

Grace Guide



JUNE 22-28

“Sowing, Seeds and Soil”

MONDAY
6/22

2 KINGS 22:8-20

When the Book of the Law was discovered during repairs to the temple (interesting that it had been missing at all...), King Josiah was confronted with God's word in a fresh and powerful way. Rather than ignoring what he heard or making excuses, he responded with humility, repentance, and a desire to obey. Josiah's story reminds us that hearing God's word is more than simply listening to it. God's word is meant to shape our lives. Sometimes we encounter familiar passages that suddenly speak to us in new ways because of what God is doing in our lives. The question is not whether God is speaking, but whether we are willing to listen and respond when he does.

1. What part of this passage stands out to you most, and why might God be drawing your attention to it today?

2. When was the last time a passage of Scripture challenged or corrected you or made you grow in a meaningful way?

TUESDAY
6/23

ACTS 17:10-12

The believers in the city of Berea are praised because they eagerly received Paul's teaching while also carefully examining the Scriptures to determine whether what they heard was true. Their example teaches us that faith is not blind acceptance but thoughtful trust. They approached God's word with both openness and discernment. In a world filled with competing voices and opinions, followers of Jesus are called to measure everything against the truth revealed in Scripture. A growing faith is one that remains teachable while continually returning to God's word for wisdom, guidance, and understanding.

1. What does the example of the Bereans teach you about balancing openness and discernment in your own journey of faith?
2. What voices most influence your thinking and decision-making throughout the week?

WEDNESDAY
6/24

ROMANS 10:8-17

The apostle Paul emphasizes that faith comes from hearing the message about Christ. God has chosen to work through the proclamation of the gospel so that people can come to know and trust Jesus. Hearing, however, involves more than just sound reaching our ears. Hearing – or maybe more accurately *listening* – involves receiving the good news into our hearts and allowing it to shape our lives. Every follower of Christ has heard the gospel because someone shared it, taught it, lived it, or demonstrated it. We are both recipients of this good news and participants in sharing it with others. As we listen to God's voice, we also become instruments through whom others may hear.

1. Who were some of the people God used to help you hear and understand the gospel and how did they do it (shared, taught, etc.)?
2. How can you become a more attentive listener to God's voice amid the distractions of daily life?

THURSDAY
6/25

HEBREWS 4:12-13

God's word is not merely an ancient collection of writings, it is living and active, continuing to work in the hearts and lives of people today. The writer of Hebrews describes God's word as sharper than a double-edged sword, able to penetrate beneath the surface and reveal our true thoughts, motives, and desires. While that can be uncomfortable, it is also a gift because God does not expose what is within us to condemn us but to transform us. As we read Scripture, we are invited to be honest before God, allowing him to reveal areas where we need growth, healing, repentance, or renewed trust.

1. Can you remember a time when Scripture revealed something about yourself that you had not previously recognized and how did God use that for your growth?
2. What might keep us from being completely honest with God about our struggles or weaknesses?

FRIDAY
6/26

PSALM 1

The psalmist presents two different ways of living. One path is rooted in God's instruction and leads to strength, stability, and fruitfulness. The other follows the wisdom of the world and ultimately comes to nothing. The psalm compares the faithful person to a tree planted by streams of water, continually nourished and sustained. Trees do not become strong overnight. Their growth is gradual and often unseen. In the same way, a life centered on God's word is formed over time through daily choices to seek him, trust him, and follow his ways. Spiritual maturity is not produced by occasional bursts of enthusiasm but through consistent connection to God.

1. What practices help keep you rooted in God's presence and truth?
2. In what areas of your life do you see signs of spiritual growth that have developed over time?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
6/27-28**

MARK 4:1-21

Jesus used familiar images from everyday life to teach an important truth: people hear God's word differently. Some quickly dismiss it. Some receive it enthusiastically but fail to persevere. Others allow competing priorities and distractions to crowd it out. Still others receive it deeply and bear fruit. Jesus repeatedly calls his listeners to truly hear. Hearing involves more than understanding information, hearing requires openness, perseverance, and a willingness to let God's truth take root and grow. The condition of our hearts can change over time and each of these types of "soil" in Jesus' parable can represent our own heart-state at any given time. Yet God continually invites us to receive his word in ways that produce lasting transformation.

1. Have there been seasons in your life when your heart (the "soil" of the parable) was less receptive to hearing God's word? What distractions or concerns most often compete for your attention and spiritual focus?

2. How have you seen God's word produce growth or fruit in your life over the years?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."

(Acts 17:11)