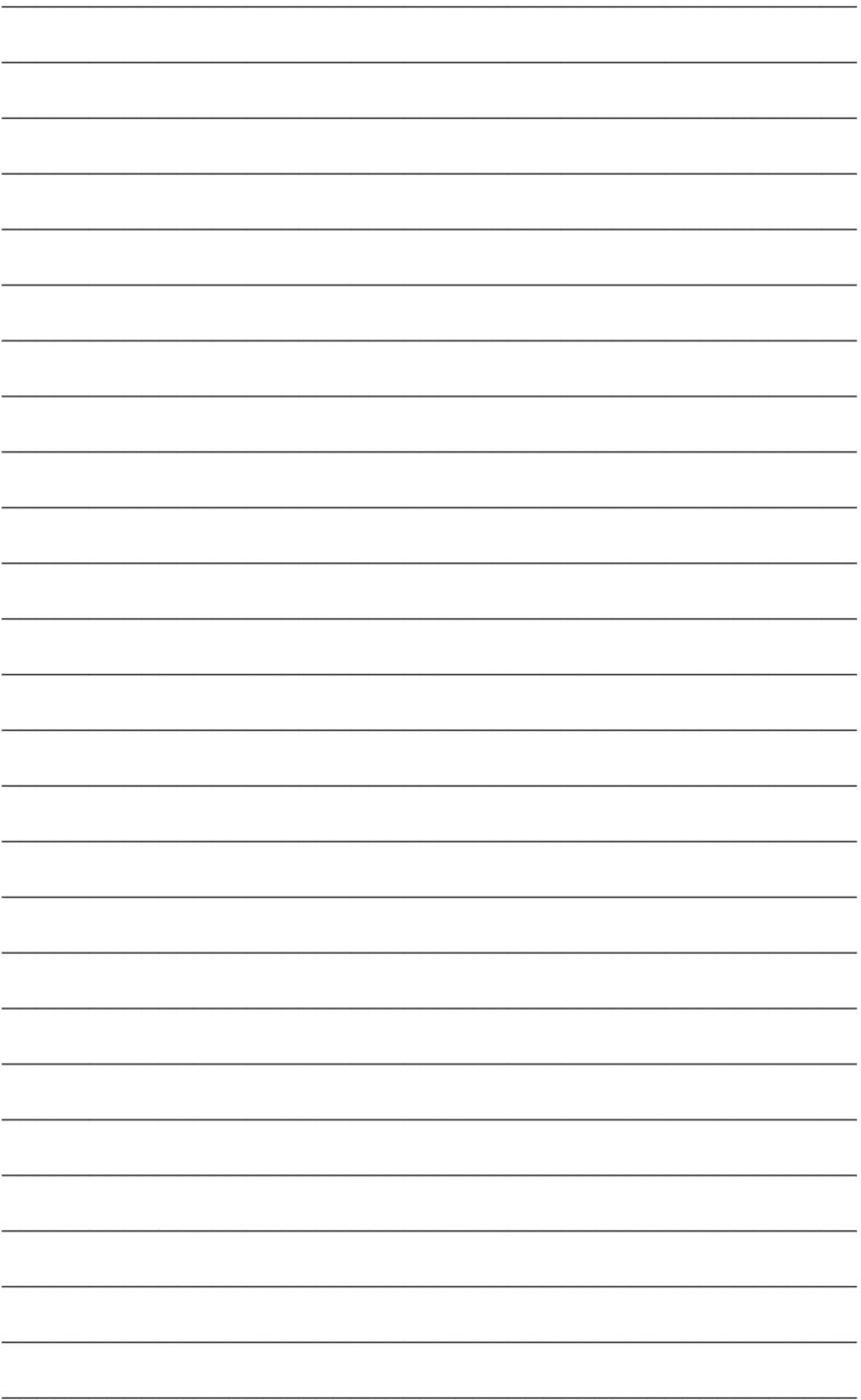
To live well is nothing other than to love God with all one's heart, with all one's soul and with all one's efforts; from this it comes about that love is kept whole and uncorrupted. No misfortune can disturb it. It obeys only [God] and is careful in discerning things, so as not to be surprised by deceit or trickery.

- Augustine of Hippo



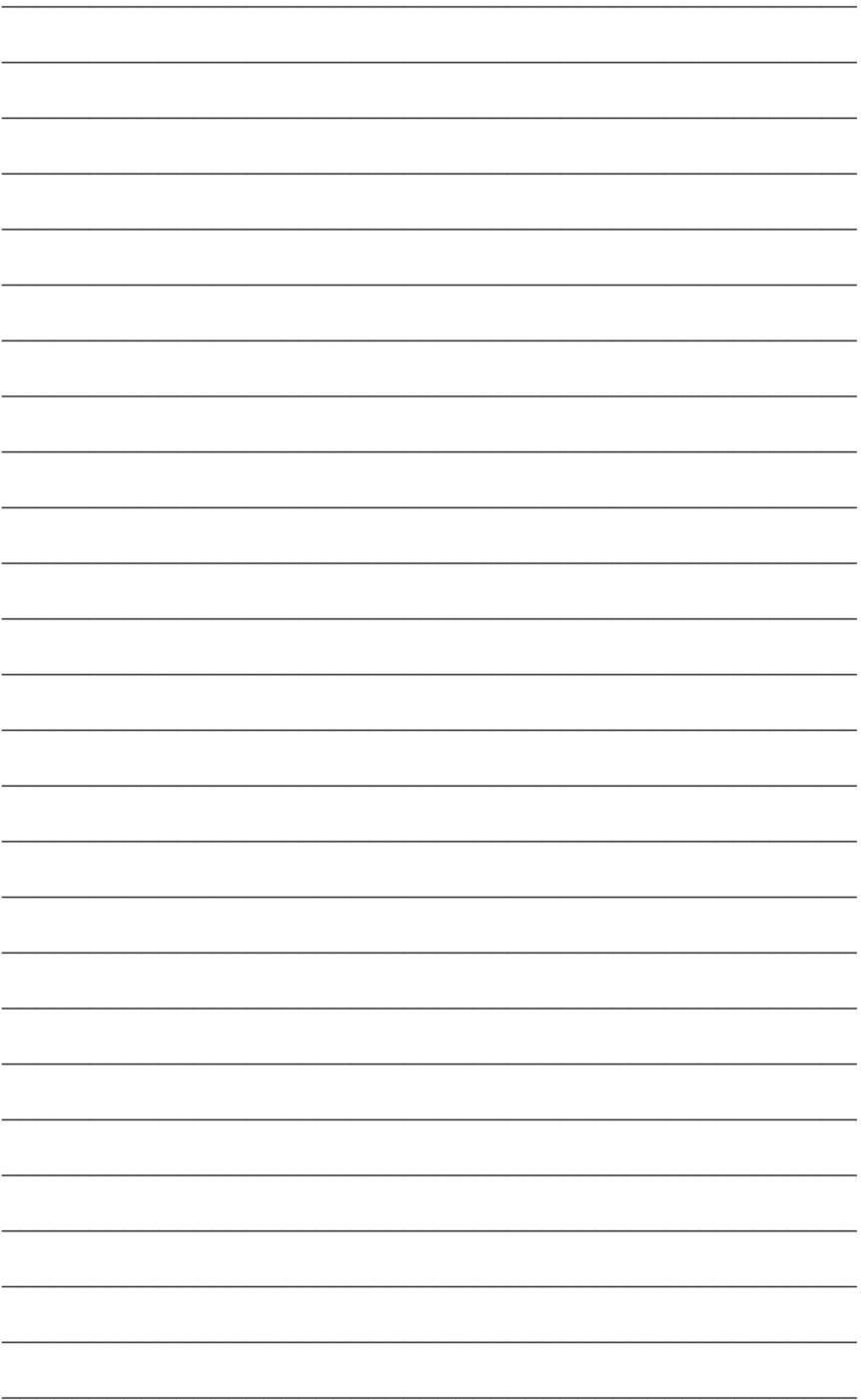
Family life is too intimate to be preserved by the spirit of justice. It can be sustained by a spirit of love which goes beyond justice.

- Reinhold Niebahr

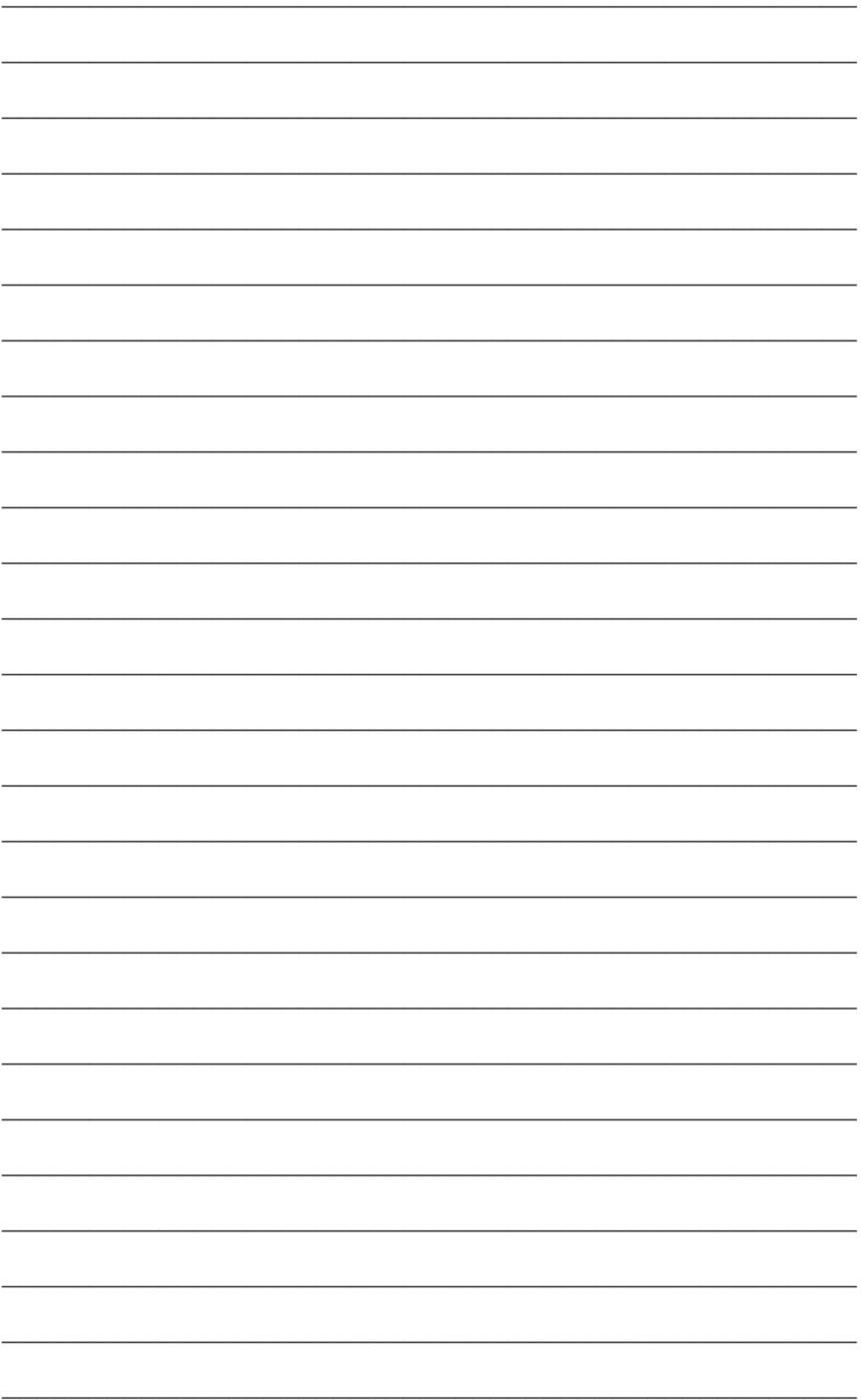


God might want you to extend his love by offering to baby-sit for the single parent down the street. He might want you to prepare a hearty meal for that lonely old man who lost his wife – and to sit and visit with him while he eats. Who knows, he might even want you to reach out and touch the life of a total stranger in some way you can't imagine right now. Are you willing to set aside your own comfort to touch someone else with God's love?

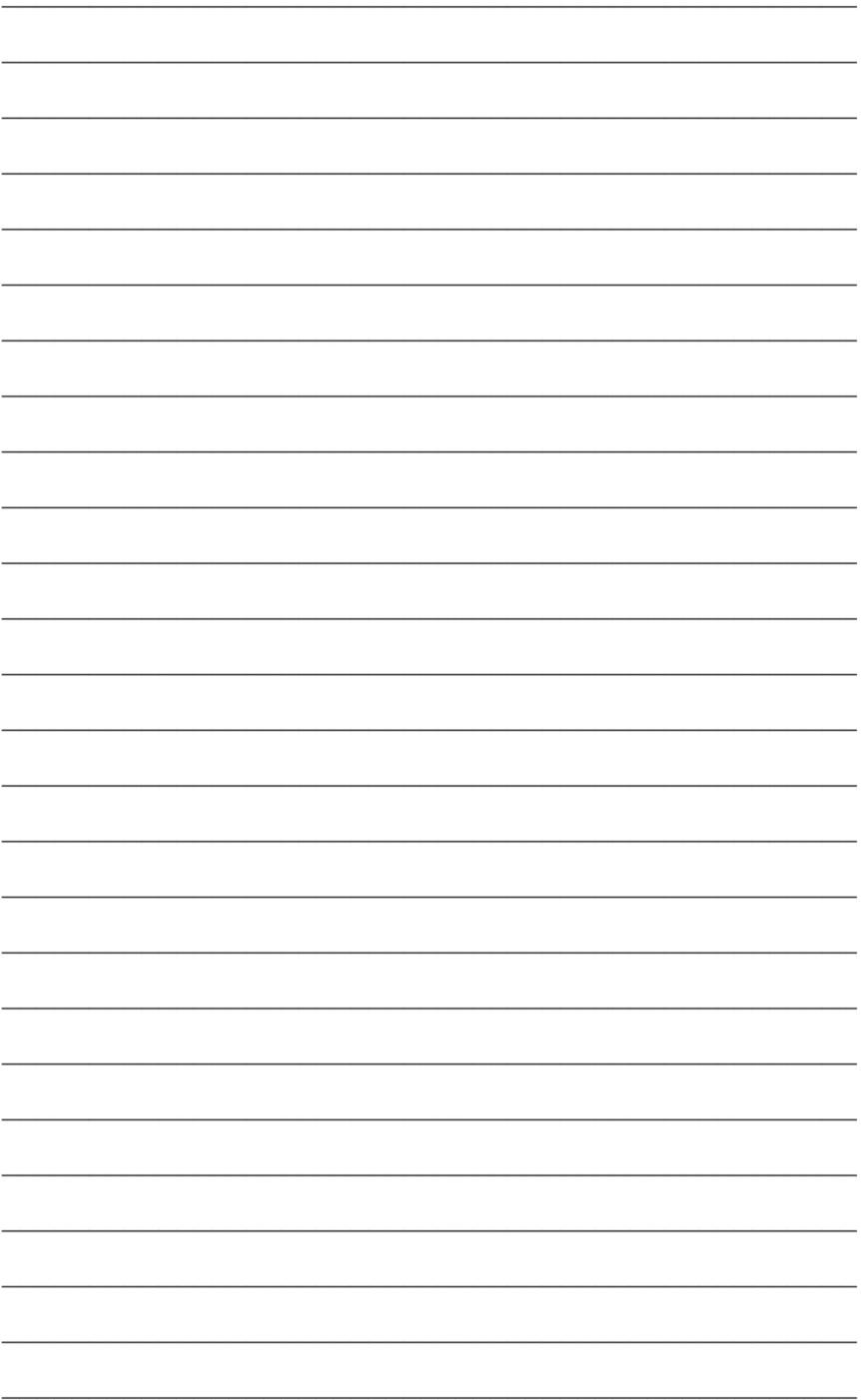
– Amy Nappa





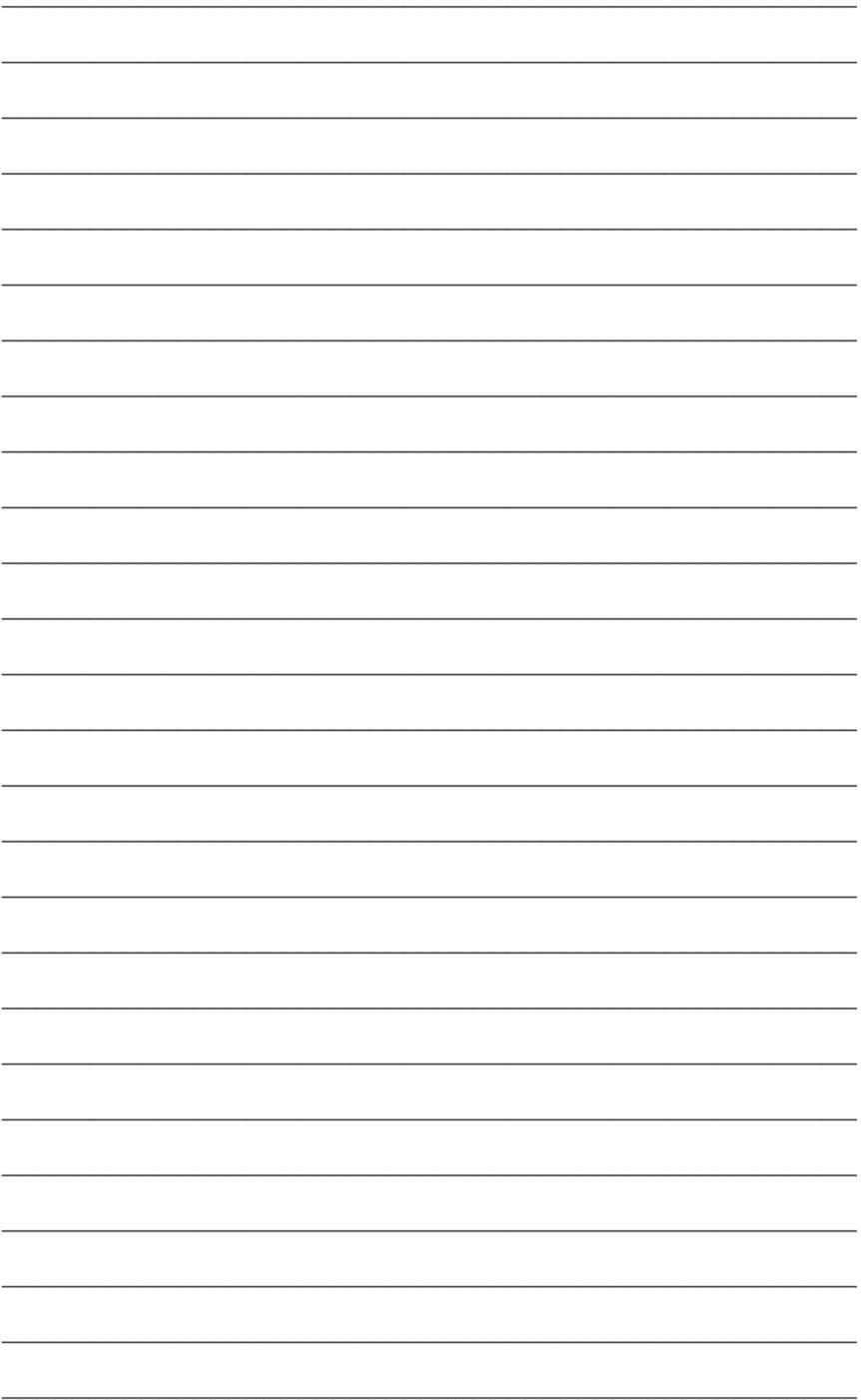






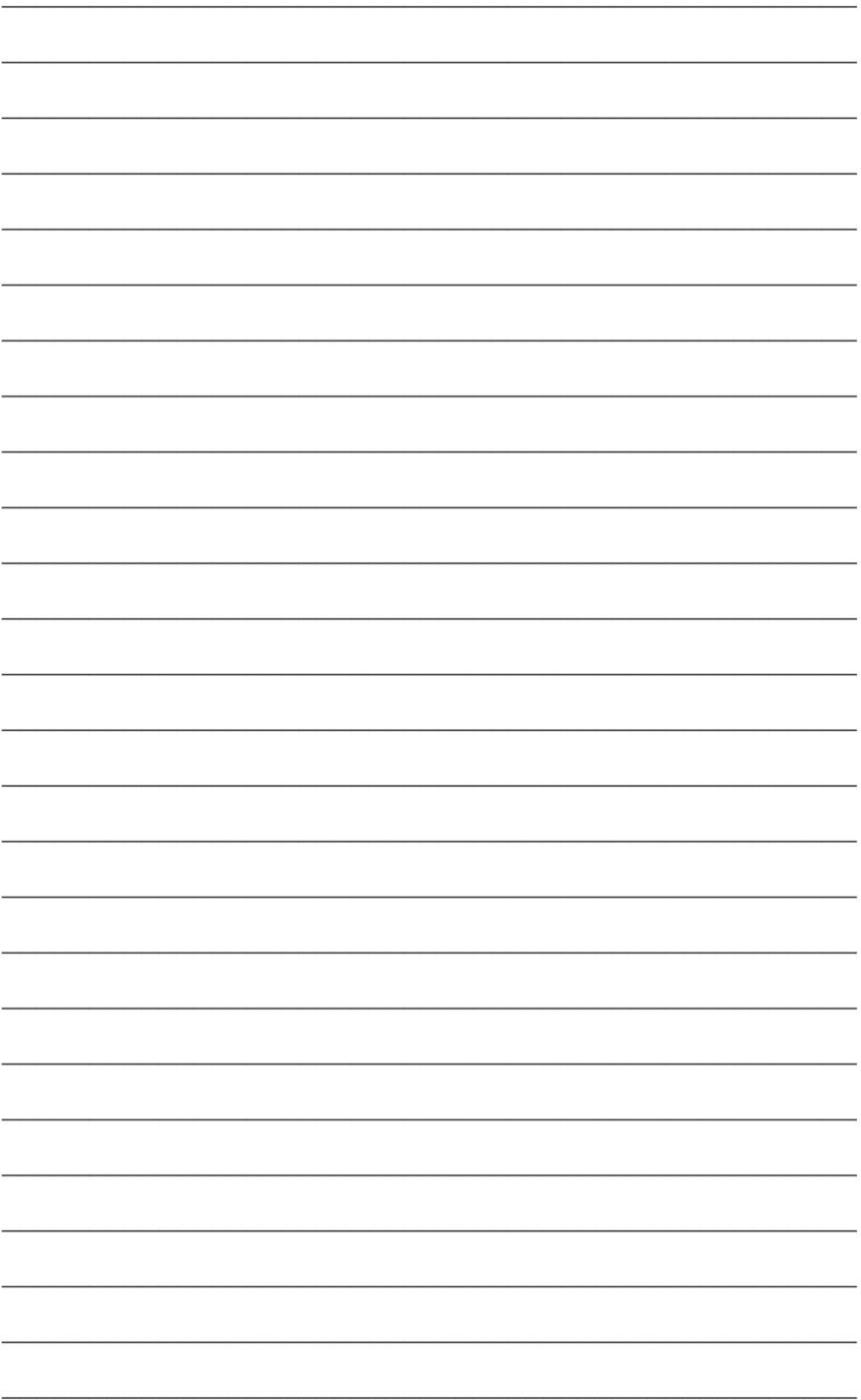
The proof of who we are in Christ isn't how many folks have come to the Lord through us. It isn't how much we've contributed to the Lord's work. It isn't how sweetly we've sung his praises. It is, pure and simple, how we have loved each other.

- Gayle Roper



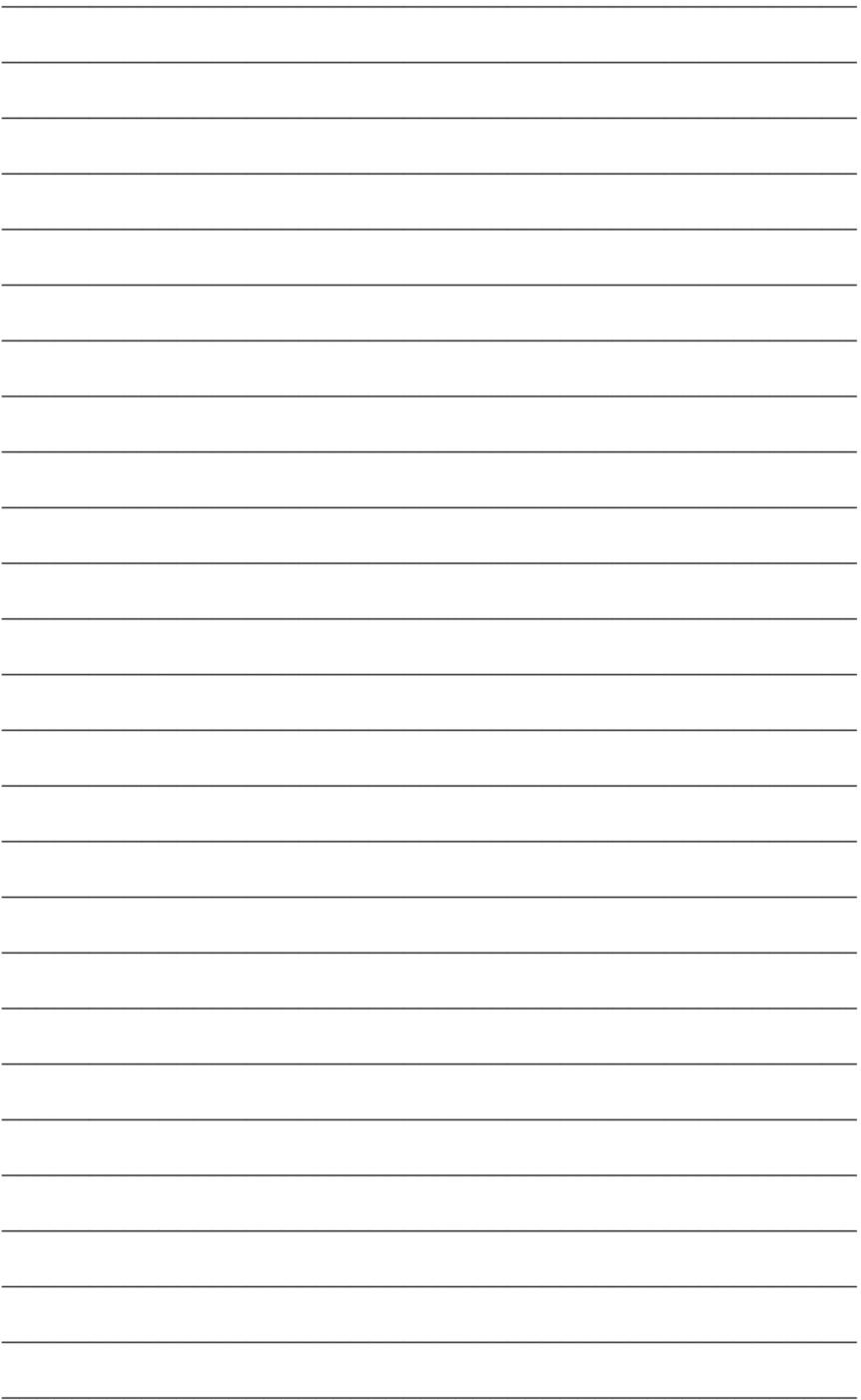
I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.

- Mother Teresa

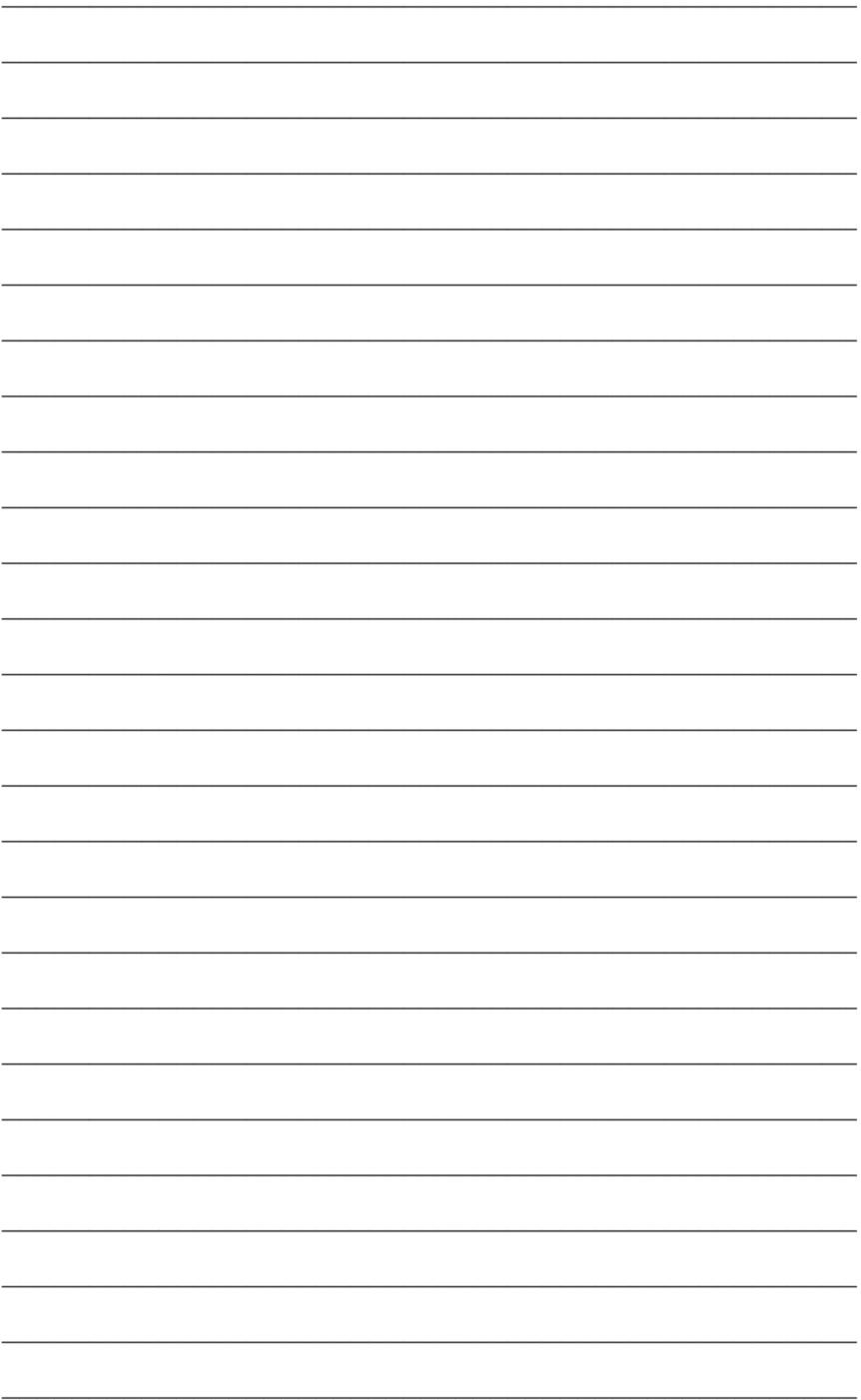


One day, a child of mine came home in tears. Another child had been mean to him and hurt his feelings. I want to say now, as I said then, "When a person doesn't like you, or is mean to you, it has more to do with them than it does with you. Dry your tears. You cannot be loved by everyone, because everyone cannot love themselves. You can know that I will always love you. And the greatest gift you can give to others is to love yourself. If you do that, you can love others without worrying whether they love you back. You will have enough love for both of you."

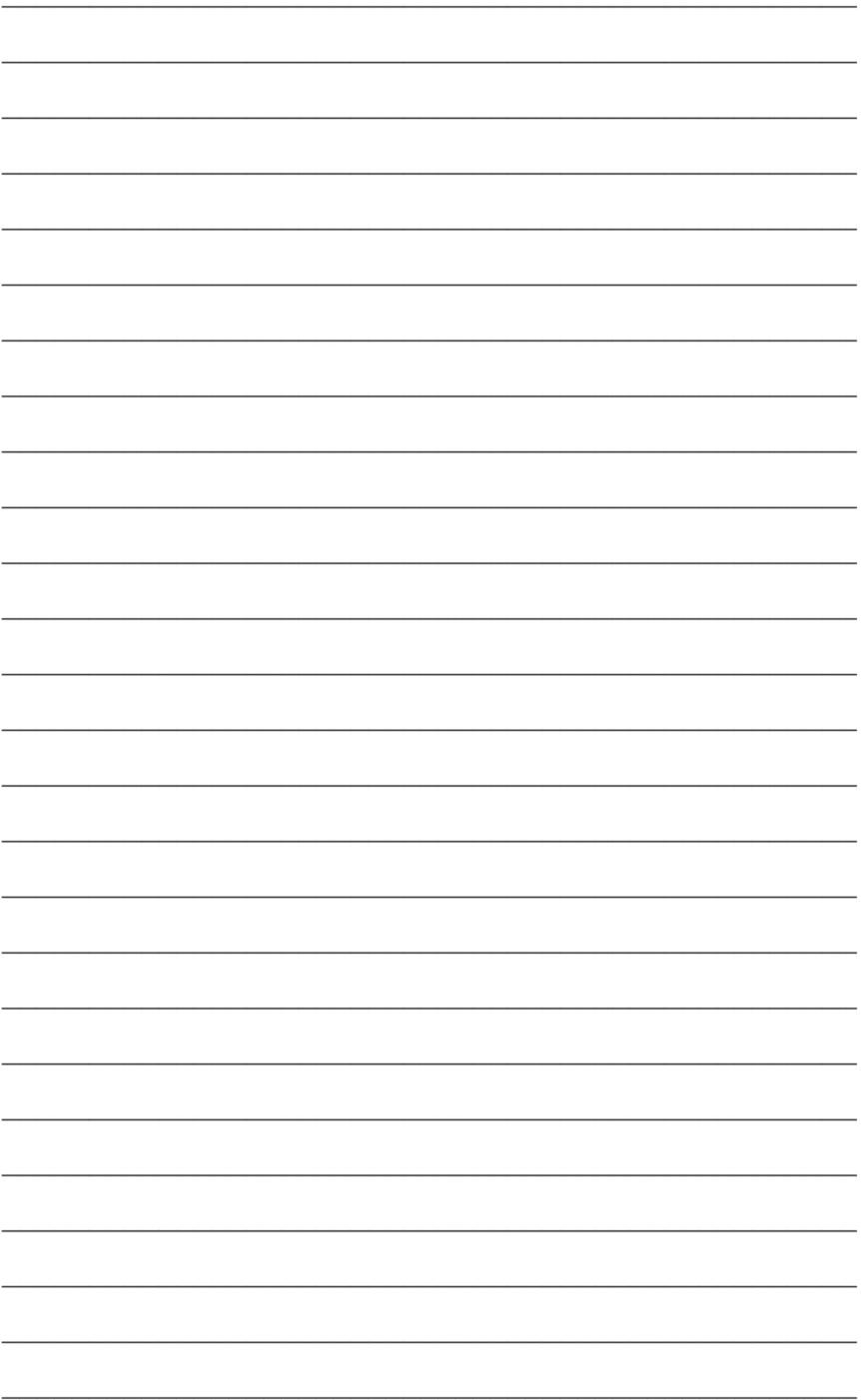
- Dorothy Dupont





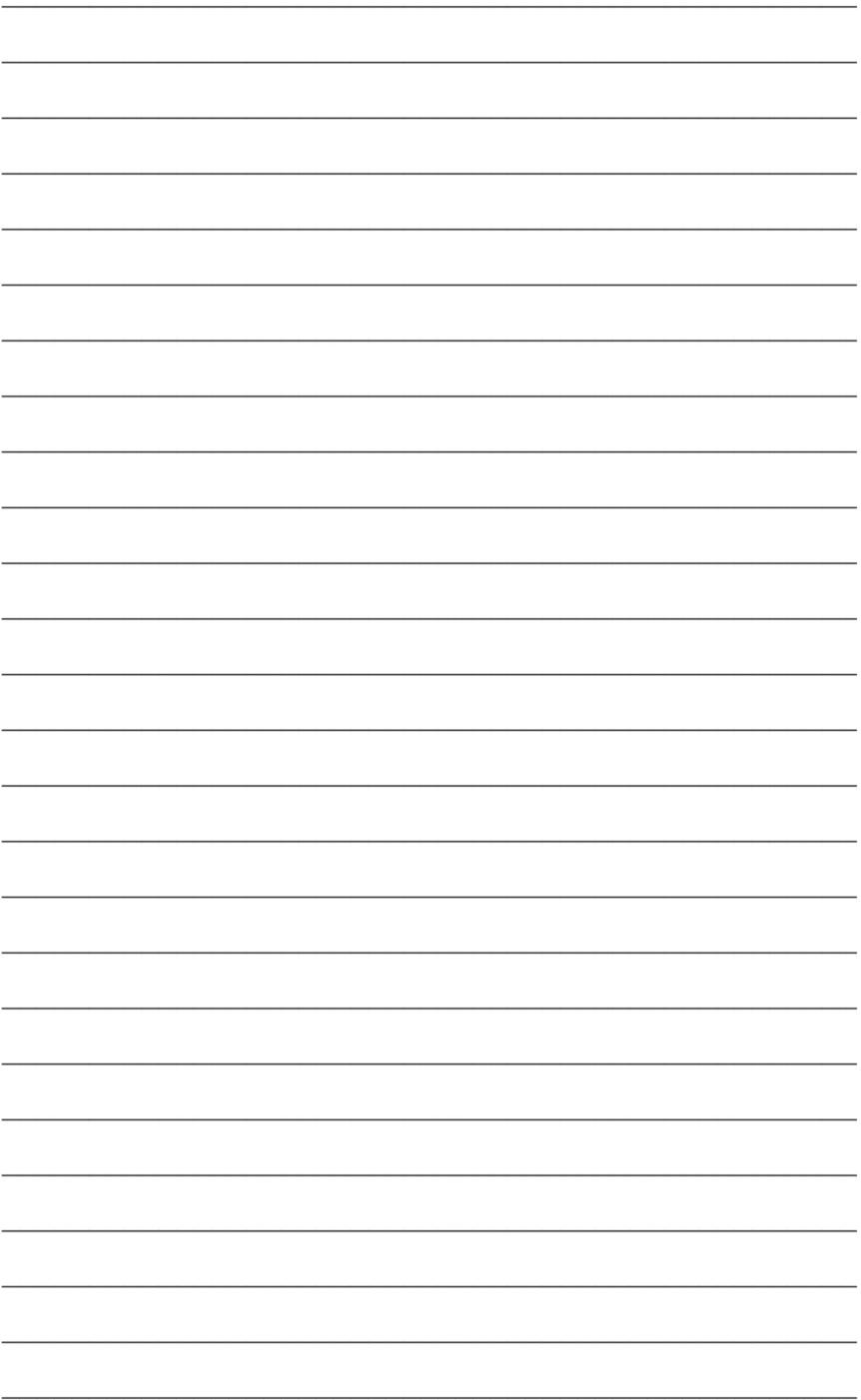




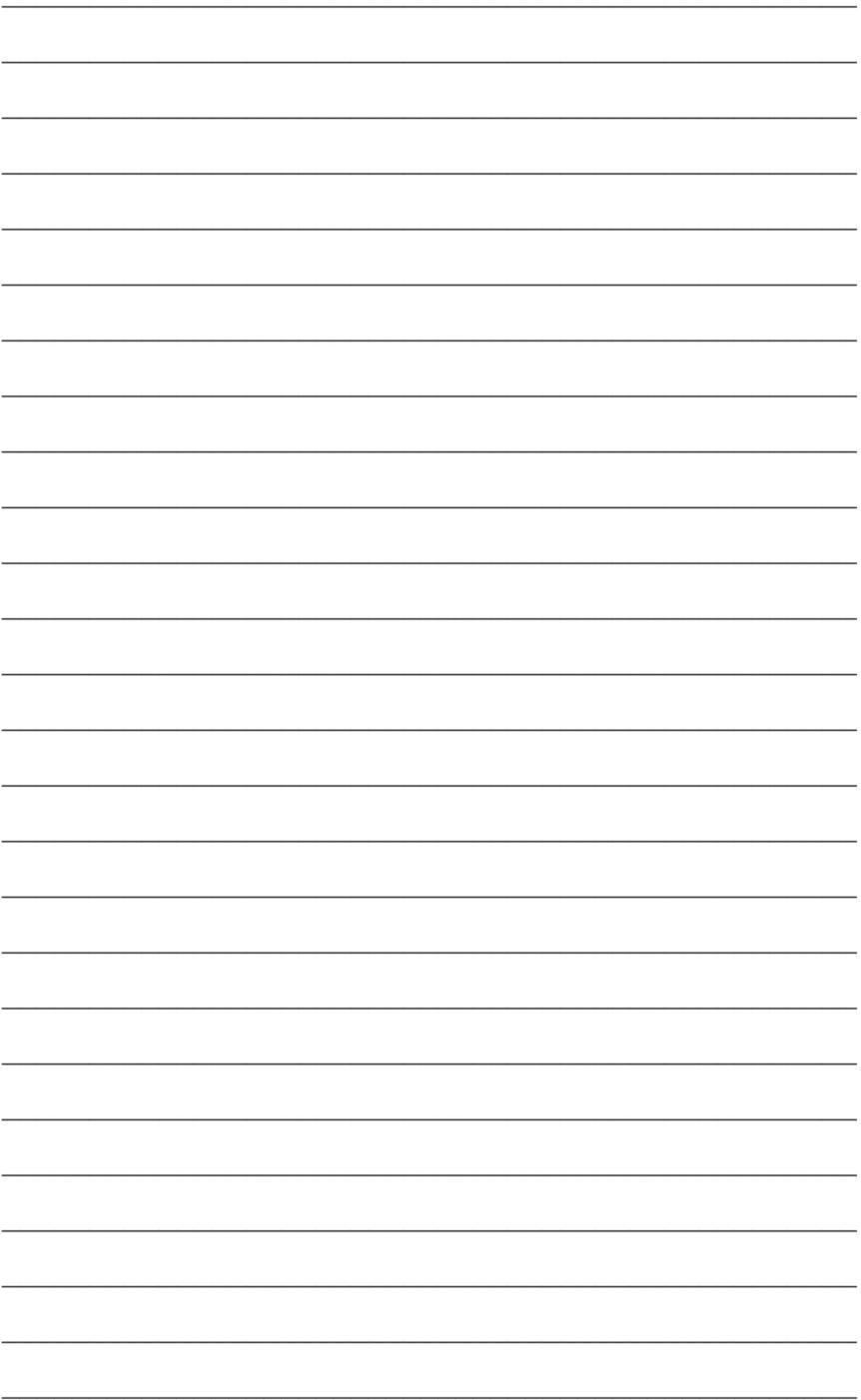


If we knew how much He loves us, we should be always ready to receive equally and with indifference from His hand the sweet and the bitter; all would please that came from Him.

- Brother Lawrence

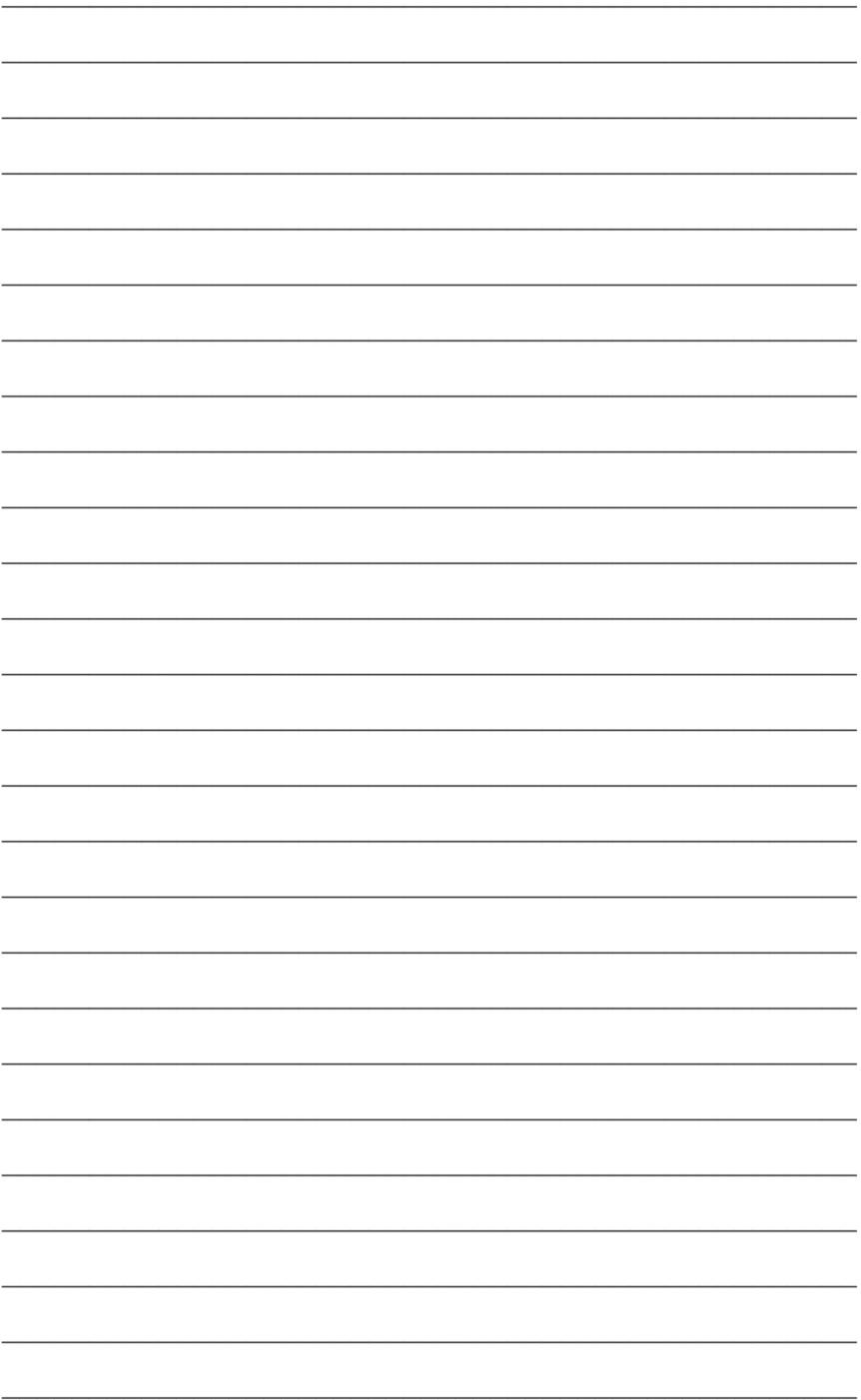






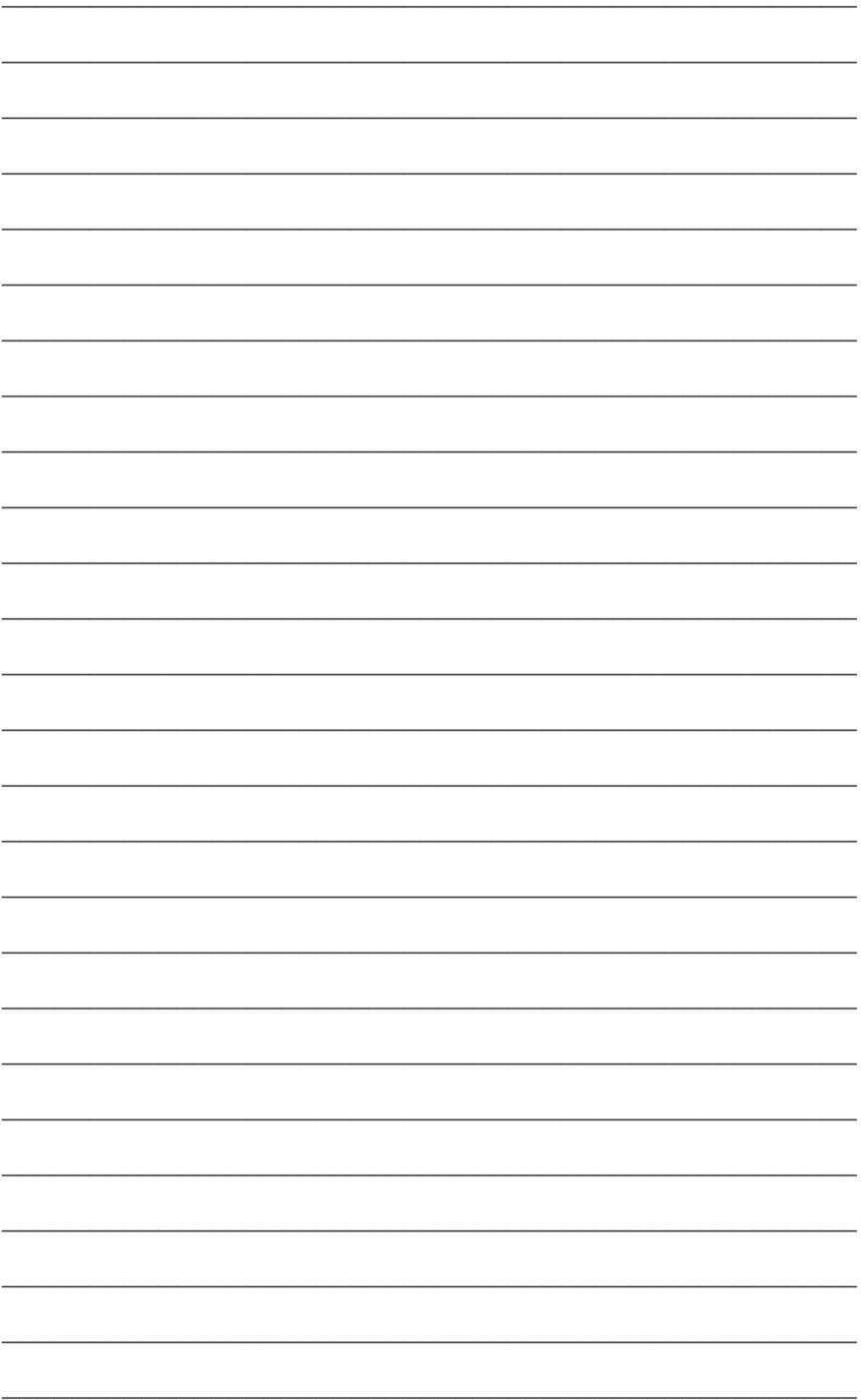
To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But his is the first and great commandment nonetheless. Even in the wilderness- especially in the wilderness- you shall love Him.

- Frederick W. Faber



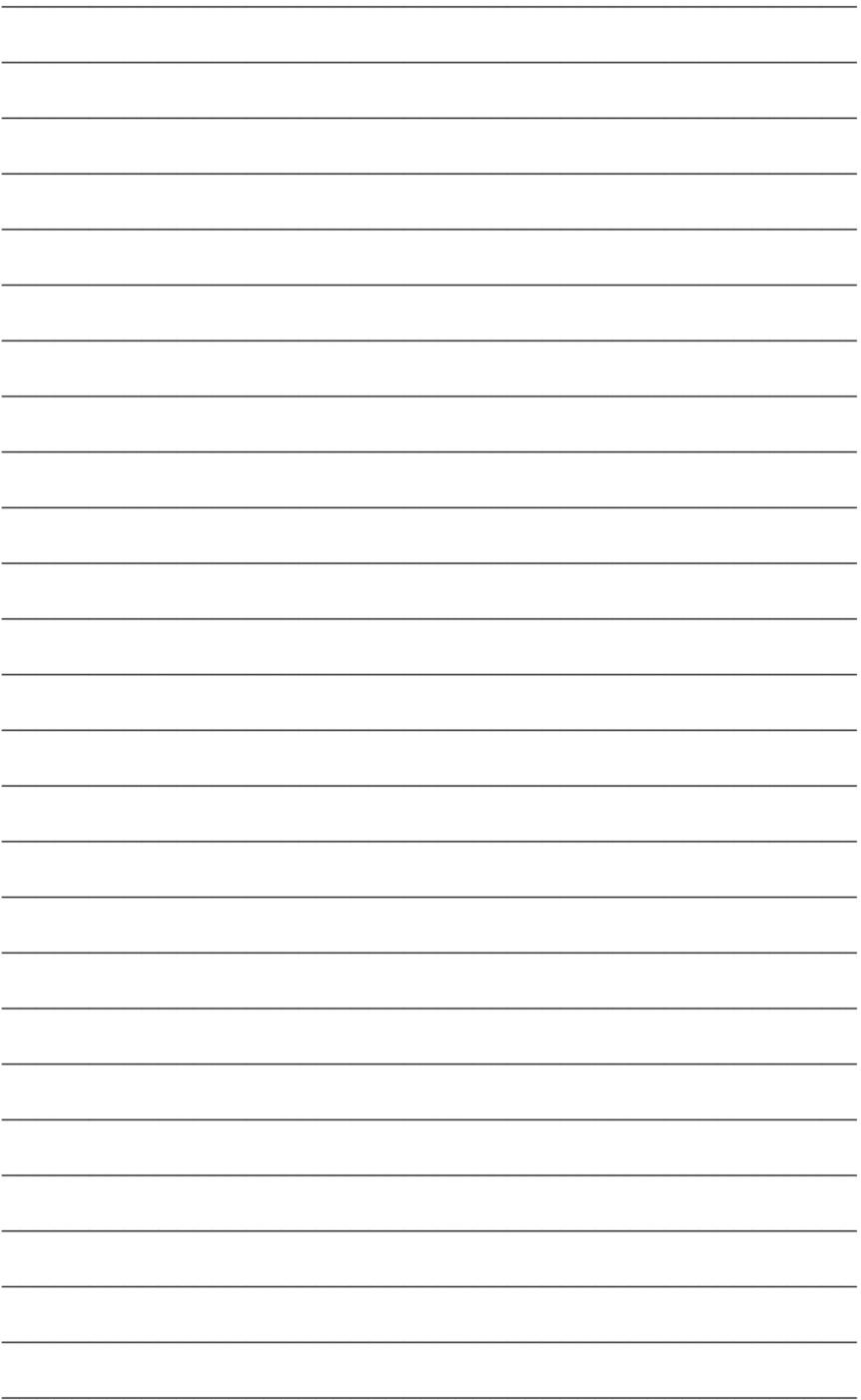
Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave, but  
not our hearts.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

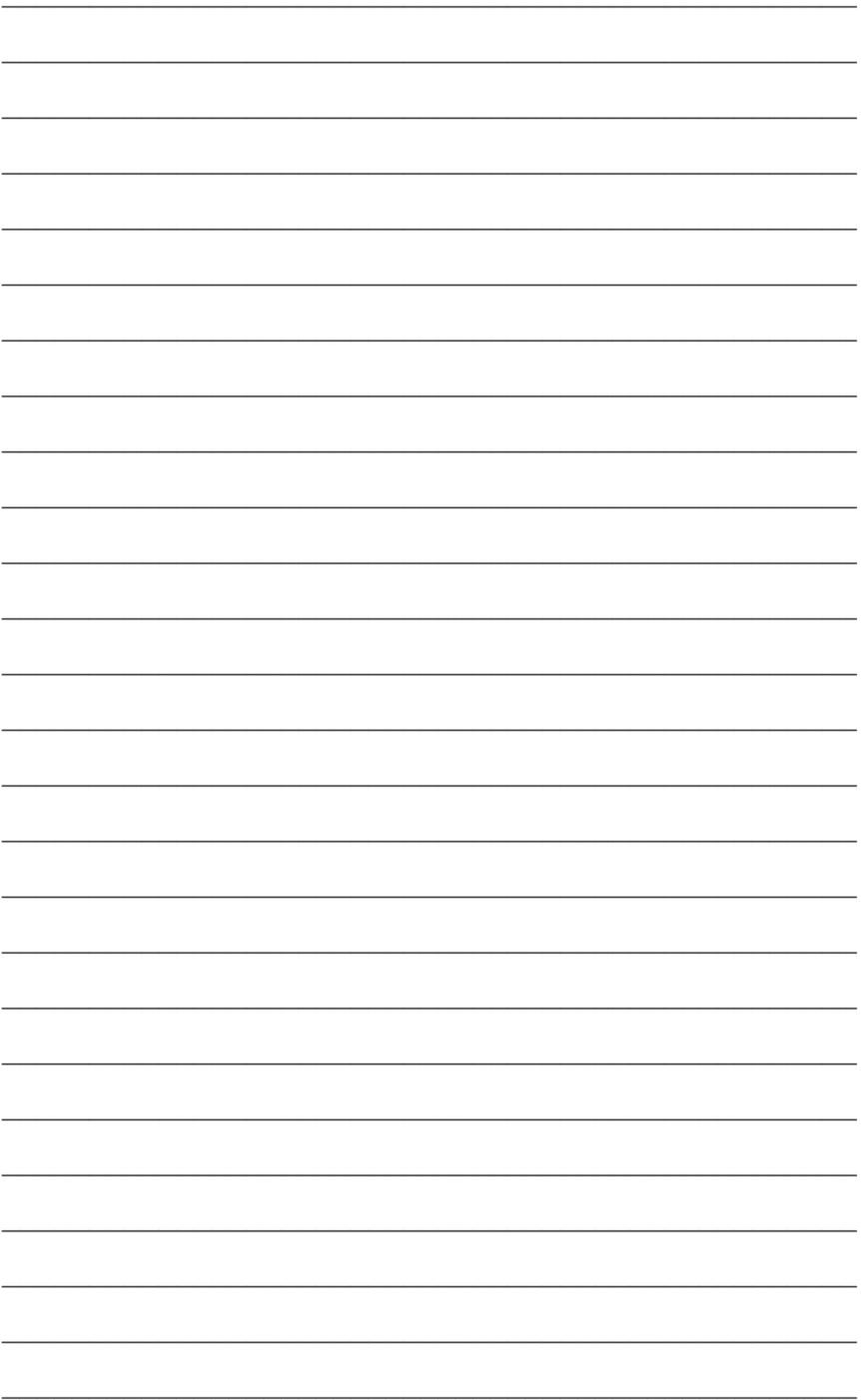


We cannot love with words only. We must love in reality.  
That means bearing each other's burdens.

- E. W. Kenyon







If mountains can be moved by faith, is there less power in love?

- Frederick W. Faber

