

# Grace Guide



**APRIL 27-MAY 3**

**“Show Us The Father...”**

**MONDAY**  
**4/27**

**EXODUS 33:12-23**

Moses longs for more than guidance, he longs to truly know God, to see God (a desire we will hear echoed in the disciples' request later this week). He boldly asks to see God's glory, not settling for secondhand knowledge or distant relationship. God responds with both grace and truth – God's presence will go with Moses, yet his full glory cannot be seen. Even so, God allows Moses to experience a glimpse of his goodness. This moment reminds us that knowing God has always required both revelation and mercy. What Moses could only partially see, we now encounter more fully through Christ. Still, the invitation remains the same: to seek God personally, to desire God's presence, and to trust that he reveals himself in ways we can receive.

1. What does Moses' brashness in asking to see God's glory reveal about the kind of relationship that God desires to have with each one of us?
2. What places in your life are you relying on secondhand knowledge of God rather than seeking out God personally and intimately?

**TUESDAY**  
**4/28**

## **JOHN 1:1-18**

In his Gospel, John begins with a sweeping declaration: the Word was with God, and the Word was God (from the very beginning). Then comes the stunning truth that the Word became flesh and lived among us. In Jesus, God is not distant or abstract but present and knowable. John says that no one has seen God, yet the Son has made God known. This means that when we look at Jesus, when we look at his compassion, and his truth, and his sacrifice, then we are seeing the very heart of God. Faith is not built on speculation but on revelation. God has made himself visible in a way we can understand and trust, inviting us into a relationship grounded in grace and truth.

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Word made flesh and how does that truth shape how you understand who Jesus is?
2. Thinking through the stories you remember of Jesus' life from the Gospels, what aspects of his life most clearly reveal God's character to you?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**4/29**

## **COLOSSIANS 1:15-20, 2:9-10**

The apostle Paul describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, as the one through whom and for whom all things were created. This is not symbolic language, it is a bold claim about Jesus' divine nature. In him, all the fullness of God dwells, and through him, all things are being reconciled. This means that Jesus is not merely a messenger pointing us toward God, but he is the very presence of God among us. And even more, Paul shows us that in Jesus we have been brought to fullness. Our identity, our hope, and our restoration are all found in him. When we trust Christ, we are not reaching toward something incomplete, we are being drawn into the fullness of God himself.

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus is the image of the invisible God?
2. In what areas of your life have you struggled (or do you even now struggle) to believe that Christ is enough?

## THURSDAY

4/30

## 1 PETER 2:4-10

Peter, reflecting words from Psalm 118, describes Jesus as the living stone and the cornerstone, rejected by people but chosen and precious to God. Those who come to him are being built into a spiritual house, a people with a purpose. Peter reminds us that our identity is not self-made, but our identity is formed in relationship with Christ. Once we were not a people, but now we belong to God. Once we lived without mercy, but now we have received it. As we come to Jesus, we are not only connected to him but also to one another, becoming a visible expression of God's presence in the world. Our lives begin to reflect his light, not because of our own strength, but because we have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1. How does being part of a Christian community shape your faith and daily life? Later in this chapter and in chapter 5 Peter calls the Church a family of believers. What does that mean to you?
2. In what ways has God brought you out of darkness into light?

## FRIDAY

5/1

## PSALM 36

Traditionally attributed to David, psalm 36 contrasts the emptiness of human wickedness with the richness of God's steadfast love. While sin blinds and distorts, God's love is expansive, reaching to the heavens. God's righteousness is firm, his justice deep, and his care extends to all creation. The psalmist celebrates the refuge found in God, describing a place of abundance, joy, and life. "In your light we see light" is a reminder that clarity, truth, and understanding come from God alone. When we lose sight of God, everything else becomes distorted. But when we dwell in his presence, we begin to see rightly again: ourselves, others, and the world around us.

1. What stands out to you in the contrast between human sin and God's steadfast love?
2. Where might your perspective need to be realigned by returning to God's presence?



