

Grace Guide



JULY 13-19

“Nothing Is Impossible”

MONDAY
7/13

2 KINGS 5:1-14

Naaman was a successful and respected commander, but his position and power could not heal the deepest problem in his life. He needed God's help, yet the answer came through unexpected people and required him to set aside his pride. Naaman expected a dramatic solution, but God brought healing through a simple act of obedience. This story reminds us that God often works in ways we do not anticipate and invites us to trust him rather than our own understanding. True transformation begins when we recognize our need for God and humbly receive his grace.

1. Naaman almost missed God's work because the solution seemed too simple. Are there ways you might be overlooking God's presence or guidance because you expected something different?
2. Who are the unexpected people God has used to speak truth, encouragement, or wisdom into your life?

TUESDAY
7/14

ISAIAH 61:1-11

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises a coming day when the brokenhearted will receive comfort, captives will experience freedom, and those who mourn will find restoration. These words reveal God's heart for people who are hurting, forgotten, or struggling to find hope. God does not ignore human suffering but he moves toward it with compassion and promises renewal. As followers of Jesus, we are called not only to receive this hope but also to become people who bring God's healing presence into the lives of others.

1. Which part of Isaiah's description of God's restoration speaks most deeply to something you or someone you know needs today?
2. How do these words impact the way you view people who are experiencing brokenness or hardship?

WEDNESDAY
7/15

LUKE 15:11-32

The story of the Prodigal Son is so deeply embedded in our culture that people use the term to describe a wayward person who returns without even knowing the original story. Jesus tells this story of a son who leaves home, wastes what he has been given, and eventually finds himself in desperate circumstances. Yet when he returns, his father does not respond with rejection or punishment or anger or dismissiveness but with compassion, celebration, and restoration. The parable reveals the generous heart of God, who welcomes those who turn back toward him. This story also challenges us to examine whether we reflect that same grace toward others. God's love is not based on our ability to earn our way back, it is a gift offered to us freely because God is a merciful God.

1. Who do you most closely resonate with in the story right now in your life: the wayward son, the father, the older brother, or the servants?
2. Have you ever struggled to believe that you could truly be forgiven or restored by God, or that someone else could (or should) be? Why?

THURSDAY

7/16

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

The apostle Paul reminds the church that meeting Christ changes the way we see everything, including ourselves and one another. Because of Jesus, those who trust in him are not defined by their past, their failures, or the labels others have placed on them. They become a new creation, reconciled to God and invited to share that message of reconciliation with the world. This is a challenge for us to look at people through the eyes of Christ rather than through the limited perspective of human judgment. The grace we have received becomes the grace we are called to share.

1. What are some ways people can be defined by their past, and how does your own experience of grace challenge that way of thinking?
2. What opportunities do you have right now to be an ambassador of reconciliation in your family, community, or church and what does that mean to you?

FRIDAY

7/17

PSALM 40

The psalmist describes a time of waiting, struggle, and uncertainty, but also a time when God heard and responded. God lifted him from a place of despair and gave him a firm foundation and a new song to sing. This passage does not suggest that life will never include difficult seasons, but instead, it reminds us that God meets us in those places and can bring hope where we cannot see a way forward. Remembering what God has done strengthens our faith and gives us a story of grace to share with others.

1. What does being lifted out of the slimy pit and the mud and mire mean to you?
2. What does it mean for you to sing “a new song...a hymn of praise to our God”?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
7/18-19**

MARK 5:1-20

When Jesus encounters the man living among the tombs, he meets someone whom others had given up on. This man was isolated, suffering, and unable to restore himself, but Jesus saw him, approached him, and brought healing and freedom. Afterward, the man's life was completely changed, and Jesus sent him to share what God had done for him. This is a powerful reminder of the compassion and power of Jesus, who rebukes evil, who brings hope into places of darkness and who restores people to life, community, and purpose.

1. What does Jesus willingness to approach this “unapproachable” man say to you about God’s response to peoples’ hurts and struggles and pain?
2. Why do you think Jesus sent the man away instead of welcoming him as a disciple and follower? How does Jesus call you to both come and follow and go and share?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

(2 Corinthians 5:17)