

Grace Guide



OCTOBER 19-25

“Abiding In Christ”

MONDAY
10/19

DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

God led the Israelites through the wilderness, a place where they had to learn to depend on him for their daily needs. When food was scarce, God provided manna, teaching them that life depends on more than bread alone. We need the sustaining word of God. Yet Moses also warned the people not to forget God when they entered the Promised Land and enjoyed its abundance. It is often easier to recognize our need for God when life is difficult than when everything seems to be going well. Prayer helps us remember the source of our blessings and remain attentive to God's presence in every season. Rather than turning to God only when we have a problem, we can learn to seek him with gratitude and trust in the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

1. When have you experienced a season in which you had to depend on God in a way you had not before? How did that experience affect your faith?
2. What blessings or comforts in your life might cause you to overlook your need for God?

TUESDAY
10/20

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

The prophet Jeremiah contrasts two ways of living: trusting primarily in human strength or placing our confidence in the Lord. Those who trust in God are like trees planted beside water, with roots that reach deep enough to remain nourished even during drought. Their circumstances may be difficult, but their source of life remains secure. This image reminds us that faith is not measured by whether we experience hardship, but by where we turn for strength in the midst of it. Prayer is one way we acknowledge our dependence on God and allow him to shape our hearts. Yet Jeremiah also warns that the human heart can be deceptive. We may believe we trust God while quietly relying on our own control, abilities, or plans. God knows our hearts completely and invites us to bring those sometimes fickle hearts honestly before the Lord.

1. What might it look like to develop deeper spiritual roots during a season when life feels stable and comfortable?
2. How can prayer help you recognize the difference between genuine trust in the Lord and simply asking God to bless decisions you have already made?

WEDNESDAY
10/21

ROMANS 11:17-24

The apostle Paul uses the image of an olive tree to remind Gentile believers that they have been grafted into a story of faith that began long before them. They are like branches receiving nourishment from a root they did not create and cannot replace. Paul warns them against pride, reminding them that they stand by faith and depend on God's kindness. This image challenges us to remember that our relationship with God is a gift of grace, not an achievement that makes us better than others. We do not sustain our spiritual lives through willpower alone; we depend on the life God provides through Jesus Christ. Prayer keeps us mindful of that dependence and helps cultivate humility, gratitude, and compassion. When we recognize how generously God has welcomed us, we become more willing to extend grace to others rather than judging those whose faith or life experiences differ from our own.

1. What practices help you remain aware of your dependence on God's grace rather than becoming overly confident in your own spiritual maturity?
2. How could a deeper awareness of God's kindness toward you change the way you treat someone who feels distant from God or unwelcome in the Christian community?

THURSDAY

10/22

1 JOHN 2:24-28

John encourages believers to remain faithful to the message they first received about Jesus Christ. The world offers many competing voices, each promising wisdom, fulfillment, or security, but John reminds us that our life with God is grounded in the truth revealed through Christ. As we allow his teaching to remain in us, our relationship with God deepens and our lives become increasingly shaped by God's character. Prayer gives us an opportunity to listen, reflect on God's truth, and bring our questions and struggles before him. It is not simply a matter of speaking our minds to God, it also involves allowing God's prompting us to challenge our assumptions and redirect our desires. John encourages believers to abide (or remain) in Christ with confidence, so that when Jesus is revealed, they may stand before him without shame. The more deeply we learn to live in his truth, the more our daily choices can reflect the hope we have in Christ.

1. How can you make space in your prayer life not only to speak to God but also to reflect on the truth Jesus has taught?
2. Can you recall a time when Scripture challenged an opinion, attitude, or decision you had made? How did you respond?

FRIDAY

10/23

PSALM 1

Psalm 1 describes two different ways of living. One path is shaped by the influence of those who disregard God's wisdom, while the other is rooted in delighting in the instruction of the Lord and meditating on it day and night. The psalm compares the faithful person to a tree planted beside streams of water, bearing fruit in season and remaining nourished through changing circumstances. This does not mean that a faithful life will always be easy or that we will never experience disappointment. Rather, it reminds us that a life grounded in God's wisdom has a steady source of nourishment. Prayer and Scripture reading help us develop that rootedness, giving us opportunities to reflect on God's character and consider how his truth should shape our lives. Over time, the influences we welcome into our hearts affect our attitudes, decisions, and relationships. The question is not simply whether we believe in God, but whether we are allowing his wisdom to guide the way we live.

1. If someone observed your priorities and daily habits, what might they learn about the place God holds in your life?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
10/24-25**

JOHN 15:1-11

Jesus describes himself as the true vine and his followers as branches that depend on him for life and fruitfulness. A branch cannot produce grapes by trying harder or relying on itself, it must remain connected to the vine to draw what it needs to grow and to thrive. In the same way, our spiritual lives cannot flourish through determination alone. Jesus invites us to remain in him, allowing his words to shape our desires and guide our actions. He also teaches that the Father prunes fruitful branches so they can bear even more fruit. Sometimes God uses difficult experiences, correction, or the discomfort of change to deepen our faith and help us become more like Christ. Jesus connects this abiding relationship with prayer, teaching that when we remain in him and his words remain in us, our prayers are shaped by his purposes. The goal is not simply to receive what we ask for, but to grow in love, obedience, and joy as we live in relationship with him.

1. What is the difference between trying to live a faithful Christian life through your own effort and depending on Jesus to sustain you?
2. Jesus says he wants his joy to be in us and our joy to be complete. Where do you need to discover a deeper joy that comes from your relationship with him rather than from your circumstances?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”
(John 15:5)**