

Grace Guide



APRIL 20-26

“This Changes Everything”

MONDAY
4/20

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-11

God reminds Israel that they were not chosen because they were numerous, impressive, or deserving, but simply because God loved them and God kept his promise. Their identity was rooted in God’s grace, not their own merit. The same is true for us. When we begin to recognize that our relationship with God is grounded in his love rather than our performance, it changes how we see everything. We stop striving to earn what has already been given and start noticing God’s presence in the ordinary moments of life, because we are already his. Obedience then becomes a response to love, not a way to secure it..

1. Where do you (or have you in the past) found yourself acting as if you were trying to “earn” God’s approval instead of simply resting in God’s love?

2. What is an ordinary moment in your routine in which you can recognize God’s presence with you in a real way?

TUESDAY
4/21

JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus invites his disciples to remain in his love, not strive for it. He makes it clear that their identity is no longer servants trying to prove themselves, but they are friends who are already known and loved. From that place of connection, their lives will begin to bear fruit. Recognizing the presence of Christ in everyday life begins here where we are abiding or staying or dwelling in the love that is already ours. When we live our lives from the perspective of that reality, love for others flows more naturally, not as a forced effort but as evidence that Christ is present and active within us.

1. What does it look like for you to “remain” or “abide” in Christ’s love in the rhythm of your daily life?
2. What kind of “fruit” do you see growing in your life when you stay connected to Christ?

WEDNESDAY
4/22

ROMANS 3:21-26

The apostle Paul makes it unmistakably clear: righteousness comes from God, not from us. It is given freely through faith in Jesus Christ. This means our standing with God is not based on what we achieve but on what Christ has already done. When that truth sinks in, it changes everything. We no longer have to hide our failures or pretend we have it all together. Instead, we can live honestly, aware that Christ meets us in our brokenness with grace and brings transformation and newness to us. Jesus meets us where we are (in our faults and failings) but does not leave us there. Recognizing the presence of God in everyday life often begins in those very places where we feel least worthy, because that is exactly where God’s grace is most clearly revealed.

1. In what areas of your life have you struggled (or do you struggle now) to believe that God’s grace is truly enough?
2. What is one practical way you can live differently because you are justified by grace rather than performance?

THURSDAY

4/23

TITUS 3:3-8

Paul reminds us of who we once were: we were caught in patterns of sin, driven by selfish desires, and separated from God. But then everything changes with two powerful words: “But when...” Not because we fixed ourselves, but everything changes because of God’s kindness and love. And God saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. When we truly grasp this, we begin to see Christ’s presence not just in our “good” moments, but also in the middle of our need and our brokenness. God’s grace meets us there and begins to transform us from the inside out. That changes how we see ourselves and how we extend grace to others.

1. How do you live your life in appreciation for the grace that God has given to you?
2. Where do you most need to recognize God’s kindness meeting you right now?

FRIDAY

4/24

PSALM 103

In the middle of this psalm (verses 8-14) is a beautiful picture of God’s heart: compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor repay us according to our failures. Instead, God’s love is vast, his forgiveness complete, and his understanding tender. God knows how we are formed – he remembers that we are dust, but, also, in God’s love that is not all we are. When we begin to recognize this kind of mercy, it reshapes how we live. We start to notice God’s presence not as a harsh judge watching for mistakes, but as a loving Father walking with us in patience and compassion. That awareness brings freedom and rest into even the most ordinary parts of life.

1. Which description of God in this passage do you most need to hold onto today? Why?
2. How can you reflect God’s compassion to someone you interact with in the coming days?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY**
4/25-26

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

Paul walks us through the full story: we were once dead in sin, but God, in his great love, made us alive with Christ. This is the heart of grace: we are saved not by what we do, but by what God has done. And then comes the purpose: we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. This means our lives are not random or driven by earning approval. Instead, we are already accepted, and now we are invited to walk with Christ in the good works he has set before us each day. Recognizing the presence of Christ in our lives becomes as simple, and as profound, as paying attention to where he is already at work and joining him there.

1. How does seeing yourself as God's workmanship shape the way you view your identity?

2. Where do you sense God inviting you to join him in something he is already doing?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(Ephesians 2:10)