

MADE FOR MORE: Week 1

February 10, 2019

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Exodus 3](#)

REFLECT: How does God respond to Moses' objections to God's calling on his life? What hope does this give you as you seek the Lord's calling for you?

PRAY: Make a list of your doubts or objections to God's calling you to something bigger. Prayerfully confess them to the Lord and ask Him to help you let them go and trust in Him.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "Don't Feel Qualified For Your Calling?" from Desiring God:
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/dont-feel-qualified-for-your-calling>

Day 2-

READ: [Philippians 3:12-14](#)

REFLECT: Why is Jesus worth forgetting the past and moving forward?

PRAY: Prayerfully think of a habit, unresolved conflict, or other hang up that is holding you back from moving forward. What is one step you can take to put it behind you? Apply it this week!

TAKE IT FURTHER!

PRACTICE: Do you have a hurt, habit or hang up? Commit to attending Celebrate Recovery during Mondays Night of Hope. Find out more at <https://whoisgrace.com/gethelp/>.

Day 3-

READ: [Ephesians 2:10](#)

REFLECT: What does it mean to walk in the good works that God prepared for us? How does this give you hope?

PRAY: Pray specifically over your gifts, talents, and resources. Ask the Lord to help you clarify your calling.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "Grace All the Way" from the Gospel Coalition: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/grace-all-the-way/>

Day 4-

READ: [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

REFLECT: How does the example of other faithful Christians and Jesus' character help you to have hope and move forward?

PRACTICE: Set up some reminders or verses for yourself that help you to keep looking toward Jesus every day.

Day 5-

READ: [John 15:16](#)

REFLECT: How does being chosen by Jesus impact your calling? What does it mean to bear fruit?

PRAY: Use the cross references in your Bible margins or a concordance (Try www.biblehub.org) to look up other verses about bearing fruit. No matter what role you have, pray about what fruit the Lord will do in and through you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "I Chose You to Bear Fruit" from Desiring God: <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/i-chose-you-to-bear-fruit>

MADE FOR MORE: Week 2

February 17, 2019

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Acts 26:15-23](#)

REFLECT: Paul met Jesus and that was the source of his “unstoppable WHY.” How have you met Jesus and how has your experience with Him given you a new purpose?

PRAY: Take some time to meet Jesus right now in prayer. Ask Him to direct your day and show you how to live it with purpose for Him.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: Listen to this 4 minute video on Right Now Media by Erwin McManus called Faith Involves Risk <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/98595> (If you do not yet have a Right Now Media account, you can register for one here: <https://whoisgrace.com/rightnowmedia/>)

REFLECT: How does finding your purpose involve risk?

PRACTICE: Consider this risk and whether it’s worth it to be “all in” for Jesus.

Day 2-

READ: [Romans 1:1](#) & [Philippians 2:5-8](#)

REFLECT: Paul called himself a servant of Christ but later wrote to the Philippians about how Jesus Himself came to serve. How does Jesus’ example show us what it means to be a servant?

PRAY: Think about what it means to “humble yourself” then pray and ask God to develop that humility in you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Read this article from the Gospel Coalition about what your calling is NOT. -- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-not-discover-calling/>

REFLECT: What are some things you already know God has called you to do? (example: love your family)

PRACTICE: Choose one of those things and spend some time praying and asking God to help you carry out His call in that area of your life.

Day 3-

READ: [1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#) and [Hebrews 12:1-3](#)

REFLECT: These verses compare your calling to a race. Reflect on what you need to run a good race (ex. Training; discipline; perseverance.)

PRAY: Think of one of those qualities you want to develop in your life and pray about that.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Read this article, "Embrace the Race God Gives You," from Desiring God about embracing the race God gives you: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/embrace-the-race-god-gives-you>

REFLECT: What are some ways you need to focus on running the race God has given you?

PRACTICE: Write one of those ways on a card or post-it and put it in a prominent place so you can read it over often this week.

Day 4-

READ: [Romans 12:3-8](#) and [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)

REFLECT: After Paul met Jesus he had the same gifts and abilities as he had before but they were redirected on a new mission to serve God's purpose in the world. What are your gifts and abilities? How do you think God might want you to use them?

PRAY: Think of at least one thing you love to do and do well and pray God will show you a way to use that to bless someone.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Read this short devotional on using our abilities from the founder of Cru, Bill Bright—: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/devotionals/todays-promise/02/02.html>

REFLECT: How do you think our church, our city and our world would look different if every Christ-follower used his/her gifts for His purpose?

PRACTICE: Ask someone who knows you well to name three ways you could serve with your gifts.

Day 5-

READ: [Romans 8:18-28](#) and [2 Corinthians 1:3-8](#)

REFLECT: How do these verses help us reframe our painful past or present experiences as opportunities to benefit others? How has God redeemed your pain to bring something good from it for yourself or someone else?

PRAY: Hold your hands open in front of you as you pray as a symbol of offering to God the pain in your life. Ask Him to take it and trust Him to make something beautiful from it.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: This 9 minute video discussion, “God Will Meet You In Your Pain,” by John Piper, Matt Chandler, and David Platt on Right Now Media is well worth watching:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/191118>

REFLECT: Read [2 Corinthians 4:17,18](#) and [2 Corinthians 6:10](#)

PRACTICE: When you experience pain this week—whether it’s deep hurt or just the frustrations of daily living—remind yourself of these promises.

MADE FOR MORE: Week 3

February 24, 2019

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: [Matthew 25:23](#)

REFLECT: Mother Teresa said, “We ourselves feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

PRACTICE: What area of your work or ministry has seemed like a small thing to you but God has revealed how important it is to his work?

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Go to the web page listed and meditate on the picture with the verse from Matthew:
<https://www.onlythebible.com/Backgrounds/Matthew-25.23-80.html?id=ZGFkdklwU3NnQ1VRMWxIWVNtdjg0dz09>

REFLECT: What is God saying to you as you listen to him speak?

PRACTICE: How will you respond to what God has said to you?

Day 2-

READ: Read [Romans 12:6-8](#) and “How to Discover Your Spiritual Gifts” from Relevant Magazine:
<https://relevantmagazine.com/god/practical-faith/how-discover-your-spiritual-gifts>

REFLECT: Name one thing you learned from the Bible and the reading today.

PRAY: Thank God for giving all of his children spiritual gifts.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: Read [1 Corinthians 12:4-11](#) and

WATCH: “A Step-By-Step Strategy for Discovering Your Gift” from Allen Parr:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ6HTp3dm08>

REFLECT: What did God call you to do as you listened to this video?

PRACTICE: Make a plan to follow through with what God called you to do.

Day 3-

READ: [1 Peter 4:10](#) and “If You Don’t Use the Talents God Gave You...” by Rick Warren:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/daily-hope-with-rick-warren/if-you-don-t-use-the-talents-god-gave-you-other-people-get-cheated-daily-hope-with-rick-warren-november-4-2018.html>

REFLECT: In what way would you have been cheated from a blessing if believers around you hadn’t used their gifts?

PRACTICE: Thank one person today who has blessed you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: “Your Gifts are Meant for Others” from John Piper: <https://www.desiringgod.org/labs/your-gifts-are-meant-for-others>

REFLECT: What part of this lesson stood out to you?

PRACTICE: Identify one person who you could serve today.

Day 4-

READ: [Proverbs 11:25](#)

REFLECT: Slowly read the hymn, “I’m Thankful God has Placed Me” to see the power of each believer serving each other: <https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/ns/117>

PRACTICE: Now read this hymn as a prayer to the Lord. Ask God for the faith, the heart, to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit this week.

Day 5-

READ: [Philippians 2:4](#)

REFLECT: “Forget Yourself and Look to the Need of Others” by Rick Warren:

<http://purposedriven.com/blogs/dailyhope/forget-yourself-and-look-to-the-needs-of-others/>

PRACTICE: Identify the distractions that you are allowing to keep you from focusing on the needs of others?

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: [Ephesians 2:10](#) and “Serve God By Serving Others” by Rick Warren:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/daily-hope-with-rick-warren/serve-god-by-serving-others-daily-hope-with-rick-warren-september-24-2018.html>

REFLECT: “Nothing is insignificant when you serve God”

PRACTICE: Consider ways you have served others this week in what you might call “small” ways. Ask the Lord to help you recognize that any and every way you serve others honors Him.