



Daily Grace

By grace you have been saved

Daily Grace Devotionals November 2019

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Welcome to Daily Grace Devotionals

We are women committed to growing in our Christian faith by the grace of God. Too often we become caught up in routine and our time with God is reduced to a checkmark on a list of daily activities. When we spend time with Him, we feel good about ourselves. When we don't, we're riddled with crippling shame and guilt. We strive for a perfect attendance record instead of life-giving moments with our loving God. It is our mission to change that, which is why we are called Daily Grace Devotionals.

Lay aside your striving for perfection and replace it with grace. Yes, God longs to spend time with you every day because He loves you. He also knows you're human and will have days when you don't spend time alone with Him. If you miss a day, God isn't waiting to punish you. He's a gentle, loving father welcoming you with open arms. Whether you're someone who never misses a day, you've missed months or years, or are brand new, you are welcome here.

A Note from the Director

When I was 11 years old, my worship dance teacher gave us all a small, hot pink booklet of devotionals for Christmas. That was my first devotional, and I've rarely been without a daily devotional since then.

Daily Grace Devotionals (formerly Her Binder Project and The Binder Co.) was started in 2014 by Morgan Harper Nichols to help her and others grow in their Christian faith. I started as a writer in 2016, and the more involved I became, the more this ministry and the women who read became a part of my heart. In 2018, Morgan gave this ministry to me. It is dear to both of our hearts. My joy comes when I see women come alive as they grow. Today, thousands of women from all over the world are studying together and growing in faith by the grace of God.

-Emily Furda

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Does today’s reading make you more likely to show grace to yourself? Journal your thoughts and write today’s Scripture in your own words.

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Colossians 3:13
How does know God doesn’t condemn you and wants to help you to want to forgive impact you? Journal your thoughts.

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Ephesians 4:2
Do you have a friend who is going through a hard time? How can you show her grace? Pray for your friend, and encourage her this month.

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Ephesians 4:2
Listen to “I Need You” by Rebecca St. James.
youtu.be/5_Udt9bsokY

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Romans 12:4-8
Pray, asking God to show you what gifts you have. Then, make a list of at least 10 of them. Pick at least one and use it by the end of the month.

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Romans 6:1-2
Listen to “God Forbid” by Point of Grace.
youtu.be/Kd2OGZmu1-U

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Psalms 28:6-9
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youtu.be/o_r_0d8RW9g

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Romans 12:18
Is there a tense relationship in your life? What can do to show grace, or is it an unhealthy relationship you need to end? Journal your thoughts and pray.

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James 2:14-26
What is the difference between trying to earn God’s grace with actions and letting your actions show you have received the gift of God’s grace? Journal your thoughts.

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Proverbs 3:6
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James 1:19-20
What is your first reaction when you’re hurt? How does praying before you act help you when you’re hurt? Journal your thoughts.

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Romans 5:20-21
Write today’s scripture in your own words and listen to “Everything is Grace” by Matt Maher.
youtu.be/39ctUx1vWO8

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youtu.be/3MZgXXUW08Q

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Friday, November 1 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace, it's a word we hear often, especially in Christianity, but do we really know what it means? Do we know what it's like to experience God's grace to us, to show grace to ourselves, and to show grace to others? This is what we'll be learning about this month. Our theme verse for this month and our ministry is Ephesians 2:8-9.

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In this verse, the original Greek meaning of grace is: good will, loving-kindness, favor of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues.*

So often we say God gives us His grace, but when it comes down to it, we live in a state of fear. We think we must do something in order to be acceptable to Him, or even ourselves and others. That's not what God says. In fact, this verse makes it completely clear God's grace and our salvation are gifts from Him. Living a life fully immersed in the free gift of God's grace does keep us from feeling as if we're better than others or are capable of doing life on our own when we do something right. It also keeps us from feeling guilty when we sin or fail to live up to a self-imposed standard or one others set for us.

Our lives are based on grace from God. So, it's time to lay down shame and the fear of not being good enough. It's time to rise up as daughters of God and walk with freedom, crowned with His grace.

Daily Challenge

Write today's verse own and place it where you'll see it often. Also, journal what you think it means to live in God's grace. Save what you write, so you can look back on it at the end of the month.

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Saturday, November 2 2019

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Read Colossians 3:23-24

Sometimes, it can be hard to know the difference between doing our best and struggling to hit an out of reach high note of perfection. We can easily become fearful women who exchange our peace for the attempt of perfection. When we fail in our attempt to achieve perfection, we're disappointed in ourselves and often feel like failures. How do we know when something must be done perfectly and when it's okay for a mistake to happen?

There is a question to ask yourself when you're trying to combat perfection. Ask yourself "Is this a piano?" That seems odd but give it a chance.

A piano has 88 keys, and each one must be tuned to perfection for it to sound the way it is intended. This is one time something must be done to perfection in order for it to fulfill its purpose. Someone who tunes a piano has the training and tools to make sure it's tuned perfectly.

Can you think of some things in your life that must be 100% perfect like a piano, not something you'd like to be perfect, but something that must be perfect? It would be great if this eBook had zero typos. It would be fantastic if the tacos for dinner didn't fall apart. It would be wonderful to always be on time, but what is the consequence if perfection doesn't happen? One fleeting bad note won't ruin the beautiful symphony of our lives. We can stop worrying about things falling flat if we don't do everything right all the time.

Every single day we fall on our faces, sometimes literally tripping over nothing but air. In those moments, we need to remember who we are serving and who we worship. Is it our perfection or God?

When we live for perfection, it's a guaranteed way to live a life filled with sour notes lacking peace. This doesn't mean we shouldn't try to do our best. Today's scripture puts it into perspective. We give our best because our lives are lived for God. He wants us to give Him our hearts, not dedicate our lives perfection. He even wants us to give Him our desire for perfection so He can replace it with His joy and peace.

We need to ask God for help, especially when trying to combat perfection. He will give us His grace to both help us lay down the impossible quest of perfection and to do our best with the tasks at hand.

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Sunday, November 3 2019

Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read Romans 6:14

It's hard when we've messed up on something and it seems to just hang over our heads. That one thing we messed up on can somehow become our focus and we allow it to take too much control over our lives. We know God has grace, even for moments like this, but we struggle to fully believe we could find forgiveness here.

Dwelling on our mistakes won't lead to living a grace filled life but to feeling guilty and shameful. We can end up serving the sin, instead of accepting grace and moving on. The sin may even begin to take the place of God and become our master if we allow it this kind of power over us.

One thing to remember about the mistake, the sin that feels big, or if even if we see it as something we may end up doing again, God's Grace still covers it. The guilt we find after we commit it is not a feeling we are meant to stay in. Grace welcomes us to let go of the past, no matter what we have done. It takes guilt and shame and replaces it with love and forgiveness.

We are called to live under grace, no matter the circumstance. No matter how many times we mess up, even on the same thing, we have grace. It doesn't mean we are supposed to purposely sin, but even if we do, His grace can be found. It has no limits, no end, and is always there to remind us to look ahead.

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Whatever you do, remember, God isn't looking for your performance or testing how much you know. He simply wants to spend time with you, speaking to your heart and showing you His love and grace.

Tuesday, November 5 2019

Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read 2 Corinthians 12:9

If we never needed to be saved from our mess, our faith would never grow. Needing to trust in God's grace to come save us builds our faith in Him and makes it so much stronger. We are not enough to sustain ourselves, but through God's grace we are sustained

Trusting God with our every situation and relying on His grace to get us through will grow our trust in Him. It reminds us to lean on Him for our every need and that we are not enough on our own.

It's when we are stuck in our sin or lost in a hopeless situation we need to look to God's grace for help. It takes having faith that His grace is strong enough to rescue us, and trusting He is able. It's fully letting go of our lives in exchange for Him. It's giving up the control and allowing God to intervene.

It might not always be easy to let down our walls or let go of our ideas of being strong enough ourselves, but it's worth it to allow grace to come into our lives. Having faith that He will save us might not always feel like a safe choice, but it's the best one to make. Even in our doubt, God's grace will not let us down.

Daily Challenge

Do you easily trust God to get you through any situation by His grace, or do are you afraid to go to Him for help? How does today's reading impact how you feel asking God for help? Journal your thoughts.

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Wednesday, November 6 2019

Devotional written by Diane Marie
Read Acts 20:24

The writer of Acts, presumably Luke, had it right. He considered his own life nothing and looked towards eternity. He wasn't concerned only with his own salvation. Instead, his sole focus was to testify of the grace of God. He wanted everyone to know!

How often do we set aside our own desires to share the love of Jesus?

We can spend so much time wrapped up in earthly things that will fade away, and it all will fade away. Do we put more effort into choosing just the right outfit, getting that great job, or posting about our most recent vacation on social media than we do giving our testimony? Let's be honest with ourselves: we often do.

There is nothing more important to us than what Christ did for us on the cross. That single act made it possible for us to make right our relationship with God. We didn't earn it. It was all God's grace. That really is the good news. Now go out and tell someone.

Daily Challenge

Listen to "Testify to Love" by Avalon.

youtu.be/mhO9KlbPUjI Also, encourage someone this month by sharing God's grace. You can forgive, let someone else have the last cookie you wanted, hold the door when it's inconvenient for you, reassure someone it's okay when they forget something, babysit for free, or anything you can think of.

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Thursday, November 7 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read James 5:16

Are there parts of your life you want to hide because you're certain no one would love you if she saw them? Maybe it's shame about something you've done, something done to you, or sin you find yourself currently trapped in. Deep down you know you cannot escape this dungeon in your soul alone but letting a friend in is terrifying. Maybe you've tried before, and the person walked away leaving you with a gaping wound, or instead of helping you find your way, she controlled you. In self-defense, you haven't just built a wall around your heart, you've built a fortress complete with a moat filled with hungry alligators.

In today's reading, we see the power of talking about things we'd rather hide. Our hearts can be healed from anything, but we can't do it alone. Healing comes when secrets are shared in safe places, so the light of Jesus' love can shine. If you find yourself needing a friend who can be a safe place, pray about it. Ask God to bring someone into your life who can help you and shine His light of unconditional love in your dark places. Pray about it, even if you're afraid God might not care enough to help. He will answer that prayer when He knows you're ready.

It's scary to let someone in, but you don't have to do it all at once. The fortress you once built for protection can become a prison of loneliness. Little by little get to know this sister in Christ. If she's willing to take a raft across your moat filled with alligators, she just may love you enough to show God's grace without judgment and walk with you as you heal. Maybe it's time for you to call off the alligators in the moat, or at least feed them so they don't attack.

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Devotional written by Emily Furda

Read Matthew 1:1-17

Think about these women for a minute. What's your first impression of them? The first woman was married to an evil man, became a young widow, and was horribly mistreated by his family. One woman was a prostitute. Another woman was young widow. Yet, another woman became pregnant with a child of the king of Israel, who had her husband killed in war, to save his reputation. Shortly after the birth, the baby died. Finally, a teenager became pregnant with a baby who was not her fiancé's.

Who are these women? They're Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary.* Their stories are ones of heartache, bold choices, and hope. Tamar was forced to pretend to be a prostitute so her father-in-law would make sure her Biblical right to have a son would be fulfilled. Rahab risked death by helping the Israelite spies as they entered the promised land. Ruth chose to move to a foreign land and embrace God's commandments. Bathsheba taught her other son, Solomon, the importance of learning and applying God's teaching. Mary chose to risk public ridicule, even death by stoning, to be the mother of Jesus. They all had lives filled with pain or bad choices. They also held onto hope and made bold choices to follow God. He knew their worth wasn't defined by their circumstances or choices.

They have another thing in common. They're the only women mentioned in the lineage of Jesus. Generations before He was born, God knew these five women would play a crucial role in the birth of the Messiah.

Do you ever feel as if the hope you had of doing great things for God is gone because of your past? The stories of those women are something to remember and gain hope from because they're stories of redemption and God's grace. It doesn't matter what your past is like. Jesus came so you can have the gift of redemption as well. When you make the choice to follow God with all your heart, you can change the world just like these five brave women. You too, play a crucial role in bringing Jesus to the lives of others.

Daily Challenge

Using the further reading scriptures, choose at least one woman's story to read. Then, journal about how reading her story impacts your view of yourself when you think of what you or others see as flaws in you.

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*Further reading- Tamar: Genesis 38, Rahab: Joshua 2, 6:17, Ruth: Ruth 1, Bathsheba: 2 Samuel 11-12, Mary: Luke 1:26-38



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Devotional written by Heather Golden Horton
Read Proverbs 17:17

Once you have found a close friend or a tribe of like minded friends, it may seem as if the journey of friendship will be a simple road. You may laugh together until you can't breathe, make memories together in your favorite places, and even walk through the mundane seasons of life without a single dent in your friendship.

In order to foster the strongest friendships, you must ask yourself an important question, "What will happen when friendship gets messy?" You must embrace the fact that every long-lasting friendship will eventually have its share of messy moments. Nurturing deep, abiding friendships takes cooperative work. This is where Proverbs 17:17 speaks of loving "at all times". It is impossible to see the true strength of this kind of love until friends have walked through deep, messy moments together: the struggle of disagreement, a crisis in health, the disappointment of unrealized dreams, or anything that threatens to choke growing friendships. In these moments, love and grace is often shown by action.

These are the seasons where showing God's love and grace to a friend will require sacrifice, prayer, and possibly forgiveness. In these moments, they might be best shown without words, simply by being present and listening.

In the end, whether you and your friend walk together for just a season or a lifetime is truly in God's hands. Make a prayerful commitment to seek a friendship that is healthy for all involved. Strive to consistently show God's love. Finally, let God lead you each through the joy and messiness of life.

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Pray for or with a friend every day this week. It can be the same friend or a different one each day.

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Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read Ephesians 2:4-5

When we run into tough times or a difficult situation, our first response might be to see how we can fix it ourselves. When we stumble into problems, it can seem easier to just turn to our own answers. We take the struggle into our own hands and attempt to save ourselves instead of turning to God.

Whether we feel like we are strong enough on our own, or if we feel we can't come to Jesus with our problems, coming to Jesus is the only way to find deliverance. We are only humans, and without accepting God's grace, we are unable to find freedom from our struggles and sins. Only through Him are we set free. It's God's grace that makes a way for us, even in our weaknesses.

We will always fall short when we try to save ourselves, but He never does. His grace doesn't run out. His love will never run dry. We can't deliver ourselves from our sins, as we don't have the same relentless grace as He does. Without His never-ending grace and mercy for us, we are destined to be trapped in our own darkness.

The truth is, only God's grace can save us. Whatever struggle we are facing, no matter how hard we try, we can't save the day. This is a reason why we need God's grace. Only He has the power to save us from the dark.

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When you find yourself struggling, is your first reaction to go to God, or try to make it through alone? Why? How does today's reading impact what you will do in the future? Journal your thoughts.

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Devotional written by Christine Perry
Read 1 Peter 5:10

Have you ever asked yourself "why is this happening to me"? Maybe you lost someone you loved. Maybe you just went through a gut wrenching break up. Maybe your doctor called to give you a diagnosis you never saw coming.

Jesus promises that in this world we will have trouble. But, where do we find grace in the suffering?

The grace we find is in Jesus. He knows what it means to suffer. His closest friends ran out on him. He was beaten by people who were praising him the week before, and He was killed for His innocence. He could have stopped it, but He chose to suffer so we could have fellowship with Him even when we suffer.

In suffering we find perspective. Oswald Chambers said: "Sorrow burns up a great amount of shallowness." Grace is what gets us through suffering. In it we also find preparation to minister, encourage, and help to others.

Just like Jesus called us into fellowship with Him and His suffering, we are called into each other's suffering. When we all take a step back, we will see the grace of God and how it was the glue through it all.

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Thursday, November 14 2019

Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read Ephesians 4:7

One thing grace brings to our lives is the ability to forgive ourselves. When we struggle to meet deadlines, expectations, or our own goals, we can be pretty rough on ourselves. We might think we don't deserve grace because we could have tried harder or we didn't work hard enough. Maybe, we sometimes find it easier to offer grace to others than to offer it to ourselves.

Failing at something or falling behind does not make you any less worthy of grace than anyone else. You could be the most imperfect person in the world, yet grace would still be there for you. It invites you to discover freedom from any expectations you or someone else has placed on you. It sets you free from the guilt you may feel if you don't measure up to others and their success.

While giving others grace is sometimes easier than giving it to ourselves, it doesn't mean we should only give others grace. What makes others more deserving of grace than us? We all have things in life we will fail at, but we don't need to live a life filled with guilt when we have God's grace to heal those hurts.

In the end, we can set goals for ourselves and try to meet deadlines, but those will not be the things that define us. No human is perfect, no person can impress everyone, and we weren't made to.

So, even when you feel like you could've done better at something, know God's grace has your back.

Daily Challenge

Does today's reading make you more likely to show grace to yourself? Journal your thoughts and write today's Scripture in your own words.

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Friday, November 15 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Colossians 3:13

We all face times in our lives when we need to give forgiveness and sometimes it's hard to give. In order to truly forgive, we have to face the pain and fully acknowledge what it is we're forgiving. When people wound us deeply, we don't feel like forgiving, yet we know God calls us to forgive. The good news is we don't have to forgive in our own strength. God's grace not only heals the deep wounds inflicted on us, it also helps us forgive those who caused the wounds.

When we're hurting beyond belief, forgiveness is the last thing we want to do. In Psalm 52:12 we see David knew what it was like to not want to surrender to God. This was part of his prayer.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. NIV

When forgiveness is hard to give, consider praying like David did. Ask God to change your heart. Author and speaker Marilyn Meberg suggested to pray this prayer when you want to follow God, but you also don't want to forgive: "Lord, make me willing to be willing to forgive."

When we acknowledge we need help to even want to forgive, God's grace can change us. It likely won't happen overnight, but as we allow God to change our hearts, we'll feel a subtle shift inside. Forgiveness doesn't always mean reconciliation. Sometimes we need to maintain healthy boundaries, but we can still forgive.

Asking God to make you willing to be willing to forgive, even while admitting you don't want to forgive, will lead to healing for your hurting heart and allow His grace to change you.

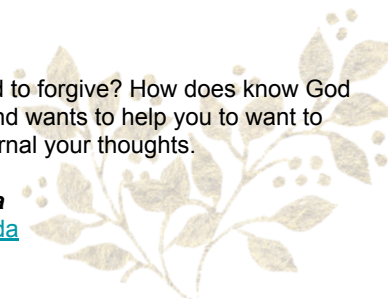
Daily Challenge

Have you ever struggled to forgive? How does know God doesn't condemn you and wants to help you to want to forgive impact you? Journal your thoughts.

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Saturday, November 16 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda

Read Ephesians 4:2

Showing grace to others means we need to be patient with them when they're going through a hard time, especially when it's an extended length of time or even a permanent change.

It's easy to be understanding of a change in someone in the during a crisis. We're more likely to be understanding in the immediate aftermath when someone close to them passes way, when they first develop a life altering illness, when someone has lost a job, or when a natural disaster or fire ravages their home. What about long term?

How do you respond months later when a friend is still battling depression, short tempered, or overwhelmed? What is your reaction when she's struggling to cope with an illness or when money is tight and energy is low? How do you react when she backs out of commitments, doesn't make new ones, when she's turning down invitations for coffee, or doesn't want to be a part of an annual a Christmas gift exchange?

Showing grace starts with being patient and remembering the change in her is normal. It means stepping in for her at times. Ask if she'd like you to volunteer in her place or take on some extra work she might be too overwhelmed to do. Sometimes, it's letting her do extra work she ass to take on because it's how she's coping. It gives her something to focus on. It's remembering she still loves you when she forgets a date that's important to you; she's just too overwhelmed to remember. If she often turns down plans, remember the extra mental and physical effort may be too much for her. Also a few dollars spent on coffee could be too much at the moment. Ask her if there is something else that would be better for her. Also, ask her if she still wants to keep being invited, even though you know she'll likely turn you down. Sometimes, a genuine invitation is an offer of inclusion and reminds her she's not alone.

You can't let your friend hurt you over and over. That's not healthy for either of you. What is healthy is showing her understanding and grace when you realize she's learning how to cope. You can bear with her in a difficult time because of the grace God gives. Loving and showing grace to a hurting friend brings healing and comfort to her fragile soul and remind her just how much God cares for her.

Daily Challenge

Do you have a friend who is going through a hard time and isn't acting like she once did? How can you show her grace? Pray for your friend, and do something to encourage her this month. It can be something small, like an encouraging note or even a gift card to her favorite restaurant.

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Sunday, November 17 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Ephesians 4:2

Yesterday, we talked about Ephesians 4:2 from the perspective of showing grace to others. Today, it's time to talk about something many of us find harder: accepting grace from others.

You might be quick to show someone else grace, but when someone does the same for you it can feel awkward and you don't know how to handle it. It's even harder when you don't think you deserve it or earned it, but, that's the point. Grace is receiving something you don't deserve.

When we sit and feel guilty or try to push away the gift of grace our friends want to give us, we don't just refuse the gift, we refuse friendship. We push away people who love us.

Instead of trying to push someone away, the next time you're shown grace accept it. A thank you will suffice. If you feel it's warranted, send a thank you note. Don't let yourself sit and feel guilty. That's not what your friend wants, and it's hurtful to her, just like it would be hurtful to you if the situation was reversed. Dare to let yourself be valued and accept the gift of grace others give you.

Daily Challenge

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Monday, November 18 2019

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Tuesday, November 19 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Romans 12:4-8

Not enough. How many times do you think that about yourself? Not old enough. Not young enough. Not experienced enough. Not innovative enough. Not thin enough. Not curvy enough. Not creative enough. Not disciplined enough. Sometimes it seems as if you're never "enough."

What exactly is "enough" anyhow?

So often, in our minds we have a standard of what we think is enough, what we think is perfect, yet we never seem to meet it. Even if we finally feel as if we measure up in one area, we see a hundred other areas where we don't feel qualified. We want to step out and serve God with the gifts He's given us, but we just don't feel like we're enough.

Today's Scripture tells us that through His grace, God has given each one of us special gifts, and He wants us to use them. What gifts do you have? Remember, even something small is huge. Are you a good organizer, do you have a knack for finding obscure information online, do you naturally hold the door for a stranger, or are you good at solving problems? Whatever you feel disqualifies you from serving God now is no obstacle in His eyes. He wants you to shine for Him. God's grace makes you enough.

Daily Challenge

Pray, asking God to show you what gifts you have. Then, make a list of at least 10 of them. Pick at least one and use it by the end of the month.

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Wednesday, November 20 2019

Devotional written by Diane Marie
Read Romans 6:1-2

Have you ever heard the saying that it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission? A small child might know her mother would say "no" to a cookie before dinner. She also knows that if she were caught, she could just look at her mommy with big, sad eyes and apologize, and all would be forgiven. Or, a woman might buy a new pair of shoes with some of the rent money, knowing her husband loves her and will find another way to make the budget work.

When someone loves us, we sometimes take advantage of their willingness to forgive us. Why not just have it our way, and apologize later? Yet, ultimately, it is wrong. When a child knows the rule is no cookies before dinner, she knows it's wrong to take one. When a woman knows she and her husband have agreed to live on a strict budget yet buys things she doesn't need and they haven't budgeted for, she knows it's wrong. So, we certainly know it's wrong to willingly sin, knowing that God is quick to forgive.

Grace is a beautiful gift from God. We all need it all the time, and God gives it freely. However, we absolutely should not think, speak, or do things purposely knowing that God is ready to bestow His grace upon us. As some earlier believers thought, we should not sin just because it will gain us more grace! Honestly, if we purposely sin, there is a very good chance we won't even be truly repentant. This is not a place we want to be. Choose to live a holy life and accept God's grace when you need it.

Daily Challenge

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Thursday, November 21 2019

Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read Psalm 28:6-9

Do you ever have days when your weaknesses bring you down? Maybe it's from your mistakes or from your failures. These feelings can overwhelm your heart and mind to the point when you break down.

This is what we have grace for, God promises in our weakness, He is strong. So, when we reach the end of our rope, His promise of strength will bring us through.

We are human, and we can't rely on our own strength to carry us. When we reach the point where we can't keep fighting on our own, we need God's grace and strength. Though we could keep trying to do things our way, we aren't perfect and will eventually fall. His strength will never fall apart, for it is a promise to us.

When in these times of struggling, we need to surrender ourselves to Him and give up the controls. When we allow ourselves to let go, we get to experience His renewing strength. It doesn't matter how weak we have become, His strength will hold us up.

God's promise of strength isn't reserved for certain people but is for everyone who gives their lives to Him. It doesn't matter how many times you have failed, or how deep you have sunk, through His grace, His strength can pull you out and make you stronger.

So instead of leaning on your own abilities, you can lean on God and His promise to you. You don't need to continue feeling overwhelmed about getting through life in your own strength. You can give yourself to Him, rise above your weaknesses, and allow His grace and strength to get you through.

Daily Challenge

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Friday, November 22 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Romans 12:18

There are times when relationships can push you to the edge. Sometimes the conflict isn't even directed at you, but it's all around you. So, what do you do, besides grabbing a pint of Chunky Monkey ice cream and binge watch Netflix alone? How can you show God's grace to those around you when things are tense? Sometimes you need to slow down and allow God to settle your emotions so He can help you see things more clearly. This might be in the middle of a heated moment or for a few days. Listen to what is being said both by words and actions. Is the conflict about the current issue, or is the issue what made something deeper come out? Are your parents really upset about your career choice or is about the regrets they have about their own lives? Does your coworker hate you or is she short tempered because of something in her personal life? You might be in the middle of the conflict, but it might not be about you at all.

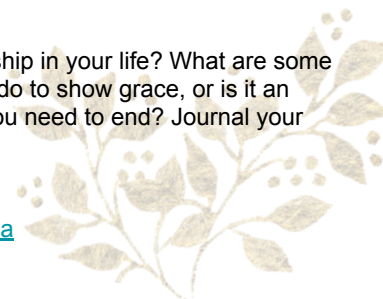
Sometimes, doing little things, like making a favorite meal or holding the door can soften someone's heart. You can show you care but keep your heart at a safe distance. You can also draw a line and refuse to allow someone to take advantage of you. It might be time to stop covering for someone at work or stop lending money. (If you are being abused, please seek help from a licensed counselor. You are worth it and need to be safe.) Doing what you can to live at peace with others means sometimes God gives you grace to do something extra. Other times, it means His grace helps you limit a relationship or walk away. If you do need to walk away, God's grace can help you make new relationships as well. If, with God's strength, you choose to show grace, maybe the next Netflix marathon will require an extra pint of Chunky Monkey ice cream to share with a friend.

Daily Challenge

Is there a tense relationship in your life? What are some practical things you can do to show grace, or is it an unhealthy relationship you need to end? Journal your thoughts and pray.

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Saturday, November 23 2019

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Sunday, November 24 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read James 2:14-26

Ephesians 2:8-9, tells us our salvation is a gift of God's grace when we put our faith in Him. When we read today's scripture, can appear as it contradicts what Paul wrote in Ephesians, but it doesn't. Instead, it builds on it. James says faith is useless unless actions accompany it. He explains how what we do is evidence of our faith. Our actions are a natural response to the change God makes in our hearts.

James gives us a few examples of how we can live out our faith. He tells us we should be helping others, not just wishing someone well. He talks about Abraham, who sacrificed everything he knew to follow God. He also talks about Rahab. She was known as a prostitute, but once she believed in who God was, she helped the Israelites overtake the city of Jericho. She then became known for her righteousness because she made a choice to let her actions match what she believed in her heart.

People can't see our hearts. What they can see is our attitude, how we care, how we love, and how we go about our everyday lives. We become known for our faith because the evidence of it is shown in our actions. If our actions don't change because Jesus lives in our hearts, have we truly let Jesus change us?

Instead of hoping this world will change, be the one who impacts the world around you with your actions that naturally flow from your grace-changed heart. Let your faith and God's grace be evident by how you live.

Daily Challenge

What is the difference between trying to earn God's grace with your actions and letting your actions show you have received the gift of God's grace? Journal your thoughts.

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Monday, November 25 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read Proverbs 3:6

Sometimes, it can be so hard to know if we're walking in God's will. We want to, but we know our own desires get in the way. We often worry if we'll disappoint God and not live up to His expectations of us. We forget His grace is with us every day, no matter what we're doing or where we're headed. Sometimes, when things go well, we wonder if it's too easy and think we're not where He wants us. Then, when it's hard, lonely, and scary, we wonder if we've missed His plan all together.

Proverbs 3:6 tells us "In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." NIV

That makes it sound so simple, so why do we find it so hard? Perhaps we give ourselves too much credit when it comes to how much we can mess up God's plans. That doesn't mean we should deliberately sin or walk around without seeking Him. On the contrary, we need to always be asking Him to guide our hearts and our steps by His grace and show us when we're on the right or wrong path.

God hears our prayers, and the attitude of our hearts is more important than actions. He doesn't leave us when we walk the wrong path and he doesn't leave us to go it alone once we get the hang of it. If we're praying with every step we take and asking Him to guide us, we can trust He will show us to change our path when we're not walking where He wants us. He will always guide us, no matter how far off the path we find ourselves, because of the deep love He has for us.

When we committed to do things God's way, we can relax. His grace is with us no matter where we find ourselves. God in charge, not us, and that's a good thing. He won't mess up when it comes to guiding our lives.

Daily Challenge

Write out today's Scripture in your own words.

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Tuesday, November 26 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda
Read James 1:19-20

Friendships are beautiful, but they can also be difficult. We're all flawed people who will hurt each other at times. When we're hurting, we often act on emotion, not considering the long-term consequences. We can make an angry social media post, yell, gossip, or refuse to speak. We can even let our minds wander to the point of a panic attack or a sleepless night.

What would happen if we stopped and prayed instead?

If we want to have Godly intentional friendships, we must handle conflict in a Godly, grace-filled way. Instead of running to another person or letting your thoughts spiral, run to the Lord. Ask Him for wisdom. Sometimes, we do need to distance ourselves from a friend who habitually hurts us. Other times we just need a conversation.

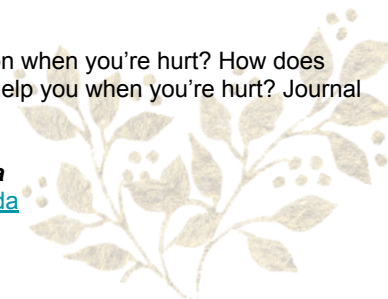
When feelings are hurt, reach out to your friend as soon as possible instead of waiting for her to come to you. Reach out even if it's awkward. Be the one to extend grace first. Keep in mind today's verse. Ask questions without accusing so you can understand what happened. She may not have meant to hurt you and you may not have been the only one in tears. She just may not have known how to reach out. Also, be willing to listen if she says you hurt her.

Instead of fighting with your friend, fight for your friendship. Beautiful things can happen when we're willing to set aside pride, listen to each other, and be honest in a gentle manner. You have an opportunity to show and receive grace and love. When you know you can talk about hurt feelings, it builds your trust and makes your friendship a safe space. You just may come out of a hurtful situation closer friends than you were before.

Daily Challenge

What is your first reaction when you're hurt? How does praying before you act help you when you're hurt? Journal your thoughts.

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Wednesday, November 27 2019

Devotional written by Danielle Nicole
Read Romans 5:20-21

Maybe today you find yourself walking through a difficult time. You see this season as only a time of failure, and feel you are unworthy of His love. Just know there is still grace for you here. Grace doesn't just come into effect for the small thing, but for the larger ones too, even when you continue to fall.

Though you may see this season as a waste, Grace sees it differently. It's a time to become stronger, and braver. It's a place where you can let go of all your pride, and shame so grace may intervene in your life. In the struggle it shows you that you may need to surrender and allow grace to undue you.

Letting grace in can change everything about what you are walking through. It turns pain into a door for healing, and doubt into a place where trust can be held. It shows you that even if you feel like a failure here, through Him you are enough. It doesn't matter how many times you fall, grace will always catch you and give you a second chance.

While walking through a testing time, know grace is still present. A bigger struggle doesn't mean grace will be less, but it will be more abundant. So, whether you are feeling like a failure, unworthy, or maybe just struggling to follow His ways, Grace still has you.

Daily Challenge

Write today's scripture in your own words and listen to "Everything is Grace" by Matt Maher.

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Thursday, November 28 2019

Devotional written by Heather Golden Horton
Read Ephesians 2:3-7

God is a God of grace. When we look in the mirror and realize how imperfect we are and have always been, it is difficult for us to fathom that God loved us, especially when we were in the middle of our biggest self-made messes. God saw the big picture of forgiveness through Christ and offered it to us—individuals who crossed the lines of disobedience and dabbled in the things that weren't of Him.

In light of Christ's sacrifice, God chose to see us as alive, not condemned forever because of our sin. Breathe this in: God chose to offer His only Son for us. He chose to make us spiritually alive, when He could have given us the ultimate death sentence. He chose to give us grace

Because of Jesus, He calls us alive. There is freedom in knowing we have been made alive in Christ. There is freedom in this aliveness, yet despair threatens to grab hold of us and make us live in the graveyard. Our thoughts try to lead us back to the dark places of our sin, where we used to sit among what might as well have been tombs. We must choose each day to remember the Holy Spirit's power that continually brings us spiritual life and breath as we sit in God's presence.

The Creator of the universe made man and woman in His own image. He gave mankind breath and form. He made mankind come alive. That same Creator brought each of us fresh life through grace by His spirit. He made us alive through the gift of Jesus. Our grace-filled God sees us as alive. Why would we choose to live as anything less?

Daily Challenge

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Saturday, November 30 2019

Devotional written by Emily Furda

Read 2 Peter 1:2

Every aspect of God is filled with grace. Learning about His grace doesn't stop the moment this book ends. In fact, it's just the beginning. The more you learn about the many facets of God, the more you will see and experience His grace. Today's verse puts it this way:

May grace and peace be lavished on you as you grow in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord! 2 Peter 1:2 NET

God's grace for you isn't something to be rationed only for certain circumstances. You don't have to try to do something on your own because you're worried you might not have enough of His grace later. God's grace for you is lavish.

Even on the days you forget God's grace is there or run from it, He doesn't stop offering it. On days when grace feels like a murky concept, continue to seek God. Don't let a mistake, or even a lifetime of mistakes, stop you from coming to the one who loves you. God's loving grace is always for you. His grace truly is Daily Grace.

Daily Challenge

After spending this month learning about God's grace, what does it mean to live by God's grace? Have you truly accepted God's grace? Journal your thoughts and compare them to what you wrote at the beginning of the month. Also, listen to "This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham. youtu.be/XFRjr_x-yxU

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