

Grace Guide



FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 2

MONDAY
2/24

GENESIS 22:1-18

The record of Abraham's trust in God from when God first called him is a little rocky. He left his country for the land that God showed him, but when things got difficult, he frequently trusted his own cleverness rather than trusting God, always to his own (and other peoples') detriment: His flight to Egypt soon after coming into the land, for example, or Abram and Sarai's treatment of Hagar. But the day comes for Abraham when God calls Abraham to the ultimate test of his faith, a test that no human cleverness will be able to worm out of. Abraham's faith in God's provision is fulfilled when God provides a ram to be sacrificed in place of Isaac, allowing Abraham to prove to himself that he completely trusted God. This moment foreshadows the ultimate provision God makes for humanity through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Just as Abraham trusted God's promise, we are called to trust in God's provision of salvation through Christ. Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, knowing He would be the sacrifice for our sins – our perfect substitute.

1. How does Abraham's obedience challenge you to trust God even when God's plans aren't fully clear to you?
2. In what ways areas of your life do you need to remember that "the Lord will provide"?

TUESDAY
2/25

JOHN 10:11-18

Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd who willingly lays down His life for His sheep. Jesus actions that eventually lead him to Jerusalem and his arrest, trial and crucifixion, were intentional and motivated by love. Unlike a hired hand who runs away when danger comes, Jesus stayed and faced death to save us. His sacrifice was not taken from Him but was given freely so that we might have eternal life. Knowing this, we are invited to trust Him as our Shepherd who knows us deeply and loves us completely.

1. How do you experience Jesus as your “Good Shepherd”?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus willingly laid down His life for you?

WEDNESDAY
2/26

ACTS 2:22-24

In his first “sermon” prompted by the movement of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, Peter proclaims that Jesus' death was not an accident but part of God's sovereign plan to redeem humanity. Though people crucified Jesus, His journey to the cross was to fulfill God's purpose of salvation. Death could not hold Jesus, and His resurrection brings us hope and new life. Because Jesus faced the cross head-on, we are offered forgiveness and eternal life through Him.

1. What does Jesus' death on the cross say to you about God's sovereignty and God's ultimate plans for you and for the world?
2. Why do you think Peter was able to be so bold in talking about Jesus' atoning death? What opportunities do you have to speak about Jesus?

THURSDAY

2/27

ROMANS 3:21-26

We all fall short of God's standard (which is, after all, perfection), but through Jesus' sacrificial death, we are offered justification and redemption as a gift. God sent Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for our sins – satisfying divine justice while extending grace. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross was about fulfilling this purpose, offering salvation to all who believe. His sacrifice reveals both God's justice and God's deep love for us.

1. How do you experience salvation as a gift freely given to you?
How does this truth change your life?
2. How have you experienced both God's justice and mercy?

FRIDAY

2/28

PSALM 118

Jesus made reference to verses 22-24 in His ministry, applying them to himself (Mt 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17) as did the disciples later (Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7). Jesus, though rejected by many, became the cornerstone of God's plan of salvation. His rejection and crucifixion were not the end but the foundation of new life and redemption for all who believe. As He set His face toward Jerusalem, He knew He would be rejected, yet He went willingly for our sake. In Him, every day is an opportunity to rejoice in God's marvelous work of salvation.

1. How is Jesus the cornerstone of your faith and daily living?
2. How has God transformed the difficult or rejected parts of your life into something good?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
3/1-2

LUKE 9:18-20, 28-43A

In this passage, Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Christ of God,” recognizing Him as the promised Messiah. Jesus then reveals that His mission involves suffering and death, pointing to His role as the atoning sacrifice for sin. The Transfiguration confirms His divine identity as God declares, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!” Coming down from that moment of glory, Jesus heals a boy oppressed by an unclean spirit, demonstrating His authority over sin and suffering. This contrast between heavenly glory and earthly suffering highlights why Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem: to confront sin, suffering, and death directly. This healing foreshadows the ultimate restoration He would bring through His sacrifice on the cross, fulfilling His mission to save and redeem.

1. Who do you say that Jesus is, and how does that shape your daily life, your choices and your priorities?
2. What does God’s voice commanding “listen to Him” say to you about the importance of Jesus’ words in your life?

Verse for the week:

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

(John 10:11)

SERMON NOTES
