

Grace Guide



MAY 4-10

“I Will Not Leave You...”

MONDAY
5/4

JOSHUA 1:1-9

As Joshua steps into leadership after the death of Moses, he faces an overwhelming task. God’s words to him are not strategies or detailed plans, but a promise: “I will be with you.” That assurance becomes the foundation for courage and obedience. Joshua is called to remain rooted in God’s word, to meditate on it, and to live it out daily. The strength he needs will not come from his own ability but from God’s abiding presence. In the same way, we often face situations that feel beyond us. God does not promise an easy path, but God does promise that he will not abandon us. His presence gives us courage to move forward and faithfulness to stay grounded in what he has already spoken.

1. Where in your life do you feel overwhelmed or uncertain right now?
2. Is there an area where God is calling you to be strong and obedient even when you feel unprepared?

TUESDAY
5/5

ZECHARIAH 4:1-6

The prophet Zechariah receives a vision meant to encourage Zerubbabel, who is tasked with rebuilding the temple. The message is simple but profound. God says, “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit.” Human strength, influence, and effort have limits, especially when the work is deeply spiritual. God reminds his people that what God calls them to do will ultimately be accomplished through his Spirit at work within and among them. This challenges our instinct to rely on our own resources. We often measure success by what we can control, but God invites us to depend on what he supplies. When we yield to the Spirit, we discover that the work he begins is sustained not by our striving, but by God’s presence and power.

1. Where are you relying primarily on your own strength instead of God’s Spirit? What might it look like to surrender control in that area?
2. How do you recognize the difference between striving in your own power and trusting God’s Spirit?
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WEDNESDAY
5/6

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-15

The apostle Paul reminds the people of the Church at Corinth that the wisdom of God is not something we can discover on our own. It is revealed through the Holy Spirit. What God has prepared cannot be grasped by human insight alone, but it must be given to us by God. The Spirit searches the depths of God and makes his truth known to us, shaping how we understand and respond to God. Without the Spirit, spiritual truth can seem distant or even foolish, but empowered by the Spirit, we begin to see clearly, not because we are smarter, but because we are being guided and taught from within. We are invited to live with humility and openness, recognizing that knowing God is not about mastering information but receiving what the Spirit of God graciously reveals.

1. How have you experienced God helping you understand something you could not grasp on your own?
2. What practices help you stay open and attentive to the Spirit’s leading?

THURSDAY

5/7

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Love is not just something God does, love is who God is. John reminds us that real love begins with God and is made visible through Jesus. Because God has loved us first, we are invited to love one another in a way that reflects his presence within us. This kind of love goes beyond feelings, it is a steady, self-giving way of living that shows God is at work in our hearts. As we grow in this love, fear begins to lose its hold on us. We are no longer driven by insecurity or the need to prove ourselves, but by the assurance that we are known and loved by God. And that assurance becomes the source from which love flows to others. We demonstrate our love for God by how we love other people.

1. How have you experienced God's love in a way that has shaped how you love others?
2. What fears might be holding you back from loving more fully and freely?

FRIDAY

5/8

PSALM 143

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; let your good Spirit lead me on level ground." This prayer, in the midst of this psalm that is a plea for God's help and God's deliverance, reflects a deep dependence on God for guidance and protection. The psalmist does not simply ask for direction, but for transformation, for the ability to actually do what God desires. There is an honesty here about how easily we can lose our way without God's help. The request for the Spirit's leading reminds us that obedience is not just about knowing the right path, but about being guided along it and then actually following it. God's Spirit leads us steadily, even when the terrain of life feels uneven or uncertain. As we seek God's will, we are invited to trust that he is both our teacher and our guide.

1. How have you experienced God's guidance in the past during uncertain times?
2. Where in your life do you need clearer direction right now?

**SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
5/9-10**

JOHN 14:15-26

Jesus connects love and obedience in a deeply personal way. To love him is to take his words seriously and to live them out. Yet he does not leave his followers to do this alone. He promises the Advocate (or the Comforter or the Counselor), the Holy Spirit, who will remain with them, who will teach them, and who will remind them of everything he has said. The Holy Spirit does not offer a distant or occasional help, but an ongoing presence within us. The Spirit makes it possible for believers to know Jesus, to follow him, and to experience his peace even in uncertain times. What Jesus commands, he also enables through the Spirit who dwells with us and in us.

1. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit helping you remember or apply Jesus' words?

2. What does it mean to you that the Spirit is with you and in you, not just around you?

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

(John 14:26)