

Grace Guide



APRIL 6-12

“Oh My God!”

MONDAY
4/6

EXODUS 3:1-14

Moses' ordinary day is interrupted by an extraordinary encounter: God appears in a burning bush and calls him by name. What begins as curiosity quickly turns into holy fear: “do not come any closer... take off your sandals.” Moses realizes he is standing on holy ground. Moses' reaction in this moment is not just surprise, it is reverence, humility, and the recognition that God sees, hears, and responds to suffering. Even more, God calls Moses into the work of deliverance. Like Moses, we may feel unqualified or hesitant (note his excuses), but God's response is simple and sufficient: “I will be with you.” When we encounter God, it is never just for awareness, but it is always for participation in what God is doing.

1. When have you experienced an “ordinary moment” that became spiritually significant or holy?

2. What fears or insecurities surface when you sense God calling you to something new?

TUESDAY

4/7

ISAIAH 6:1-8

Isaiah's vision of God is overwhelming. He sees God high and exalted, surrounded by worship, shaking the foundations of the temple and his immediate response is not confidence but confession: "Woe to me!" In the presence of God's holiness, Isaiah becomes deeply aware of his own brokenness, his own inability to articulate the holiness of God because of his own sinfulness. Yet God does not leave him there. A coal touches his lips, symbolizing cleansing and restoration. Then comes the invitation: "Whom shall I send?" and Isaiah responds, "Here am I. Send me!" This is what comes of our recognition of God's worthiness: from awe, to awareness of sin, to grace, to calling (and back to awe!). God meets us in our unworthiness, cleanses us, and then invites us into his mission.

1. What does Isaiah's reaction speak to you about encountering the holiness of God?
2. What might it look like for you to say, "Here am I. Send me," in your current season of life?

WEDNESDAY

4/8

MARK 4:35-41

The disciples are caught in a violent storm, overwhelmed with fear while Jesus sleeps in the boat. Their cry, "Teacher, don't you care?" reveals their anxiety and doubt and their complete misunderstanding (at this point) of who Jesus is. When Jesus calms the storm with a word, the wind and waves obey him instantly. But instead of relief alone, the disciples are struck with a deeper fear – awe mixed with terror: "Who is this?" Their moment of realization shifts from fear of circumstances to awe (and maybe a little fear) of Jesus' authority. Jesus then challenges them: "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" In our lives, storms often expose what we believe about Jesus. The same one who seems silent in the storm is fully present and powerful over it.

1. When have you questioned whether Jesus cares about your situation or some other situation (maybe a friend, maybe something in the world)?
2. What does it look like to trust Jesus more deeply, even when he seems silent?

THURSDAY

4/9

1 PETER:1:3-9

Peter bursts into praise because of the living hope we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This hope is not fragile or temporary, it is secure, imperishable, and guarded by God. Yet Peter is also realistic: life includes grief, trials, and testing. Peter is ever aware of who Jesus is so is words here are not just a reaction to a moment, but a deep, steady confidence that even in suffering, God is at work refining our faith. Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not see him now, we believe in him. This kind of faith produces an inexpressible and glorious joy that goes beyond circumstances. Our hope in Jesus transforms how we endure hardship.

1. What does “living hope” mean to you and how does this idea shape the way you face your challenges?
2. In what ways have trials tested or strengthened your faith and given you a deeper understanding of who Jesus is in your life?

FRIDAY

4/10

PSALM 16

This psalm is a declaration of trust and joy in God’s presence. The psalmist recognizes that every good thing comes from God and that true security is found in God alone. Even in uncertainty, there is a deep confidence: “I keep my eyes always on the Lord... I will not be shaken.” This is a powerful awareness of God that is not rooted in fear, but in grateful recognition: God is near, God is guiding, and God is enough. Because of this, the psalmist can rest secure and rejoice, trusting that God will not abandon them. When we center our lives on God’s presence, we discover a fullness of joy that nothing else can provide.

1. What are the “good things” in your life that remind you of God’s provision?
2. How do you (or how can you) practice keeping your focus on God throughout your daily routine?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY**
4/11-12

JOHN 20:19-31

The disciples are gathered behind locked doors, afraid and uncertain, when Jesus suddenly stands among them and says, “Peace be with you.” This truly is an “Oh my God!” moment filled with shock, relief, and awe. Jesus meets them in their fear, shows them his wounds, and then sends them out with purpose. But the story doesn’t end there. Thomas, who was not present, struggles to believe and voices his doubt openly. When Jesus appears again, he invites Thomas to see and touch, and Thomas responds with one of the clearest declarations in all of Scripture: “My Lord and my God!” This passage reminds us that Jesus meets both our fear and our doubt with grace. He does not turn away from honest questions but invites us into deeper faith and trust. And in encountering Jesus, we are challenged to be moved not only to belief, but to a life shaped by his peace and mission.

1. What part(s) of this passage do you most identify with and why?

2. When have you experienced Jesus meeting you in the midst of your fear or doubt and how was that encounter transformative for you?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

(John 20:29)