

Grace Guide



JULY 21-27

“How We Live”

Living For Something Worth Dying For

MONDAY
7/21

DANIEL 3:1-30

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego faced the fiery furnace with unwavering faith, refusing to bow to Nebuchadnezzar's idol even at the cost of their lives. Their courageous stand wasn't rooted in a guarantee of deliverance but in a deep conviction that their lives belonged to God. (v17) This story reminds us that living for something greater than ourselves – living for God – may involve risk and suffering, but it also brings God's presence in the fire with us. True faith is not about being spared from trials but about trusting God through them.

1. What idols in our culture are we tempted to bow to in order to avoid conflict or discomfort?
2. What might it cost us if we stood up in defiance of these idols? In what area of your life is God calling you to stand firm, no matter the cost?

TUESDAY
7/22

MATTHEW 5:10-16

Jesus calls those who are persecuted for righteousness "blessed," and tells his followers to be salt and light in the world. Living for something worth dying for means embracing a purpose that outlasts our comfort. Being salt and light is not passive; salt and light change the environments around them. When we live visibly and boldly for Christ, we may face rejection, but we also reveal the kingdom of God. Our lives are meant to shine with a purpose that glorifies God and points others to him.

1. What does it look like for you to be salt and light in your home, workplace, your neighborhood or wherever you may be?
2. In what ways does your daily life reflect a bold witness to the hope you have in Christ? How can you do so even more?

WEDNESDAY
7/23

ROMANS 8:31-39

Paul declares that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus: no suffering, hardship, persecution, or even death. This assurance gives believers the freedom to live and even die for the cause of Christ, knowing that we are eternally secure in God's love. When we believe that we are more than conquerors through him who loved us, we can face any trial with confidence and purpose. Our lives find meaning not in what we preserve but in whom we serve.

1. How does the promise of God's inseparable love strengthen your faith in times of trouble?
2. In what ways are you "more than a conqueror" in your life?

THURSDAY

7/24

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-26

Paul writes with unshakable confidence that whether by life or by death, Christ will be exalted in his body. His declaration, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain,” reveals a heart fully surrendered to God’s mission. Living for something worth dying for means seeing every moment of life as an opportunity to glorify Christ, and even death as a victory, not a defeat. When Christ is our everything, our fears lose their power and our purpose becomes eternal.

1. What does it look like in your life to say “to live is Christ”?
2. What can tempt you to live for lesser things than Christ? Why?

FRIDAY

7/25

PSALM 116

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants." This quiet, tender truth reminds us that God does not view the death of his people with indifference. Their lives and even their deaths matter deeply to God. Living for something worth dying for isn't about dramatic gestures, it's about consistent faithfulness. That is what God treasures. Our trust in God and obedience to him are never wasted, even when the world can't see their value.

1. How has God comforted you in your times of fear or loss?
2. How is your life continually precious in God's sight?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY**
7/26-27

ACTS 6:8-7:60

While this is a very long reading today, it is important to hear all of Stephen's story. Stephen's life is a powerful testimony to what it means to live and die for something eternally significant. Filled with the Holy Spirit, he boldly spoke the truth even when it led to his death. His eyes were fixed not on the approval of people but on the glory of God, and in his final moments, he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. To live for something worth dying for means being so anchored in truth and grace that we are willing to lose everything for the sake of the gospel.

1. What stands out to you most about Stephen's life and death?
2. What does it mean for you to be "full of grace and power" through the Holy Spirit today?

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

(Philippians 1:21)

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