

# Grace Guide



**DECEMBER 8-15**

**“Where Are We Going?”**

**Advent 3: The Journey**

**MONDAY**  
**12/8**

**ISAIAH 35:1-10**

The prophet Isaiah paints a vision of restoration so complete that deserts burst into bloom and weary travelers walk a safe, joy-filled road home. This passage reminds us that even when our journey feels dry or exhausting, God is faithfully working to bring renewal and gladness. The “Way of Holiness” is not about perfection but about trusting that God is leading us toward wholeness, even when we cannot yet see the full picture. As we walk through Advent, we are called to hold onto hope, believing that God transforms barren places into signs of life.

1. How are you anticipating God to bring renewal and refreshing to your life right now?
  
2. What does Isaiah mean by “the Way of Holiness” and what does it mean for your life to walk the Way of Holiness?

**TUESDAY**  
**12/9**

## **ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20**

The prophet Zephaniah's message shifts from warning to overflowing joy as God promises to gather the scattered, lift the burdened, and restore the broken-hearted. The remarkable truth in this passage is that God not only saves but also delights in his people with singing. On our spiritual journey, we often carry shame, fear, or regret, but God's song over us replaces despair with belonging and renewal and victory. Advent invites us to listen for that song, God's assurance that he is near, acting in love, and leading us toward restoration.

1. What is (or can be) keeping you from hearing God's joy-filled presence in your life every day?
2. What does it mean for you that God rejoices over you and sings songs of rejoicing?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**12/10**

## **HEBREWS 10:32-37**

The writer of Hebrews reminds believers of earlier days when their faith remained firm despite struggles, urging them not to throw away their confidence now, in a time when life is more difficult. Endurance is a vital part of the journey of faith, not simply surviving difficulty but trusting that God is moving toward fulfillment of every promise. Advent encourages us to look back with gratitude, to stand firm with courage, and to look forward with expectation. The God who sustained us before will sustain us again.

1. In what ways has God sustained you in a difficult season in the past?
2. What kinds of circumstances threaten to shake your confidence in God and how can (and do) you push back with trust and faith?

**THURSDAY**  
**12/11**

## **JAMES 5:7-11**

James urges believers to be patient like a farmer waiting for rain, trusting that God is at work even when nothing seems to be happening. He reminds us that grumbling and frustration can distract us from the bigger picture of God's faithfulness. Advent is a season that teaches us to wait, not passively, but to wait with expectancy, courage, and gentleness toward one another. As we journey toward the coming of Christ, we learn endurance and gain confidence by remembering that God is compassionate and full of mercy.

1. Why is patience brought up so often in the Bible as something that we need to practice – and something that we receive from the Holy Spirit?
2. Where in your life are you trusting that God is working even though there is little or no outward evidence?

**FRIDAY**  
**12/12**

## **PSALM 146**

This psalm calls us to place our ultimate hope not in human leaders or systems but in the God who remains faithful forever. The psalmist points to God's ongoing work of lifting the oppressed, feeding the hungry, freeing prisoners, and caring for those society often overlooks. On our journey of faith, these words of unabashed praise remind us that true hope is rooted in the character of God and such hope is expressed through the way we join with God in caring for the vulnerable. Advent points us toward a kingdom shaped by God's trustworthy love.

1. When are you more likely to trust God than human strength or resources? Why is it hard sometimes?
2. How do you see God at work in the lives of people that the world often overlooks and forgets?

