

# Grace Guide



**JUNE 29 – JULY 5**

## **“More Than Enough”**

**MONDAY**  
**6/29**

**EXODUS 16:11-18**

After God miraculously delivered Israel from slavery, the people quickly became anxious about their future. Standing in the wilderness with limited supplies, they feared there would not be enough food to sustain them. God responded by providing manna each morning, giving them exactly what they needed for that day (actually, God provided abundantly more than they needed for each day, but they were to only take what they needed, to not be greedy or selfish or lazy). The lesson was not merely about food but about trust. God was teaching his people to depend on him daily rather than on their own ability to store up security. We often face situations where we worry about having enough – enough resources, enough strength, enough time, or enough certainty. God remains faithful always and God invites us to trust his provision one day at a time.

1. Why do you think God instructed Israel to gather only what was needed for each day? How have you experienced God’s provision like this in your own life?
2. How can you trust God more fully with tomorrow’s needs instead of worrying about them today?

**TUESDAY**  
**6/30**

## **ISAIAH 58:5-11**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God challenges the people of Israel who were carefully practicing religious rituals while neglecting mercy, justice, and compassion. In the eyes of God, true devotion involves caring for the hungry, helping the oppressed, and sharing with those in need. Remarkably, the promise attached to this obedience is abundance: God will guide, strengthen, and satisfy those who live generously. The world often teaches us to hold tightly to what we have for fear there will not be enough. God teaches a different way. As we become channels of his blessing, we discover that he continues to sustain and renew us.

1. In light of the passage of God providing manna from Exodus that we read yesterday, how do you understand God promising to provide abundance?
2. How do you experience this idea that serving others can strengthen your own faith rather than deplete it?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**7/1**

## **ACTS 4:32-37**

The earliest Jesus followers understood that everything they possessed ultimately belonged to God. Because of their shared faith in Christ, they held their resources loosely and cared deeply for one another. In his recounting of the beginnings of the Church in the book of Acts Luke tells us that there was not a needy person among them because those who had more willingly shared with those who had less. This was not forced generosity but a joyful response to God's grace. Their example reminds us that God's provision is often experienced through the community of faith. When believers love one another sacrificially, the church becomes a visible witness to the generosity and care of Christ.

1. How does understanding that your possessions are gifts from God affect the way you view them and use them?
2. In what ways have other believers helped you to meet your needs, encouraged you, or strengthened your faith?

**THURSDAY**

**7/2**

## **PHILIPPIANS 4:10-20**

Writing from prison, the apostle Paul thanks the Philippian believers (Jesus followers from the city of Philippi) for their support, but he quickly makes clear that his joy is not rooted in their gift alone. Paul has learned the secret of contentment whether he has much or little because Christ gives him strength in every circumstance. Paul is not teaching self-sufficiency but Christ-sufficiency. In a culture that often measures security by possessions, achievements, or savings, Paul points believers toward a deeper confidence. Because God is faithful, we can trust him in seasons of abundance and in seasons of need and our contentment grows when our focus shifts from what we have or don't have to the One who holds us.

1. How is Christ-centered contentment different from simply lowering your expectations?
2. What practical habits help you focus more on God's presence than on your changing circumstances?

**FRIDAY**

**7/3**

## **PSALM 23**

David describes God as a shepherd who lovingly guides, protects, and provides for his flock. There is no promise of a life free from hardship. In fact, the psalm speaks of walking through dark valleys and facing enemies. Yet throughout every circumstance, the shepherd remains present. Because God is with him, David can rest, trust, and even rejoice. The image of the overflowing cup reminds us that God's care extends beyond mere survival. God provides what we need and surrounds us with his goodness and mercy. When fear and uncertainty arise, God invites us to remember who is leading and protecting us.

1. Which image in this psalm speaks most powerfully to you in your own life, and why?
2. How have you experienced God's guidance during a confusing or difficult time? What fears make it difficult for you to rest in God's care?

**SATURDAY/  
SUNDAY  
7/4-5**

## **MATTHEW 14:13-21**

As evening approached, the disciples looked at the crowd and saw a problem: thousands of hungry people stood before them, and their physical and financial resources were completely inadequate. Jesus, however, saw an opportunity for God's power to be revealed. He took the small offering of five loaves and two fish, gave thanks, and fed everyone present. Not only did the crowd eat their fill, but twelve baskets of leftovers remained. This miracle (found in all four Gospels) reminds us that God is not limited by what we can see or calculate. When we place our limited resources, abilities, and opportunities into the hands of Christ, he can accomplish far more than we imagine.

1. Why do you think Jesus involved the disciples in the miracle instead of acting entirely on his own?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In what situations in your life have you been able to trust Christ when the need seemed greater than the resources available?

## **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”**

**(Philippians 4:12-13)**