

Changed by Grace: God is On the Move
February 2, 2020
Week 1 Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Matthew 5:14-16](#)

REFLECT: In his sermon, Pastor Derek reminded us that the church movement extends beyond Sunday mornings and outside the walls of the physical church building. How does this particular passage encourage you to think outwardly? Does “outward focus” come easily to you? Why or why not?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Use some quiet time today to have a moment of confession to God. Confess where you have been more inwardly than outwardly focused. Confess the areas in your life where you have been critical or judgmental of others. Ask Him to help you think less about yourself and more about others for the purpose of being the light of the world.

Day 2-

READ: [Acts 20:24](#)

REFLECT: The apostle Paul is one of the greatest examples in scripture of a life changed by Christ and living as a fully devoted follower. What stands out to you in this passage? How does Paul verbalize his devotion? If you think about your own life, how devoted are you to Christ? What is one thing you can start doing or stop doing today to become closer to Jesus?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Grab some paper, or use the notes app on your phone, and take a few minutes to write “You are...” statements about your Heavenly Father. Write down the truths that you know about Him. Write words that describe who He is to you. Refer back this list (and add to it!) throughout the week. Use these reminders to help you fall deeper in love with your Savior.

Day 3-

READ: [Acts 1:8](#)

REFLECT: This particular passage is the catalyst for Grace’s current vision “[Transform 1:8](#).” We’ve spent a lot of time over the last two years praying, dreaming, and believing what it means to put these words into action. A key phrase in this passage is “*and you will be my witnesses.*” Jesus is calling all believers, collectively and individually, to own this mission of spreading His gospel. How are you living this out in your day-to-day life? Are you His witness?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Write down the word “witness” somewhere that you’ll see throughout the day. Each time you see the word, take a moment in prayer and ask God to help you continue to be a witness to those around you and to break down any barriers that might exist.

Day 4-

READ: [Psalms 92:13](#)

REFLECT: In his sermon this week, Pastor Derek used this passage from Psalms to teach us that in order for our lives to flourish, we need to be in the right environment. Take a minute to do an assessment of your own life in its current state. Be honest with yourself and ask, “Am I flourishing?” What do you need more/less of to be in and stay in the right environment?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Throughout the day, pray that your heart would be open to how God might move you and use you in your current environment. Pray that He would reveal to you how you might need to adjust some things in your life in order to flourish for the sake of growing His kingdom.

Day 5-

READ: [Romans 15:13](#)

REFLECT: Our hope lies in Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that when we believe in Jesus as our savior and follow him, His Holy Spirit is alive in us. How does this scripture encourage you in your faith journey? How can you make these words more of a reality in your life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your quiet time today, watch [Phil Wickham’s “Living Hope” music video](#). As you reflect and pray, thank God that He is alive and at work in us and through us; and in you and through you!

Changed by Grace: You Matter to God
February 9, 2020
Week 2 Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Luke 15](#)

REFLECT: How does God respond to those who are lost and then found? (See Luke 15: 7, 10, 32) What does this mean for how God sees you?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Spend time praising the Lord for how he has saved you. Pray for him to help you see those who are lost the way that he sees them.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ/ WATCH/ LISTEN: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/161737>

Day 2-

READ: [Psalm 139](#)

REFLECT: What does this psalm say about how much God knows about you? How does this psalm reveal how much he cares about you?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Make a list of the ways that God views you. Post them somewhere you will see them multiple times a day to remind yourself of how much he cares. Knowing that God knows this much about you, how does this bring you to praise him?

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH & LEARN: Kevin DeYoung unpacks Luke 15 in this RightNow Media session, [Jesus and the Lost](#), from the Gospel Coalition Conference.

Day 3-

READ: [1 John 4:15-19](#)

REFLECT: Why does it matter that God is love? How can perfect love cast out fear?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Praise the Lord for He is love! And praise Him for how He loves you through Jesus Christ.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

REFLECT: How have you experienced being fully known and truly loved by God?

“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.” - Timothy Keller, [The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God](#)

Day 4-

READ: [Zephaniah 3:17](#)

REFLECT: What does this verse say about God? What does it say about how He sees you?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Because of our value to God, we can have confidence in our earthly interactions. What is an area of your life that you need to trust in how God views you more than how others do or what the outcome of a situation will be? Confess that to the Lord and ask for confidence as you interact or enter into the situation.

Day 5-

READ: [Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

REFLECT: What do these verses say about your identity in Christ? How are these things good news to those who don't yet know Christ?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Pray for the people in your life who don't yet know Jesus as their Savior. What might be something from Ephesians that would resonate with them as good news? Pray for an opportunity to talk to them about this.

CHANGED BY GRACE: Life Change Is Possible
February 16, 2020
Week 3 Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Matthew 11:25-30](#); [Exodus 18:17-23](#)

REFLECT: Pastor Derek said taking Jesus' yoke means a new way to carry life. Instead of our trying to escape life Jesus offers to equip us for life. What does this mean to you? How might the advice Moses' father-in-law gave him apply to you? How could you delegate some of your tasks to others to find freedom?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Make a list of 3 things you have been struggling to carry in your life. Now take some time to pray and ask Jesus to show you how to find rest.

Day 2-

READ: [Psalm 46](#)

REFLECT: How can we learn to be still and know God in the midst of a busy culture? Theologian Dallas Willard once said, "We must ruthlessly eliminate hurry."

PRAY/ PRACTICE: For one day this week intentionally slow down. Drive in the slower lane or choose the longest line at the supermarket and use that time to pray for those around you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[How Hurry is Incompatible With Love](#)" an article by John Mark Comer from Ann Voskamp's website.

REFLECT: How has hurry crowded out love in your life?

PRACTICE: Close your eyes and take 5 slow breaths, then wait silently in prayer until you know God's presence.

Day 3-

READ: [James 4:13-17](#)

REFLECT: Do you really believe God has given you enough time to do what He planned for you to do today? Is there something that seems urgent that you might have to leave undone so you have time for what is important in God's eyes?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Listen to "[The Things We Leave Behind](#)" by Michael Card and ask God to show you anything you need to leave behind.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[The Tyranny of the Urgent](#)" from the Focus on the Family blog.

Day 4-

READ: [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

REFLECT: To be an apprentice, a fully devoted follower, of Jesus you need to: be with Jesus; become like Jesus; do what Jesus would do. How does seeking God first allow the rest of your responsibilities fall into place?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Consciously invite Jesus into every part of your day today. Tell Jesus you say 'yes' to His invitation to follow Him and ask Him to show you how to act and react throughout your day.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [Ecclesiastes 3:1-11](#)

REFLECT: Read the article "[You Have Just Enough Time](#)" from Desiring God.

PRACTICE: This week try to avoid saying "I didn't have time." Instead, think about how you prioritize to do the things that are most important in the 24 hours God gives you each day.

Day 5-

READ: [Philippians 4:6-13](#)

REFLECT: How can prioritizing prayer in your life lead to peace in your day?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Every time you are tempted to worry or be anxious consciously take a few moments to pray, thank God and tell Him your need.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[Come, All Who Are Weary](#)" from Desiring God article about coming to Jesus. (Note: If you're a mother, read "[Weary Mom, Come to Me](#)")

REFLECT: How is Jesus' yoke different than the burden you place on yourself or those placed on you by others?

PRACTICE: Pray and thank Jesus for the yoke He gives and ask Him to help you stay connected to Him.

Changed By Grace: The Next Right Thing
February 23, 2020
Week 4 Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Ephesians 1: 16-18](#); [Psalm 46: 10](#); [Jeremiah 29: 11-13](#); [John 17: 3](#)

REFLECT: Do you find it challenging to be still in God's presence? If so, why do you think that is? What does it mean to seek God with your whole heart? Is there any part of your heart that you are holding back as you seek Him today?

PRAY: Spend some time being truly still before God. Sit in a posture of humility, whatever that looks like to you, and submit your will to Him. Ask Him to show you who He is in a new way today and then keep your eyes open to see Him!

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: One way to know and understand God's character on a deeper level is to study His names throughout scripture. Get your start with [Names of God](#), a blog post from the Jesus Film Project (a Cru Ministry).

PRACTICE: Worship the Lord through His names with the song [Names of God](#) on YouTube.

Day 2-

READ: [Ephesians 1: 16-18](#); [John 8: 31-36](#); [Galatians 5: 1](#)

REFLECT: To *abide* means to remain, continue, to stay. What does it look like to abide in Jesus' word? What types of things can the truth of Jesus set you free from? To be a follower of Christ is to be free! Are you still living without that freedom in some area of your life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Choose a portion of scripture that you find difficult to believe for yourself and then challenge yourself to memorize it this week. Write it on a note card and read it out loud several times a day. Ask God to help you receive his truth and really live it. (If you don't have one in mind, consider one of these: [Psalm 139: 13-14](#), [Galatians 4: 7](#), [Psalm 4: 8](#), [Philippians 4: 6-7](#), [Galatians 6: 9](#), [2 Timothy 1:7](#))

Day 3-

READ: [Ephesians 1: 16-18](#); [Ephesians 2: 1-10](#)

REFLECT: You are here on purpose, for a purpose. Do you know that? Really believe that? Based on [Ephesians 2: 1-10](#) what role do we play in our salvation from death? What role are we meant to play in

our lives of faith? If we are each God's workmanship, then we are each created intentionally, with specific characteristics, gifts, talents and abilities. What are some of the details of your personal design? How are you using that design to serve God in good works?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Spend some time honestly evaluating how you are using your personal design to serve God each day. Prayerfully choose a talent or ability that you have been neglecting and seek out a new way to use and develop that gift for the glory of God. Ask God for guidance and challenge yourself to try something that feels a little uncomfortable.

Day 4-

READ: [Ephesians 1: 16-18](#); [Colossians 1: 9-14](#); [1 Peter 1: 3-25](#)

REFLECT: In Colossians, his letter to the church at Colosse, Paul prays that the church there will be filled with the 'knowledge of His [God's] will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding'. He prays this for a purpose. What is Paul hoping that the church will do with this understanding? What do you think the inheritance of the saints is? Who is the inheritance meant for? What is our role in sharing this gift?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Pray through [Psalm 16](#), verse by verse. Be as specific as possible while thanking God for His goodness in your life.

Day 5-

READ: [Ephesians 1: 16-18](#); [Psalm 92: 12-15](#); [Jeremiah 17: 7-8](#); [John 15: 1-8](#)

REFLECT: Scriptures often use the analogy of a tree to describe healthy, fruitful living. Why do you think that is? What are the characteristics of a tree that help you understand the kingdom of God and your role in it? Consider a time that God has "pruned" some aspect of your life. Are you able to look back at it now and see the new growth that came as a result?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Spend a little time thinking about the fruit your life is currently bearing. Are you flourishing? Seek God for direction and/or revelation on an area that you need to trust Him more and what steps you need to take to grow.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: The book "[What's Next?: The Journey to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose and Make a Difference](#)", by Chris Hodges will help you dig deeper into your next right thing in your walk with Jesus.