

Women Of Grace

January 2024 Edition

His mercies
are new every morning
Great is His
faithfulness
Lamentations 3:22-23



Reading God's word thru this year...

WEEK 1 (1/1)

Genesis 1-15
 Psalm 1-3
 Proverbs 1:1-16
 Matthew 1-2
 Luke 1-2
 John 1

WEEK 2 (1/8)

Genesis 16-30
 Psalms 4-6
 Proverbs 1:17-33
 Matthew 3-4
 Mark 1
 Luke 3-4

WEEK 3 (1/15)

Genesis 31-45
 Psalm 7-9
 Proverbs 2
 Mark 2
 John 2-5

WEEK 4 (1/22)

Genesis 46-50
 Job 1-10
 Psalm 1-12
 Proverbs 3:1-18
 Mark 3
 Luke 5-6
 Matthew 5-6

WEEK 5 (1/29)

Job 11-25
 Psalms 13-15
 Proverbs 3:19-35
 Matthew 7-8
 Luke 7-8
 Matt 11

WEEK 6 (2/5)

Job 26-40
 Psalms 16-18
 Proverbs 4
 Matthew 9, 12-13
 Mark 4-5

WEEK 7 (2/12)

Job 41-42
 Exodus 1-13
 Psalms 19-21
 Proverbs 5
 Matt 10, 14
 Mark 6
 Luke 9
 John 6

WEEK 8 (2/19)

Exodus 14-28
 Psalm 22-24
 Proverbs 6:1-19
 Matt 15-17
 Mark 7-8

WEEK 9 (2/26)

Exodus 29-40
 Leviticus 1-3
 Psalms 25-27
 Proverbs 6:20-35
 Matt 18
 Mark 9
 John 7-9

WEEK 10 (3/5)

Leviticus 4-18
 Psalm 28-30
 Proverbs 7
 Luke 10-13
 John 10

WEEK 11 (3/12)

Leviticus 19-27
 Numbers 1-6
 Psalms 31-33
 Proverbs 8:1-21
 Luke 14-17
 John 11

WEEK 12 (3/19)

Numbers 7-21
 Psalms 34-36
 Prov 8:22-36
 Matt 19-20
 Mark 10
 Luke 18-19

WEEK 13 (3/26)

Num 22-36
 Psalms 37-39
 Proverbs 9
 Matt 21-22
 Mark 11-12
 Luke 20

WEEK 14 (4/2)

Deut 1-15
 Psalms 40-42
 Proverbs 10:1-6
 Matt 23-24
 Mark 13
 Luke 21
 John 12

WEEK 15 (4/9)

Deut 16-30
 Psalms 43-45
 Prov 10:17-32
 Matt 25-26
 Mark 14
 Luke 22
 John 13

WEEK 16 (4/16)

Deut 31-34
 Joshua 1-11
 Psalms 46-48
 Prov 11:1-15
 John 14-18

WEEK 17 (4/23)

Joshua 12-24
 Judges 1-2
 Psalms 49-51
 Prov 11:16-31
 Matt 27-28
 Mark 15
 Luke 23
 John 19

WEEK 18 (4/30)

Judges 3-17
 Psalm 52-54
 Prov 12:1-14
 Mark 16
 Luke 24
 John 20-21
 Acts 1

WEEK 19 (5/7)

Judges 18-21
 Ruth 1-4
 1 Samuel 1-7
 Psalms 55-57
 Prov 12:15-28
 Acts 2-6

WEEK 20 (5/14)

1 Samuel 8-22
 Psalms 58-60
 Proverbs 13
 Acts 7-11

WEEK 21 (5/21)

1 Samuel 23-31
 1 Chronicles 1, 10
 2 Samuel 1-4
 Psalms 61-63
 Prov 14:1-17
 Acts 12-16

WEEK 22 (5/28)

1 Chronicles 2-9, 11-15
 2 Samuel 5-6
 Psalms 64-66
 Prov 14:18-35
 Acts 17-21

WEEK 23 (6/4)

1 Chron 16-20
 2 Samuel 7-16
 Psalms 67-69
 Prov 15:1-15
 Acts 22-26

WEEK 24 (6/11)

2 Samuel 17-24
 1 Chron 22-27
 Psalms 70-72
 Proverbs 15:16-33
 Acts 27-28
 Romans 1-3

WEEK 25 (6/18)

1 Chron 28-29
 1 Kings 1-4
 2 Chronicles 1
 Song of Solomon 1-8
 Psalms 73-75
 Prov 16:1-16
 Romans 4-8

WEEK 26 (6/25)

2 Chron 2-8
 1 Kings 5-9
 Ecclesiastes 1-3
 Psalms 76-77
 Prov 16:17-33
 Romans 9-13

WEEK 27 (7/2)

Ecclesiastes 4-12
 2 Chron 9-11
 1 Kings 10-12
 Psalms 78-80
 Prov 17:1-14
 Rom 14-16
 1 Cor 1-2

WEEK 28 (7/9)

2 Chron 12-17
 1 Kings 13-21
 Psalm 81-83
 Prov 17:15-28
 1 Cor 3-7

Handfuls Of Purpose...

Devotional (Part # 1)

HANDFULS OF PURPOSE

Ruth 2:15-16 KJV)

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

God's provision for gleaning.

The Bible says in,

Leviticus 23:22 (KJV)

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God. This was not to be just a handout.

Those who owned property and had fields ready to be harvested were commanded by God to leave the corners of their fields unharvested.

That way those in need could harvest, or glean, those sections of the field for themselves. Naomi and her daughter in law, Ruth, have returned from Moab beaten down. But once in the Promised Land, Ruth took advantage of the opportunity God had provided. She began gleaning the corners.

The Bible says, Ruth 2:3 (KJV)

"...and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, ..."

God superintended and placed Ruth in the field of Boaz, the one man in all of Bethlehem who could reverse the course of Ruth and Naomi by a simple act of his will. He instructed his men to let her continue to glean in his fields and then in verse 16, "...let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not."

Handfuls Of Purpose

Devotional (Part #2)

“let fall” and “of purpose” are the same in Hebrew; it has to do with “taking a spoil.” Boaz was saying “Let her purposely spoil us. Let her pick up our treasures.” And don’t rebuke her for doing it.

The word “handfuls” has a special meaning, When needy people glean the corners of the field and harvest. They would have to:

- Cut the stalks, Bundle the sheaves, Carry them to a threshing area and thresh out the grain. The handfuls however were already cut and bundled., Ruth was still not getting a handout, she still had to go and be willing to pick them up.

They’re not just bundles; they were bundles of purpose. Boaz was paying these men to make these bundles. These bundles were valuable but they were not yet a finished product. These bundles contained the very reason the men were in the fields in the first place. God has let fall some handfuls of purpose into our lives

God has given us our own lots (homes, families, churches etc) and these are meant to be tended to. We are to plant, water, fertilize and weed and then our harvest time will come. What we sometimes feel is void of purpose is instead an opportunity to glean, spiritually and practically. Let us as ladies pray over our current “lots” in life and what they hold. Are we gleaning the fields that the Lord has given us to care for? Are we slack in motivation, discipline, or maybe lost the joy in our gleaning?

God never gives us a wasteland to just forever pluck weeds until He comes. His tender mercies, wisdom and strength are shown to us as we glean life’s lessons that will give us our heart’s desires. Write down your desires, thank Him and do something with it. It can be as simple as sharing your testimony or worshiping Him through song or helping someone. His handfuls of purpose for our lives will be fulfilled with joy! Proverbs 31:26

Restoration From God...

Rest for the Exhausted...

Have you ever been so totally exhausted and all you wanted was to go to bed and rest? For some, overwhelming tiredness is from long days at work or as we just went thru, the holidays!

we as moms and wives etc we don't really get much of a break during holidays. As a mom of seven kids, one DIL and a grand baby, I know I personally didn't get much of what would be considered a " Holiday ". Most generally most moms, wives are the main ones who shop, wrap, decorate, bake, plan, cook and serve (and most times clean up) the meals and so on. When we do finally drop into bed, either we fall asleep immediately or lay there thinking about our day, what comes the next day and most generally pray for our husbands and kids and their needs and such. So we don't always get the rest we may feel we need. But I just wanted to take the time to remind us all that God promises to give us rest and renew our strength. He will help us to form a balance in our lives if we let Him. If we let him lead and guide us and give us the wisdom to make the choices for us and our family each day. He will give us the rest and courage we need to be the best moms and wives (among many other titles we may hold) each day!

Isaiah 40:31 - But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Fun & Encouraging Ideas to try...

- 1- Journaling:** Writing down things that have happened each day and at years end re-reading it, you will be so pleased to see in writing how much you been blessed
- 2- Blessing Baskets:** Pick a family or single person who you know may be struggling and fill it with things they may need or just fun special things that you think may lift their spirits, meet a need or that may give them hope during their struggle.
- 3- Prayer Journal:** Similar to regular journalling but specifically for prayer requests and be sure to date requests, then write down when and how God answers!(He will!) and every now and then reread it, Huge Faith builders!
- 4- Write a note:** next time your in church or praying, ask God to direct you to someone who could simply use a written note of encouragement, a scripture etc, write it out, seal it in an envelope, mail it or leave it on the seat where they sit at church with just their name on the envelope. You just never know what it may mean to that person!
- 5- Make a meal, Cook a dessert and pray God guides you to who it may help, it will mean a lot to the one you give it to!**