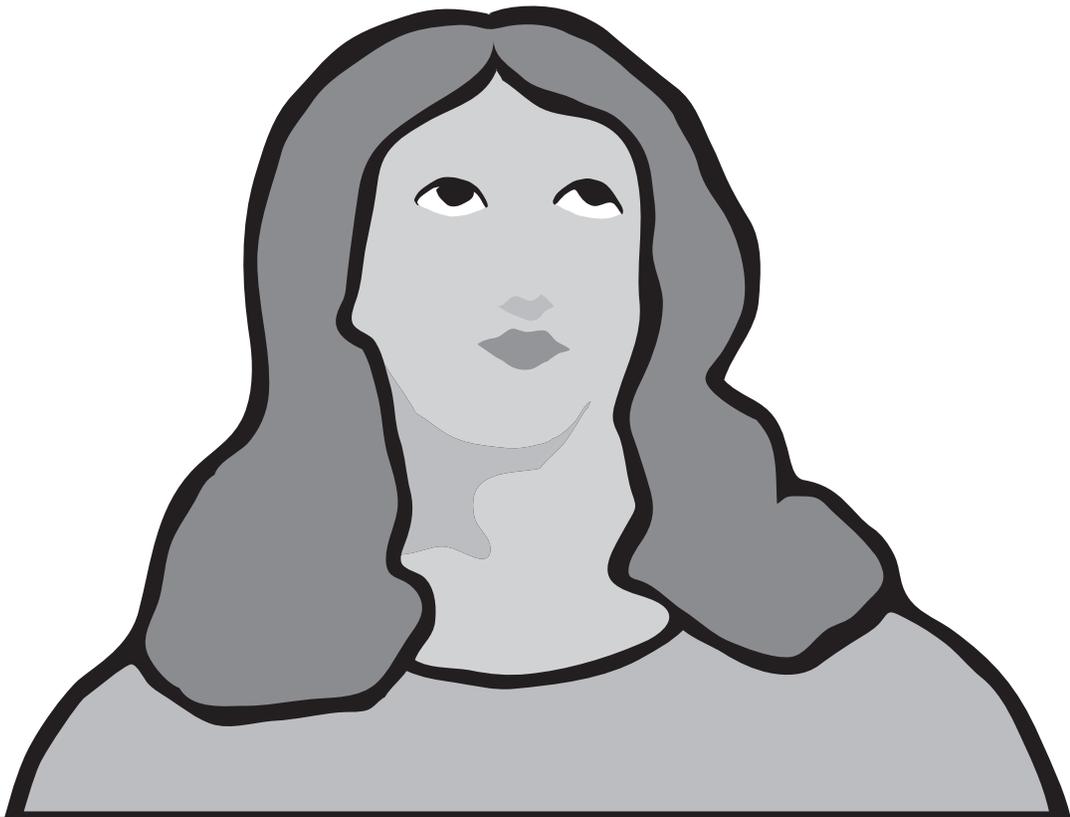


# 10 Women You Should Know



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5. God created humans to live in relationship with Him, with creation, and with other humans. Adam wasn't really alone because God was in the garden, and Adam could also relate in some way to the other animals. But Adam needed *someone* – another human – he could relate to. Adam would best reflect God our Creator's image when he lived in a relationship with another human. Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 says that two are better than one because they can help each other out, can comfort each other, and cannot easily be overpowered. It was all part of God's plan to create two types of humans who would complement each other in this way.
6. A helper is like a shield and glorious sword which can defend against the enemy. A helper aids in defeating and triumphing over the enemy. A helper benefits a relationship. God gives us the most true and perfect picture of what a helper is.
7. bone                      bones                      flesh                      flesh  
   woman                    man
8. man                      woman                      woman
9. God intended marriage for a man and a woman from the beginning. The man will leave his parents and be united to his wife and the two will become one.
10. Check required. Paul encourages husbands and wives to model their marriage after the perfect marriage of Jesus Christ and His Bride – the Church.
11. submit                      another                      reverence
12. Optional verse for **IN-DEPTH** study: Matthew 19:3-8, 1 Corinthians 7, 1 Corinthians 13, Colossians 3:12-25, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Peter 3:1-7, and Revelation 19:7-9.
13. The Bible teaches that marriage is a relationship between a man and woman. It is a union in which two become one. In this union, the husband, following Christ's headship over the Church, becomes the head of his wife by being truly interested in her happiness and interests and seeking to faithfully and lovingly care for and protect her. A husband, following Christ's example, must love his wife so much that he'd be willing to lay down his life for her. A wife is to gladly submit to her husband like the Church submits to Christ. She is to serve him with enthusiasm and sincerity. This may be a new perspective to your student. Be sensitive to their comments and show them, if necessary, what Scripture teaches about marriages (Ephesians 5:21-33, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Peter 3:1-7).
14. A. Genesis 2:7, 22a                      1. Match-maker  
   B. Genesis 2:8                              2. Gardener  
   C. Genesis 2:9                              3. Surgeon  
   D. Genesis 2:21                              4. Provider  
   E. Genesis 2:22b-24                      5. Creator
15. Each student will respond differently to this question. Rely on your judgment for correcting the answer. If the answer can be found in the story and is given proper support, mark it correct.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Some questions in this course are simply created to use the imagination or get students to form an opinion or think more deeply. They do not necessarily have a right or wrong answer. If you're wondering how to assess these, make sure your student put some effort into their answer and supported their thoughts with a detailed explanation or with Scripture verses.

Some students might say that God revealed Himself as a teacher or trainer, teaching Adam and Eve how to rule over the creation. Others might look deeper and see that God revealed Himself not only as a distant, majestic, and holy God—far above their status and beyond their reach—but that He also was a close and personal God who was concerned with the minute details of their lives and who made every effort to meet their needs in the most personal and intimate way. Others might say that God revealed Himself at creation as a Triune God.

16. God made every effort to meet Adam and Eve’s needs in the most personal and intimate ways, and Adam and Eve respected God and obeyed Him perfectly.
17. God promises to meet every need of His children. He gives us everything we need for life and godliness.
18. *“You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die”* (Genesis 2:16-17).

19.		<b>Good for Food</b>	<b>Gives Wisdom</b>	<b>Pleasing to the Eye</b>
	Tree of knowledge of good and evil	X	X	X
	All other trees	X		X

20. wisdom
21. The serpent told Eve that she would not die if she ate from the forbidden tree; instead, if she ate from the tree, she would know the difference between good and evil—in fact, she would then be like God.
22. TRUE
23. At first Eve stood firm, remembering what God had commanded. However, after the serpent continued to lure her in she gave in to her lust to be like God—knowing the difference between good and evil—and ate from the forbidden tree. She also shared some with Adam.
24. The serpent, or Satan, is more crafty than any other animal (Genesis 3:1). He is a murderer; he has no truth in him because he is a liar. In fact, he is the father of lies (John 8:44). The serpent is called the prince of this world (John 12:31) as he prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).
25. A and D
26. When they ate of the forbidden fruit, the eyes of both of them were opened; they realized they were naked, so they clothed themselves with sewn fig leaves. Then, when they heard God coming in the garden, they were afraid and hid from Him.
27. They were afraid of God and were ashamed of being naked.
28. God led the Israelites through the dry and vast desert for 40 years to test them and to see if they would obey the Lord’s commands. He humbled them by allowing them to feel hunger and then fed them with manna so that they would learn to live by the nourishment of God’s Word alone. He wanted the people

to walk in His ways and revere Him alone so that when they arrived in the land God was giving them, they would not turn from Him.

Paragraph between question 28 and 29: check required.

29. The devil tempted Jesus to turn the stone to bread, to throw Himself over the edge of a cliff, and to bow down and worship him.
30. Jesus responded to Satan's temptation by quoting verses from God's Law, or Word.
31. Eve and Israel failed when the devil tempted them. They gave in to their sinful lusts and desires of their heart. When Jesus was tempted by the devil, He did not give in; in fact, He could not give in because He was God. And He refuted Satan's temptations by quoting God's powerful Word.
32. deceived                      cunning                      astray                      sincere                      devotion
33. This is a personal application question in which each student will respond differently. Please be sensitive to your student's struggle with sin and the devil's temptations in their life.
34. Each student will respond differently to this question and will give different verses which apply to their life situation. If needed, you may wish to supplement those verses with some general biblical promises dealing with resisting the devil's temptations. These might include: Psalm 73, Romans 8:35-39, Hebrews 2:18, Hebrews 4:15, 2 Peter 2:9, and 1 John 4:4.
35. Each student will have different thoughts here. They might express feelings of shame, guilt, nervousness, or fear. The student will hopefully be able to come up with many and be able to easily relate to Adam and Eve's struggle with sin. The goal is to have your student begin to realize and understand the guilt and shame that is felt after disobeying God as well as the fear that might be felt knowing about the wrath and judgment of God for sin. Refer the student to Psalm 51 where King David confesses his sin to God if the student is not realizing and understanding the guilt and shame of sin. *"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight" (Psalm 51:4).*
36. I                      I                      I                      I                      you  
she                      I
37. This disrupted unity is evident from the change of pronouns: instead of the "we" used by the woman in Genesis 3:2, the man kept using "I" and "she" to refer to the two of them, as if they were acting independently of each other.
38. James 1:13-15 says that when we sin, we are not to blame God, since God cannot be tempted by evil. We can only blame ourselves, because by our own evil desires we were dragged away into sin.
39. This curse means that there will be enmity, or hatred and hostility, between the descendants of the serpent and descendants of the woman for the rest of time. It also means that one day an Offspring of Eve will overcome the serpent by crushing his head and ending the enmity.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Many times these lessons will pull verses from other parts of the Bible to support or unify the concept being discussed. Students should be able to pull the teachings of these verses together. Please assist your student in understanding if they are having difficulty.



49. The student should notice a difference between relationships before they were forgiven by God and after they experienced His forgiveness. The student might explain how they are now more able to forgive others because they have experienced God's forgiveness. The student might explain how they are not so self-centered now that they have been forgiven and accepted into God's family. Many other observations and changes may be stated by students. Please be encouraging in your response to your student.

50. Each student will highlight different points from the lesson.

Some of the following could be included:

- a. Of all the good things God created, humans were created especially in His image and likeness.
- b. God created both man and woman in His image.
- c. God created Eve as a helpmate for Adam.
- d. God intended that a man and woman be united in marriage and become one.
- e. God intended that the husband be the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church, and the wife is to faithfully submit to her husband like the Church submits to Christ.
- f. In the garden, God met all of Eve's needs in every way.
- g. God required obedience from Adam and Eve.
- h. God punished Eve when she failed and took her eyes off God's provision and truth.
- i. The serpent is crafty and tempts us with the desire or lust of our heart.
- j. Adam and Eve gave in to their lusts and sinned against God.
- k. Sin makes us feel guilty, embarrassed, and shameful before God.
- l. Eve and Israel both failed when tempted by Satan, but Jesus didn't fail.
- m. The Word of God is our only weapon against Satan's schemes.
- n. When Adam and Eve sinned, their relationship with God was broken and disrupted.
- o. When Adam and Eve sinned, their relationship with each other was also broken and ruined.
- p. There are punishments for sin.
- q. In grace, God promised Eve that He would send a Deliverer.
- r. In Adam, all humans are now sinful.
- s. In Christ, all who believe are made righteous.
- t. God is always faithful and will forgive the sins of those who confess in faith.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Spend time in prayer for your student, not just generally before you do your lesson, but all throughout your time with them as you discover things they are struggling with. Pray specifically for their needs and requests, and pray with faith that God will answer your prayers.

# LESSON 2—LOOKING FORWARD IN FAITH

## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Genesis 12, 16, 18, 21, Proverbs 31:10-31, Isaiah 51:1-2, Romans 4:18-19, Galatians 3, Hebrews 11:1-12, and 1 Peter 3:1-7.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

We're trying to emphasize in these lessons that the ten women were historical figures who actually lived in history. Their stories are not just made-up fantasies or fables but true situations. When necessary, stress this point to your student.

### LESSON FOCUS:

God extended His promise to Sarah who, through faith, would become the mother of many nations.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- obstacles which stood in the way of Sarah's faith in God's promise.
- what happens when we fail to trust God's perfect plan and rely on our own wisdom.
- why it was important for Sarah to bear a son, even in her old age.
- how God fulfills His promises in His power and timing, not ours.
- the importance of faith in claiming God's promises.
- how those who believe in Jesus Christ are now called children of Abraham and Sarah.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

4. God tested Sarai's faith in His promise through many seemingly impossible obstacles.
5. In His almighty power and timing, God fulfilled His promise, after Sarai's doubt caused her to first rely on her own imperfect wisdom.
6. God worked mightily in Sarah's life to fulfill His promise and strengthen her faith in Him.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. The Lord told Abram to leave his home country and go to a new land which God would show to him.
3. The Lord promised to make Abram's descendants into a great nation, and God promised to make his name great. The Lord also promised that Abram would be blessed by God to be a blessing to all people.
4. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: Genesis 11:27 to 12:1, Acts 7:2-8, and Hebrews 11:8-12.
5. Abram's wife, Sarai, was barren, meaning she had no children (Genesis 11:30). How could he become a great nation with no children to succeed him? This seemed like a great barrier to them.
6. Each student will respond in their own way; most students will probably comment that during hard times and when they encounter obstacles, it is easier to doubt God since it's hard to see clearly His purposes and plan for their lives. Please be sensitive to each response.
7. B
8. Abram took Sarai, his nephew Lot, and everything they owned, including servants.
9. A and C

10. Students will discover many things about godly women in these passages. Their answers will vary. Some might say that Proverbs 31:10-31 says that godly women are servant-like and are concerned about the wellbeing of others, not themselves. They are not selfish. A godly woman respects others and opens her arms to the poor and needy. She cares for those she loves. She is strong and dignified. She is full of laughter and happiness. She speaks with wisdom and instruction. She is a blessed and noble woman. She is not concerned about charm and beauty; she is beautiful because she fears the Lord. According to 1 Peter 3:1-7, a godly woman is pure and reverent. Her beauty is not outward but inward. She has a gentle and quiet spirit.
11. Each student will respond differently and will identify with different feelings and challenges. Some responses might include the following emotions and challenges: sadness, frustration, anxiety, fear, reluctance, excitement, uncertainty and many others. Hopefully your student will explain their selections; be sensitive to each response.
12. Sarai submitted not only to her husband but also to God when she obediently followed. This step revealed her faith in God because she needed to trust and believe that God would fulfill what He had promised to them and that God would provide for their needs. There would be many obstacles and frustrations ahead of them, and by her obedience and submissiveness she was revealing her trust in God's plan.
13. Check required.  
They went to Egypt instead because there was a famine in the land of Canaan, where Abram was going.
14. Sarai was a beautiful woman and the Egyptians wanted to take Sarai into Pharaoh's palace.
15. Abram didn't want any harm to come on him. If the Egyptians knew Sarai was his wife, he thought the Egyptians would kill him and take Sarai. He wanted to protect himself and Sarai, and he wanted the Egyptians to treat them well.
16. Himself – because he didn't want to be harmed
17. YES.
18. NO, Abram's actions were not appropriate in this situation. He was being selfish and taking things into his own hands rather than trusting God to handle the situation. God was displeased with Abram's actions and inflicted serious disease on the Egyptian household because of their actions.
19. A, B, and D
20. At this point in his life, Abram's faith was resting on his own wisdom. Abram lied to the Egyptians about who Sarai was (Genesis 12:13a). Abram was selfish and wanted many blessings from the Egyptians and wanted his life to be spared (Genesis 12:13b). Abram didn't trust in God to provide a way out; he relied on his own human wisdom. This reflects weak faith.
21. Each student will respond differently here. Be encouraging and understanding in your response to each student. Remind students how important and beneficial it is to rely on God rather than our own wisdom.
22. faith                                      blessed                                      Abraham                                      faith

23. Each student will share a different story about a time when they had to wait for something. Maybe you can identify with their situation or emotions during their period of waiting. We all know it is hard to wait for something we want really badly. Be supportive and understanding in your response.
24. Psalm 130 says that those who wait on the Lord wait with hope for His forgiveness and redemption. We wait on the Lord differently than we wait for the morning because we hope in the Lord's unfailing love. Lamentations 3:21-26 says it is good to wait on the Lord (verse 26). When we wait for the Lord we can have hope because His compassions and faithfulness never fail (verse 22). The Lord is all we need; He is our portion (verse 24). He is good to those who wait on Him and seek Him (verse 25). We have a different kind of hope when we wait for the Lord, because we know that His love and faithfulness is unfailing and He will fulfill His promises. When we wait on others, we can't have that kind of true hope, because human love and faithfulness is faulty and unpredictable. We can truly hope when we wait on the Lord and His blessings.
25. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: Hosea 12:6, Micah 7:7, Romans 8:25, Galatians 5:5, and 1 Thessalonians 1:10.
26. Check required.  
Hagar was Sarai's maidservant. Sarai let her sleep with Abram. Sarai thought that since she couldn't bear any children, Hagar could become pregnant by Abram and Sarai would then become the mother of that child.
27. Her motivation was that she had no children and she wanted to build her family through Hagar's children.
28. When Hagar became pregnant, she began to despise Sarai. Sarai suffered much because Hagar could bear children and Sarai could not, so Sarai began to mistreat her maidservant and Hagar fled from Sarai. Not only was Sarai suffering Hagar's dislike, but now with Hagar gone, Sarai again was left with no children.
29. It was wrong for Sarai to give her maidservant to Abram, though it was a common practice in that day. Sarai knew that the Lord had promised her and Abram a family, and she should have trusted that God would accomplish this in His own time and His own way through her. She took things into her own hands rather than simply trusting God's Word.
30. NO
31. Each student will respond differently to this question, but they should recognize the difficulty of claiming God's promises if we are full of doubt and unbelief.
32. Students might find comfort in stories like Moses, Joshua, Ruth, Esther, Daniel, and many others. Each student will find comfort and encouragement from different stories and verses. Check their answer and make sure they give explanations for their choices. Be sensitive to their choices. To connect with your student, consider sharing a verse or story that brings you encouragement.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Use stories and illustrations to highlight the reality of biblical facts. Be on the lookout for good ideas to share from sermon illustrations and other reading material. Your students will love to hear stories from your life, and vivid illustrations help stress important points and make them memorable.

Paragraph between Question 32 and 33: check required.

33. "...walk before me faithfully and be blameless." (The word "faithfully" does not appear in the 1984 NIV.)

Check required.

Genesis 17:1b must appear for credit on this question.

34. God promised to bless her and surely give her a son. God promised that Sarah would become the mother of nations and kings would come from her.

35. C

36. A. Ishmael was born (Gen. 16:16) — 1. 75 yrs old

B. Isaac was born (Gen. 21:5) — 2. 86 yrs old

C. Abram left Haran (Gen. 12:4) — 3. 100 yrs old

37. Check required.

The Lord promised both times that Sarah would have a son.

However, the promise in Chapter 18 is more elaborate and detailed. The Lord is now more specific and says that by next year, Sarah will have a son.

38. God is continually reminding Sarah of His promise. He repeats it so that Sarah will not forget.

39. F A

I B

I C

I D

40. Each student will identify with different emotions Sarah might have felt. These could include the following: ashamed, afraid, anxious, guilty, shameful, confused, or doubtful. Be sensitive to each student's selections and explanations.

41. Check required.

he laughs

42. Students' answers will vary. Be compassionate and encouraging in your response to their story.

43. Abraham and Sarah believed by faith and the Lord gave them a son.

44. Faith is being sure of things we hope for and certain of things we do not see. Without faith, we cannot please God. Those who

come to God are given the faith to believe that He exists. God will reward those who come to Him by faith.

45. B

46. Isaiah 51:1-2 refers to Sarah as the one who gave birth to Israel. Abraham and Sarah began as one, but the Lord blessed them and they became many. They became the father and mother of the nation of Israel.

Abraham and Sarah are the rock from which all of Israel is cut—they are the foundational ancestors.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember that as a Tier Two Instructor, you are allowed to share a few personal notes about yourself and your testimony. Feel free to do so. It will allow you and your student to develop a closer spiritual friendship.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

There will be times when the student is asked to reference a footnote in their Bible. All Bibles should include these footnotes. In this case, it is used to reference the meaning of Isaac's name. Explain to your student where to look for this if they have trouble.

47. Those who believe in God are children of Abraham. Those who belong to God are Abraham's seed—his spiritual descendants. Since those who believe in Jesus—Abraham's descendant—are children of Abraham, they also are heirs of the promise, meaning that the promise given to Abraham is also given to all those who believe.
48. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: Romans 4:1-3, Romans 9:7, and Galatians 3.
49. Each student will likely be at a different place in their spiritual journey. Please be sensitive and encouraging in your responses, and use biblical truths to comfort and give hope.
50. There is no answer necessary here. Pray for your student if they do not know Christ yet or if they doubt whether they belong to God; pray that the Spirit will convict their heart of their sin and their need for Christ and assure those who doubt their faith in God. Reassure them with verses of their salvation in Christ (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 John 3:16) and assurance if necessary (Romans 5:1, Romans 8:16, Romans 8:38-39, 1 Thessalonians 1:4, 1 John 3:1-3, and 1 John 5:13).
51. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
  - a. God called Abram to a very important task and promised to bless him.
  - b. Sarai was barren and this seemed to stand in the way of becoming a great nation.
  - c. Sarai took a step of faith by obediently following her husband and her God.
  - d. Although they knew and trusted God's plan, Abram and Sarai doubted God at times.
  - e. Though Abram and Sarai failed to trust God at times, God didn't fail them.
  - f. Our faith needs to rest on God's power—not our own wisdom.
  - g. Obstacles in life seem to hinder us from fully trusting in God.
  - h. Sarai tried to conceive the promised son on her own strength.
  - i. In His almighty power and timing, God fulfilled His promise, after Sarai's doubt caused her to first rely on her own imperfect wisdom.
  - j. God worked mightily in Sarah's life to fulfill His promise and strengthen her faith in Him.
  - k. Abraham and Sarah were able to conceive and bear a child because they believed by faith.
  - l. All those who believe are children of Abraham and Sarah and are heirs of the promise.
  - m. Those who come to God in faith are able to believe in Him and therefore belong to Him.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP: \_\_\_\_\_**

When applicable, draw on the biblical truths and ideas you learned in Tier One. This helps to draw the courses together and unify truths and ideas taught in the Bible.

# LESSON 3—CHOSEN BY A LOVING GOD

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## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Genesis 29-30, Exodus 20:17, Ruth 4:11, Isaiah 41:8-10, Ephesians 5:3, Colossians 3:1-17, and Revelation 5:5.

### LESSON FOCUS:

God loved Leah and showed her constant faithfulness in the midst of her rejection and suffering.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- the progress of the covenants God made with Abraham and Sarah and the one now made with Jacob and his family.
- the reasons for the rivalry between the two sisters who married Jacob.
- that coveting and jealousy are sins which are punishable by God.
- the ways in which God blessed Leah and Rachel and how they failed to recognize those blessings because of envy.
- how greed causes us to fail to recognize God's blessings in our life.
- how God is faithful when humans are unfaithful and turn away from Him.
- how God has great things planned for those who trust in His ways.
- the things of the sinful nature that can be thrown off because of Christ.
- the fruits of the Spirit which, in Christ, can now be put on.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Is this the first time you've heard from your student in months? Make sure in your encouragement letter to welcome them back to the course. Commend them for their dedication to their studies and encourage them to faithfully continue on.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

7. God gifted Rachel with the love and attention of her husband, which led to Leah's feelings of rejection and jealousy.
8. God gifted Leah with a fruitful womb and many children, which led to Rachel's envy and anger.
9. God was faithful to both Leah and Rachel, remembering them in their suffering and affliction, and blessed them.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. Jacob's father urged him to go to Paddan Aram and find a wife from among the daughters of his uncle Laban.
3. God renews the promise He made to Jacob's grandfather, Abraham, and his father, Isaac. The covenant is now for Jacob and all of his descendants. The promises are that he will have many descendants and that they will inherit the land he is lying on. His descendants will spread over the earth and God will be with them wherever they go. God will never leave them.
4. The promises are the same—they contain promises of land, descendants, and God's faithfulness and constancy throughout the ages. One difference is that the promise to Jacob is more detailed and tells where the descendants will live—spread out to the east and the west, to the north and to the south. God promises that He will be with Jacob and his family forever, until He has done what He has promised.
5. Check required.

6. Jacob favored Rachel because he was in love with her. Also, Rachel was lovely in form and beautiful, while Leah had “*weak eyes*.” “*Weak eyes*” means weak or tender in countenance.
7. Each student will imagine different feelings. The student may know what it is like to be the rejected sibling and may have strong feelings. Please be sensitive and understanding to each answer.
8. The student will respond with a personal life story. Each student’s answer will be different. There is no right or wrong answer.
9. God commands us not to covet anything that does not belong to us. Our life does not consist of the things we own, and Jesus wants us to watch out for greed and envy. Paul writes that these things are improper for God’s holy people.
10. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: Proverbs 21:26, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Isaiah 56:11, Matthew 6:19-21, Colossians 3:2-5, and James 4:2.
11. The night Jacob thought he would be marrying Rachel, Laban gave him Leah without Jacob knowing it. In the morning, when he awoke, he saw Leah in his bed and not Rachel. Laban said Rachel was too young and Jacob would need to work for him another seven years to marry Rachel.
12. The deceiver was deceived! Surely Jacob felt deceived, betrayed, or mistreated. For once, maybe Jacob felt some of the same feelings which those on whom he played tricks felt. Maybe he could now identify with his brother, whom he had tricked out of the birthright. He probably thought that Laban was being unfair, deceitful, and untrue to his promise.
13. Again, there is no correct answer. Whether the student circles yes or no, they should be able to explain their answer fully with details from the story.
14. Laban sinned when he tricked Jacob into marrying both his daughters so he would work 14 years for him. Jacob sinned by marrying both of Laban’s daughters. Leah and Rachel sinned in their lifelong rivalry and their jealous and covetous attitudes toward one another.
15. NO, their sinful actions did not stop God’s promise from continuing on through the generations. God does not say something and then not act on it, nor does He promise and not fulfill (Numbers 23:19); there has never been a promise of God’s that failed (Joshua 23:14, 1 Kings 8:20, Psalm 77:8, 2 Peter 3:13).
16. Check required.
17. **Sons named by Leah**
  - Reuben . . . . . see, a son (or “he has seen my misery”)
  - Simeon . . . . . one who hears
  - Levi . . . . . attached
  - Judah . . . . . praise
  - Gad . . . . . good fortune

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Encourage your student to be reading these verses for further IN-DEPTH study in addition to their weekly Roadmap. You may want to pick a short verse from the lesson, the IN-DEPTH verses, or the Roadmap to memorize with your student. This way you can keep each other accountable.

Asher ..... happy  
Issachar ..... reward  
Zebulun ..... honor

**Sons named by Rachel**

Dan ..... he has vindicated  
Naphtali ..... my struggle  
Joseph ..... may he add  
Benjamin ..... son of my right hand (also acceptable: "son of my trouble")

18. Rachel seemed to be negative, and she focused mostly on her own problem and struggles. Leah seemed to be grateful, hopeful, and positive, and she focused mostly on God's blessings upon her.
19. A. Lord                      seen                                      misery                                      husband                                      love  
B. not                                      loved  
C. husband                                      attached  
D. praise                                      Lord  
E. rewarded  
F. husband                                      honor
20. Each student's answer will vary. It seems as though Leah never reached a point of satisfaction. Even with her last child, she still was craving her husband's love, respect, and honor, but she definitely felt rewarded by God for the blessings of her children.
21. Each student will have a different reflection. Some may be able to identify with Leah and Rachel's story, while others may not be able to identify. Either way, God's promise in Isaiah 41:8-10 brings comfort and hope that God will never leave those He has chosen as His own. God has chosen us, even if others reject us. God will be faithful, even when others are not faithful. We have no reason to fear, for God is our God and will never leave us.
22. True
23. B and C
24. Rachel                                      children                                      children                                      die
25. Years before, Rachel's great-grandmother, Sarah, found herself in this same situation: wanting a child so badly and using her maidservant to have children and build a family.

Paragraph between Question 25 and 26: check required.

26. Each student will respond differently to this question. Be sensitive to the response, as they may continually be struggling with an addiction or may be having a difficult time seeking and trusting in God for help instead of relying on the addiction. Consider encouraging your student with a personal situation from your life where you overcame a struggle with an addiction or had to fully rely on and trust in God. Encourage your student with specific Scripture verses that were helpful to you during those times. Other verses like 1 Corinthians 10:13 or Hebrews 4:14-16 may also be of encouragement to your student.

27. God remembered Rachel, listened to her, and opened her womb. She was blessed with a son of her own and she expressed her faith (finally) as she called God by His covenant name, LORD.
28. Even if we turn away, we can be confident that God will never give up on those who belong to Him. He will finish the good work He started in each of His children until the day of Christ Jesus.
29. B
30. TRUE
31. She acknowledged the Lord's work in taking away her pain of childlessness and blessing her with a son.
32. Each student will respond differently to this question. Encourage students with verses from Scripture if they are still struggling with recognizing God's blessings.
33. Check required.
34. There is no correct answer. Students may respond freely on this question. Please be sure that they give evidence that they have thought it through and provide good reasoning for their answer.
35. Students will respond differently to this question based on their life. Please be sensitive and encouraging in your answer and use Scripture to give encouragement if necessary.
36. Jacob gave the rights of the firstborn to Joseph, which included the gift of the land and the gift of many descendants.
37. The student will be able to choose based on their own opinion. Most students will answer D, Leah's son, after the disqualifications are taken into account.
38. Judah
39. A. Rachel                      died                      road                      Bethlehem  
 B. ridge                      land  
 C. Abraham                      buried                      Isaac                      buried                      buried  
 Leah  
 D. rejected                      chose                      Judah
40. R A  
R B  
L C  
L D
41. Rachel                      Leah                      together                      family (or house)                      Israel
42. God is faithful no matter how unfaithful His people are. God does not bless greed, envy, jealousy, coveting, or lusting. Instead, God rewards those who place their trust in Him. As the Israelites are wandering in the desert, wishing they were back in Egypt and giving in to their evil hearts, this story serves as a warning that God does not bless the sinful heart, but that God blesses those who in faith place their trust in God's perfect plan. God is faithful even in the midst of their unfaithfulness in the desert. Students might reflect on all or some of these warnings or reminders.

43. The student may comment on any of these warnings or reminders for their life personally. Please be instructive and supportive in your response to each student.
44. Matthew 1:2-3
45. The “Lion of the tribe of Judah”
46. Paul urges us to put to death the sinful desires of our heart. Because we are in Christ, we have the power to do this—to set our hearts on the things of God rather than the sinful things of man. Paul wants God’s chosen people to be holy and to clothe themselves with the things of God, to forgive, to love, and to seek unity.
47. An answer is not required for this question. This is a personal reflection question that requires students to offer a prayer up to God. However, some may write out their prayer in the space. Be supportive and compassionate to each student’s response.
48. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
- a. God renewed His covenant with Jacob and promised him descendants and land.
  - b. Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.
  - c. Jacob was tricked into marrying Leah by his father-in-law.
  - d. Leah and Rachel both envied the other sister; neither was happy with what God blessed her with.
  - e. God’s gift to Rachel was love and attention from her husband, which led to Leah’s feelings of rejection and jealousy.
  - f. God gifted Leah with a fruitful womb and many children, which led to Rachel’s envy and anger.
  - g. Leah was never delivered from her abandonment by her husband, but God saw her suffering and blessed her in it.
  - h. God was responsible for both Rachel’s affliction and for delivering her from it many years later.
  - i. God was faithful to both Leah and Rachel, remembered them in their suffering and affliction and blessed them.
  - j. God wants His children to trust Him no matter what.
  - k. Both Rachel and Leah were blessed in different ways and together they created the house of Jacob—which became the nation of Israel.
  - l. In Christ, we can throw off things belonging to our sinful nature and put on the things of the Spirit.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Encourage your student to be committed to Christ and diligent and disciplined in spending time in prayer and reading God's Word. Think about including helpful hints that you use to discipline yourself in your personal devotions.

# LESSON 4—PRESERVED BY HIS HAND

## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Genesis 38, Leviticus 20:10 & 12, Deuteronomy 25:5-10, Ruth 4:11-12, 18-22, Psalm 68:5-6, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 10:24, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and Philippians 2:4-8.

### LESSON FOCUS:

God acted justly on behalf of Tamar and prepared her for something great and honorable by including her in the covenant line.

### TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:

Remember that the CBI policy is that you only sign your first name when writing your student. Never include your last name or other personal information (address, PO box, phone, church name, etc).

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

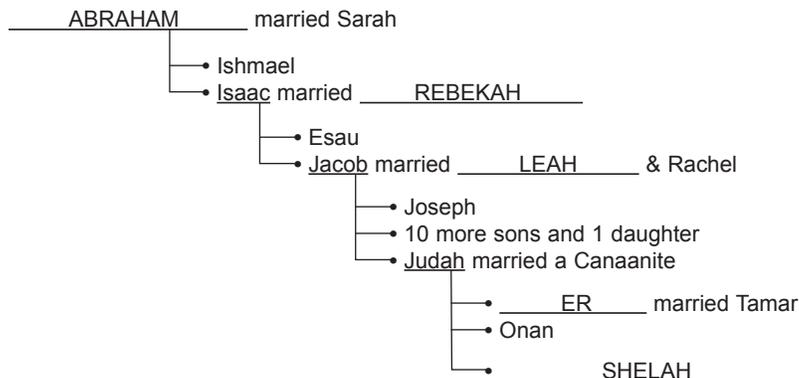
- why it was a problem that Tamar was widowed and childless in light of the covenant promises.
- how selfish motives drive us to sinful actions and painful consequences.
- that Christ is the perfect One who never thought of Himself first but humbly served others.
- how Tamar was fighting for her rights, but should have trusted God's plan.
- how God worked mysteriously and allowed Tamar to become pregnant in order to fulfill His promise.
- how God turns sinful situations around for the good of His children and for His glory.
- how God acted justly on Tamar's behalf.
- the honorable position God allowed Tamar to play in His redemptive story.
- that God's forgiveness and love are unending and unconditional.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

10. God's promises looked impossible to Tamar when she returned home widowed, childless, and rejected.
11. God turned around Tamar's desperate situation and used it for her good and His glory.
12. God acted justly on behalf of Tamar and included her in the covenant line.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
- 2.



3. Check required.
4. A. **Judah:** 1) married a Canaanite woman, 2) was the son of Jacob, 3) had three sons with his Canaanite wife.  
B. **Shua:** 1) a Canaanite man, 2) gave his daughter to Judah in marriage, 3) the father-in-law of Judah.

C. **Er:** 1) the first-born son of Judah, 2) was married to Tamar, 3) was killed by God for his wickedness.

D. **Onan:** 1) the second son of Judah, 2) was required to marry Tamar after Er died, 3) was also wicked and struck dead by the Lord.

E. **Shelah:** 1) the youngest son of Judah, 2) was born at Kezib, 3) Judah refused to give him in marriage to Tamar.

F. **Tamar:** 1) the wife of Er, 2) was a childless widow, 3) was required by law to marry her brother-in-law and have children through him, 4) tricked Judah into sleeping with her, 5) became pregnant by Judah.

5. Tamar didn't have any children with her first husband, Er. When she was required to sleep with her brother-in-law and have children through him, he refused to get her pregnant, so she was still childless. She was not given to Shelah either, so Judah sent her home a childless widow.

6. B

7. Check required.

8. The purpose of the levirate law was to carry on the family name of the deceased brother and also to ensure that the widow would not marry outside of the family. Also, the levirate law made sure that the widow was cared for financially, would have a purpose for living and would not be childless.

9. The consequences of the brother who violated this law is that he would have to go to the town elders with the widow and she could take off one of his sandals and spit in his face. He would be known around town for not marrying his brother's widow and shaming the family. He would be disobeying God since this was the Lord's command.

10. The student should write in their own words how God made promises to each of the women we've studied so far and their husbands. They should explain how God promised to each to be their God and to bless them. The promise began with Eve and Adam and the hope that would come in the promised Offspring—a Deliverer. Then the promise was passed down throughout the generations until Sarah and Abraham were promised land and many descendants. To Leah, Rachel, and Jacob, God promised that their descendants would be spread out over the earth and that God would always be with them. The promise then was renewed to Judah and Tamar. The promise of children was an important part of the covenant since it was passed on through the descendants. With each generation, God revealed more of Himself and more of His plan of redemption.

11. Judah was chosen by God to continue the family line from which rulers would come and from which one day the Messiah—the Divine Ruler—would finally come.

12. Judah's descendants were dependent on Tamar since she was his only daughter-in-law and, therefore, the only one who could give him offspring. Without descendants, Judah had no offspring to carry on the covenant promises of God.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

As you and your student are learning more about each other, remember not to ask your student about the crime that caused their incarceration or pry into the details of it. Many students are not allowed to talk about it for legal reasons. Focus on your student as a child of God rather than a criminal.



24. X A

X D

X E

25. X D

Staying consistent with what the Bible teaches about God, we know that God didn't tempt Tamar with the idea of tricking Judah because God cannot tempt. Neither would God lure Judah into seeking a prostitute, since God never lures people into sin. The point that God made Judah remember his pledge for the trip is not a crucial role God played in this story. Bringing his pledge for the trip might be a common practice, but even if Judah needed God's help for remembering to do so, it might not help in achieving Tamar's purpose of getting pregnant through Judah. Most crucial would be the fact that God providentially allowed Tamar to become pregnant from this encounter, because His plan was to use the line of Judah to bring about the Messiah. God sovereignly works in spite of and through human sinfulness.

26. Each student will respond differently to this question. Be sensitive to each answer and respond with love, care, and compassion.

27. Proverbs 16:33 says that all decisions are from the Lord, nothing is by chance, and nothing happens outside of God's will (Matthew 10:29). Christ, who sits at the Father's right hand, "sustains all things" by His Word (Hebrews 1:3).

28. Knowing that God sustains all things and is in control of the entire world, including our lives, helps us and gives us hope and comfort knowing that we can cast all our cares on Him because He will never let us fall. In fact, even the hairs on our head are numbered (Matthew 10:30). God cares for us and sustains us because we are worth more to Him than the birds. Nothing – not heights, depths, life, death, angels, or demons – can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:38-39)! Even when we sin and take things into our own hands, God is still in control and will sustain our lives by His mighty and powerful hand.

29. Check required.

30. Each student will choose different emotions. They will likely choose from the following: ashamed, angry, humiliated, regretful, guilty, embarrassed, shocked, helpless, fearful, frustrated. Make sure they give reasons for each answer.

31. C

32. Perez and Zerah

33. **Perez:** 1) He was born right after his brother pulled his hand back in. 2) His name means "breaking out."

**Zerah:** 1) During the birth, this son put his hand out first but then drew it back in. The nurse put a scarlet thread around his wrist to know that he came out first. 2) His name means "scarlet or brightness."

34. Perez and Zerah were both identified in these passages as the sons of Judah. This shows that God sees each of Tamar's sons as legitimate heirs of the promise passed down to Judah.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember to use your pastor, other Instructors in your church, books you own, CBI materials, or the CBI staff as resources when reviewing your student's lessons and commenting on specific issues.

35. Check required.
36. D
37. It could be argued that Judah was unrighteous since he disobeyed the Law of God and that Tamar was more righteous since she sought justice and obedience to the Law of God. Even Judah himself exclaims that Tamar is more righteous than he, since he wouldn't give Shelah to Tamar to obey the levirate law.
38. Even though it can be said that Tamar was more righteous than Judah, she still is a sinner. Her actions were driven by selfish motives and revenge. She took the matter into her own hands, rather than letting God work things out in His perfect timing and plan. Though Tamar was fighting for her rights, it was not right for Tamar to carry out this plan on her own. She should have trusted that God would have worked things out in His own time and way and would have punished Judah for his disobedience to the Law. Though Tamar knew in her heart that Judah was disobeying God's Law, Tamar failed, too, by following her own plan and not God's.
39. The student should write about how they are also wrong when they seek to carry out plans on their own rather than letting God be God. The Bible says in Isaiah 55:6-9 that God's ways are much higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts. We are to seek the Lord and submit to His timing and plan because He has our best interest in mind.
40. God does choose to work good out of things people do out of sinful motives. God is much bigger than our sin and our plans. He has a divine plan and is in control of all things. He will work through whatever He needs to in order to accomplish His promises and His plan.
41. These passages tell us that God looks out for, cares for, and defends the cause of the widow, the fatherless, the lonely, the homeless, the poor, prisoners, and the rebellious.
42. Student is required to reflect on Psalm 103. No answer is necessary.  
Check required.
43. No answer is required for this question either. Please be sensitive, empathetic, and understanding to the student's reflections and prayers. Pray for your student that they will confess Christ as Lord of their life.
44. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
  - a. Tamar was the daughter-in-law of Judah who was chosen by God to continue on the family line of rulers from which one day would come the Deliverer.
  - b. The levirate law looked out for widows and made sure they were cared for as well as making sure the deceased brother's family line was carried on.
  - c. Tamar was widowed and childless because her husband and her brother-in-law both died after they married her.
  - d. Tamar was rejected by Judah and was sent back home to her family.
  - e. God's promises looked impossible to Tamar when she returned home widowed, childless, and rejected.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Encourage your student to be sharing what they are learning about these women from the Bible and what they are learning about God and His Word with their friends and family. Pray that your student would have the courage and confidence to share the good news of Christ with the lost.

- f. God turned around Tamar's selfish act of sin and used it for His good purposes and glory.
- g. Tamar tried to solve her problem on her own rather than letting God take care of it.
- h. We shouldn't think of ourselves any more highly than we ought.
- i. We should always be looking out for the needs of others rather than only ourselves.
- j. We should be like Christ, who is a humble servant.
- k. God allowed Tamar to become pregnant from this one-time encounter.
- l. God acted justly on behalf of Tamar when she least deserved it.

# LESSON 5—INCLUDED IN THE PROMISE

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## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Leviticus 20:10, 2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51, Acts 13:22, Romans 13:14, Hebrews 4:12-13, James 1:14, 2 Peter 2:18, 1 John 1:8-9, and Revelation 22:16.

### LESSON FOCUS:

God remembered Bathsheba and gave her the chance to claim the covenant promise He made with her husband David and his family.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- that even faithful followers of God sin when they take their eyes off Him and His promises.
- how Satan's temptations appeal to the lustful desires of our sinful nature.
- the ways God convicts sinners of their sin.
- that no sin is kept hidden from the Father.
- how sin is sometimes a downhill spiral.
- that God forgives those who repent in faith and turn from their sinful ways.
- the new start God offered Bathsheba and how He used her to bring about His promises.
- how earthly kings like David can misuse their power but the true King, Jesus, uses His power perfectly for our good and God's glory.
- the importance of a repentant heart.
- that God forgives those who come to Him in faith, confessing their sins, and seeking to turn from their evil ways.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Have you been recording your student's progress in your Instructor Log? This is a great way to notice growth in your student's spiritual walk and maturation in their understanding of biblical truths. Commend your student for any growth and maturation that you notice, and encourage those students who are becoming complacent and stagnant in their spiritual life.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

13. King David abused the power God gave him by taking Bathsheba as his own.
14. God's Word convicted David of his sin with Bathsheba.
15. God offered Bathsheba a fresh start by giving her a son and a hopeful future.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. David was blessed with these things because the Lord Almighty was with him.
3. King David didn't like that he got to live in a fancy and beautiful palace of cedar, while God was in a tent. He wanted God to have a home as beautiful as his.
4. David would have many offspring who would succeed him as king. They would establish a kingdom. One offspring would come who would establish a kingdom that would last forever. God promised that His love would never leave David and his family. His house and kingdom would last forever.
5. David offered up a prayer to the Lord. He prayed with humility and reverence. He called himself a servant of the Lord's. He proclaimed that the Lord was great and that there was none like Him. David exclaimed that God was the Sovereign God.

6. It says that David was a man after God's own heart.
7. The student will tell the story in their own words, but it should include the following events: All the kings were off to war, but King David stayed home in Jerusalem. One night, David went out on his rooftop to walk around and while he was up there he saw a woman bathing. He thought that the woman was very beautiful and he wanted her for his own, so he sent a servant to bring her to his palace. Though Bathsheba was already married, that night David committed adultery with her. To make things worse, Bathsheba became pregnant because of David's sinful act.

Between question 7 and 8: check required.

8. The kings of Israel were very powerful men—they had power over the people. The king could take some men to be in the army and he could assign others to be rulers and commanders. The king could take some women to be servants in his palace; the king could take what he wanted of the people's and make it his own.
9. The students might respond differently here. Make sure each student gives an explanation for their choice. Most will answer that they can imagine it would have been hard for Bathsheba to say no to a powerful king's invitation when the king always gets what he wants. It would have been really hard for Bathsheba to refuse to sleep with David, since he was the king, whose power was absolute. She was probably intimidated by his power and wasn't strong enough to decline his invitation.
10. David gave in to the lustful desires of his heart the same way Eve gave in to her lusts in the garden. Satan works to tempt us right at the core of our sinful nature.
11. B
12. The punishment for adultery was death for both the adulterer and the adulteress.
13. Students will give different answers here. Some emotions might include: angry, helpless, fearful, guilty, anxious. Bathsheba might have initially felt angry toward David and guilty toward her husband. She also might have felt fearful and anxious about what would result from this sinful act. She maybe felt helpless in the arms of such a powerful king, unable to refuse him. If the answer seems to fit and there is a good explanation, allow the answer.
14. C
15. King David should have been spiritually stronger and remembered God's commands about adultery. If God's Word had been constantly in his heart and mind and if he hadn't turned his eyes away from God, he could have stood firm against the devil's temptations. He should have turned away as soon as he saw Bathsheba since she didn't belong to him. Also, David should have been a better king and gone out to battle with his army, but instead, he stayed home.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP: \_\_\_\_\_**

Help your student understand that these women are real people in history who struggled with real issues—issues that are no different than what you or I struggle with today. The story the Scriptures tell is how God worked, in spite of His people's struggle with sin, throughout history to reveal His mighty power and His perfect plan of redemption.

16. Satan strikes right for the lustful desires of the sinful human nature and entices people to envy, jealousy, greed, and lust.
17. It is easy to fall into the sin of greed and envy when we want something so badly. That wanting takes over our thoughts and our mind all day. In doing so, we take our eyes off God, and then we can easily fall into Satan's lure.
18. Romans 13:14 tells us to clothe ourselves with Jesus Christ, rather than thinking about how to satisfy our sinful desires and longings. In Christ, we have the power to say no to these temptations.
19. Check required.
20. David wanted to call Uriah home from battle to get him to sleep with his wife so that it would look like he, rather than David, got Bathsheba pregnant.
21. FALSE. The text is totally silent about any hint of her participation in David's conspiracy concerning Uriah; from what we know, she was totally out of the picture.
22. The slippery downhill slope began with David's sinful thoughts about wanting Bathsheba as his own. His thoughts then changed into a lustful desire. This desire caused him to call Bathsheba to his palace to sleep with him. After they found out Bathsheba was pregnant from their sinful act, David had to think of a way to cover up his sin, which resulted in the sin of killing Uriah in battle.
23. It wouldn't be very easy for Bathsheba to make this move. She was hardly given adequate time to mourn for her husband before she was "gathered," like a possession, to David's home. It was probably an emotionally painful and humiliating time for her, although it might have saved her from the public shame of bearing a child while her husband was away.
24. Check required.
25. 2 A  
1 B  
4 C  
3 D
26. The parable reveals that Uriah loved his wife Bathsheba very much and made sure she was cared for and safe. Bathsheba was Uriah's prized possession.
27. This parable suggests that not only was Bathsheba the victim of David's action, but Uriah was too. Both Uriah and Bathsheba were living happily together until David came into their lives and broke their relationship through selfish and lustful desires.
28. These verses say that the Lord anointed David king over Israel, delivered him from the hand of Saul, and gave David the house of Israel and Judah along with many wives.
29. David's sin was that he despised the Word of the Lord by doing what is evil in His eyes. He struck down Uriah with a sword and took his wife to be his own.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Ask your student if they are staying faithful in their devotions and prayers. Remind your student of the importance of reading and meditating on God's Word and hiding it in our hearts. Urge your student to memorize Scripture verses and recall them in their mind throughout the day.

30. The punishments for David's sin were that the sword would never depart from his house. God would bring calamity upon him. God would take David's wives away from him. Also, the son born to Bathsheba would die as a punishment for his sin.
31. David, having the responsibilities first of the king of Israel and second as the head of his marriage, reaped the consequences and punishments. Therefore, because of these major responsibilities and because David misused the power God gave him, the punishments for his sin were greater and rested on his shoulders as the king and husband.
32. Of course, the punishment did have implications for Bathsheba. The son she was bearing would die, and the family she was now entering would be filled with calamity and fighting.
33. FALSE
34.  A
35. God convicts people by the unrest and anxiety of the heart. The Lord convicts through dreams and visions. The message of Jesus Christ convicts and cuts right at the heart. Since the Law of God is written on every person's heart, their conscience bears witness to it and convicts of sin. Each student will respond differently regarding how God convicts them of sin. Maybe they will mention that God uses other people—His messengers (like the prophet Nathan to King David)—to convict them of sin, or maybe they are convicted of sin through the preaching of the Word.
36. Hebrews 4:12-13 talks about how the Word of God convicts. It is sharp like a double-edged sword and penetrates to the soul and spirit. The Word of God judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing is hidden from God's sight.
37. Most students will reflect on a time when someone in their life brought a sin to their attention and convicted them. Be sensitive to their stories and situations.
38. Bathsheba was referred to as King David's wife for the first time, rather than as Uriah's wife.
39. It was said of Solomon, right from his birth, that he was loved by the Lord.
40. David's son Adonijah wanted to become king.
41. Bathsheba went to King David and pleaded with him to keep his promise that Solomon would become the king. She told David how Adonijah had made himself king and how he was doing evil things. She pleaded with David to make Solomon king so that she and her son would not be treated as criminals.
42. Bathsheba refers to Solomon as her son and David's servant.
43. B, C, D, and E
44. David was keeping the promise he swore to Bathsheba.
45. Yes, God gave David a son who would succeed him as king and would continue to rule in the house of David.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember the CBI policy that you are not to correspond with your student outside official CBI channels because CBI does not provide training for dealing with inmates in other contexts.

46. X A  
X B  
X C  
X D
47. Jesus would be great and would be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God would give Him the throne of His father David, and His Kingdom would never end.
48. Revelation 17:14 says that Jesus is the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Revelation 22:16 says that Jesus is the root and offspring of David and the Bright and Morning Star.
49. The student should express that Jesus is the true King who rules all things from heaven at the Father's right hand. God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over all. Jesus has "*all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked...*" (Ephesians 1:21). All the other kings of this world are sinful and turn away from God time and time again. They can help us and govern us, but they are still sinful. Jesus is the true King. He will never turn away from God. He will help us and govern us perfectly. He will perfectly administer justice and mercy to the people in His Kingdom. Though earthly kingdoms come and go, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ will last forever and will never perish.
50. God worked through something so awful and used it for Bathsheba's good and for His glory. At times, she probably thought that her life was in shambles, but in the end, she became an honorable and noble queen mother who bore an offspring in the line of Christ. God had a plan for Bathsheba and used her for something glorious.
51. Here the student is asked to reflect on their own life. Be empathetic and sensitive to each story. Use encouraging Scripture verses when necessary.
52. Here the student is asked to reflect on Psalm 51. No answer is necessary. Read through the psalm yourself to be able to encourage and bring hope if students are not sure of God's forgiveness.
53. God promises in 1 John 1:8-9 that those who confess their sin will be forgiven and purified by God.
54. The student should express how their life is different now that they have been forgiven by God. They should express their desire to turn away from their sin and turn toward God. Listen with your ears and heart to their story and provide encouragement and instruction from Scripture when necessary.
55. This is a call to repentance. Take this time to pray for your student.
56. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
- David sinned by abusing the power God gave him when he took Bathsheba as his own.
  - Even faithful followers of God slip and fall when they take their eyes off Him.
  - David was tempted to give in to the lustful desires of his heart.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Have you been remembering to write a full-page encouragement letter to your student? Your letters of encouragement are the best way for you to share the love of Christ with them. For many students, this is the only correspondence they receive. The time and effort you put into writing a thoughtful and genuine letter will not be taken for granted.

- d. With Christ, we can stand firm against the sinful lusts of our heart.
- e. Wanting something so badly can cause us to take our eyes off God and fall into sin.
- f. God's Word convicted David of his sin with Bathsheba.
- g. Sin is sometimes like a downhill spiral.
- h. God punishes those who sin against Him.
- i. The Law is written on our hearts and therefore convicts us inwardly of our sin.
- j. God convicts people of sin through dreams and visions and anxiety and unrest.
- k. God offered Bathsheba a fresh start by giving her a son and a hopeful future.
- l. Jesus Christ is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
- m. Our sovereign God is a forgiving and patient God—He is in control and will make things new in His time.

# LESSON 6—A MOST BLESSED CALLING

## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Deuteronomy 22:20-24, Matthew 1, Mark 3:31-33, Luke 1 and 2, Luke 11:27-28, Luke 23:30-31, John 19:25-27, Galatians 3:16, Philippians 2:6-11, and Hebrews 2:5-18.

### LESSON FOCUS:

God chose and equipped Mary to be the mother and faithful disciple of Jesus, the long-awaited Savior of the world.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- where we've come from so far in these lessons and how God has been using these Old Testament women to bring about His plan of redemption.
- the importance of God's Son being born of the virgin Mary.
- how Mary responded to her important calling.
- in words the joy that Jesus brings into their life.
- who Jesus is, what He came to earth to do and how people responded to Him.
- that God calls ordinary people to carry out His plans.
- Mary's transformation from being the mother of Jesus to being a disciple of Jesus.
- how being identified with Christ has implications in all areas of this life.
- how being a follower of Christ has changed their life forever.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that sometimes you are learning more from these lessons and from your student than they are? It is amazing to see the reciprocal blessings of discipleship and mentoring! If you are being blessed by your relationship with your student, tell them; let them know that they are blessed by God to be a blessing to you!

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

16. God chose Mary to be the blessed mother of the promised Messiah.
17. God equipped Mary with strength to endure the pain that would come as the mother of the Messiah.
18. God gave Mary the faith to claim Jesus as her Savior and Lord and follow Him as a devoted disciple.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Some answers are given below; however, if a student provides an answer which is not given below and if it seems correct based on what we've studied in these lessons so far, mark it correct.

**Eve:** 1) was the mother of all the living, 2) was created in the image of God, 3) sinned when she took her eyes off God's provision and focused on her own lustful desire for wisdom, 4) her offspring will live in enmity with the serpent and his offspring, 5) was given hope that her offspring would one day crush the head of the serpent.

**Sarah:** 1) was the wife of Abraham, 2) bore the promised child even in her old age, 3) matured in her faith through many obstacles and hardships, 4) believed that God would give her a son, even in her old age.

**Leah:** 1) the daughter of Laban, 2) her sister, Rachel, was loved more by Jacob, 3) was given in marriage to Jacob, 4) was able to bear many children, 5) her sister, Rachel, was barren for many years, 5) envied her sister, 6) in the end, was satisfied with the blessings of God.

**Tamar:** 1) was the daughter-in-law of Judah, 2) was a widow and was childless, 3) was rejected by her husband's family, 4) tricked her father-in-law into sleeping with her in order to bear a child and fight for her rights, 5) bore Judah two sons, 6) became an honorable mother in the line of the promised Seed.

**Bathsheba:** 1) King David committed adultery with her while her husband was away at war, 2) became pregnant, 3) David ordered that her husband be killed to cover up their sin, 4) gave birth to Solomon, the successor of David's throne, 5) became an honorable queen mother.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Throughout the course, help your student review what has been learned by drawing these stories and their important concepts together. Help the student notice how God works all things out for the good of His children and for His glory.

2. God used all of these women in spite of their sin to continue on His covenant promises. He used Eve to be the mother of all the living, though she sinned by eating from the forbidden tree. He promised her hope in an Offspring who would conquer Satan and all evil. God used Sarah, though she at times lacked the faith to claim God's promises, to bear the promised son who would carry on the covenant promises to future generations. God used Leah, though she was driven by envy and greed towards her sister, to build up the house of Jacob along with her sister and be the honored and chosen mother of a child who would again pass on the covenant promises of God. Tamar, though she deceived and tricked her father-in-law while seeking justice, became the mother of the promised offspring of Judah and continued on the line from which the promised Seed would come. Bathsheba, though involved in an act of adultery with King David, was forgiven by God and bore a son who would succeed David in the throne and would pass on the promises of God. God used all of these women in spite of their sin to carry on the covenant promises He had made since the beginning.
3. Check required.
4. God sent an angel to Mary to tell her of her pregnancy.
5. Mary responded to the news of her pregnancy with a song of praise. She saw herself as a servant of the Lord and freely gave herself up to be used by Him. She glorified and rejoiced in God, and she blessed Him for His faithfulness throughout the generations and for His powerful and righteous deeds.
6. If Mary studied the Law and knew the prophets' teachings, she would have had some idea of what was going on, but she likely didn't know the extent of what was happening and how it would change her life forever. Mary only saw and understood a glimmer of what would actually happen. She surely knew the angel's words in Luke 1:31-33: *"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*
7. **Verse 42:** Elizabeth exclaims that Mary is blessed among women because of the blessed Child she bears.  
**Verse 45:** Here again, Mary is blessed because she believed that what the Lord said to her would be accomplished.

**Verses 48-49:** Mary again is blessed because of her humble servant-like state and because the Mighty One has done this great thing.

8. Paul wants Christians to express joy in Christ just as he has experienced himself. Paul expresses his joy in Jesus because while we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Paul urges all believers to make his joy in Christ complete by also rejoicing in the Lord always, as Paul does.
9. The student will reflect on the joy that knowing Jesus brings into their life. If applicable, share with the student what joy knowing Jesus brings you. Be encouraging and celebrative of the expression of joy—a poem, song, or prayer—the student writes.
10. Mary was facing a great risk when she discovered she was pregnant and not married. According to the Law, Mary was to be stoned.
11. Joseph’s immediate reaction was to divorce her quietly and not expose her to public disgrace.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP: \_\_\_\_\_**

If your student has shared with you a touching story, testimony, or poem in their lessons about what God is doing in their life, please photocopy it and send it to the CBI offices. We love to hear what God is doing in the lives of our students!

12.	<b>Name</b>		<b>Meaning</b>
	<u>Verse 21:</u>	<i>Jesus</i>	which means <i>The Lord Saves</i>
	<u>Verse 23:</u>	<i>Immanuel</i>	which means <i>God is with us</i>

13. These names suggest that God would come to be, or dwell, with His people in Jesus Christ, His Son, and He would save them.
14. Jesus had to come to dwell among us and be born of a virgin to fulfill what the Scriptures had said about Him. He was to become David’s true descendant (2 Samuel 7:12-16) and had to be like His brothers in every way except for sin (see Galatians 4:4-5, Hebrews 2:14-18, Hebrews 4:15-16, and Hebrews 7:24-25).
15. Jesus is both fully God and fully man. “Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin” (Westminster Larger Confession 37). Jesus needed to become a man. “It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God’s justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation” (WLC). Jesus also had to be God. “It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the Law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace” (WLC). “Christ is then our mediator and because of his innocence and perfect holiness, he removes our sin from God’s sight and gives us his righteousness” (Heidelberg Catechism). (See also Matthew 1:21-23, Matthew 3:17, 1 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 2:6-11, Colossians 1:15-20, and Hebrews 9:14-15.)

16. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: John 6:35-59, John 8:12, John 10:7-10, John 10:11-18, John 11:25-26, John 14:6-7, and John 15:1-8.
17. **The place:** In a stable in Bethlehem  
**The people:** Joseph and Mary, the shepherds, the wise men who visited days later.  
**The events:** There was no room for them in the inn at Bethlehem, so the innkeeper let them stay in the stable. It was there that Mary gave birth to Jesus. The shepherds who were in the field nearby were told by the angels to go to Bethlehem to see what had happened and to worship the baby King. Also the Wise Men, who were traveling, saw a star which directed them to the stable where they also came to worship the King days after Jesus was born.
18. "Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fullness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement" (Westminster Larger Confession). These details should make the student worship Jesus even more for His humble birth into this world.
19. The people obeyed and followed God's call. Sometimes they almost immediately left their life to follow God's call. The people did so in a humble way with the attitude of a servant being used by God for His glorious purposes.
20. God wants us to respond to His calling by living a holy life that is worthy of the calling we received (Ephesians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:7). We are also supposed to respond by sharing in the "glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).
21. Here the student is asked to reflect on their own life as a Christian and how they are responding to God's call. Be sensitive and understanding to their response.
22. The student will respond personally to this question, reflecting on how amazing it is that God uses common, ordinary people to do His extraordinary work.
23. Check required.
24. *"Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was **righteous** and **devout**. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him."*
25. FALSE. Jesus was God's salvation to the Gentiles and to the people of Israel.
26. *"Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'"*
27. A. This blessing reveals that Jesus' life and ministry will be full of suffering. Because of Him, many in Israel will rise and others will fall. The inner thoughts and heart of each person will be revealed, whether they believe or reject Him.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know when your student's birthday is? (Hopefully, if you still have a copy of your student's enrollment form, it's listed there.) Sending a birthday card is a great way to show you care. (Make sure that you put CBI's address as the return address if you send one.)

B. This blessing also reveals that Mary will experience much pain because of what her Son must endure.

It will be like a sword piercing her soul.

28. Check required.
29. The people thought that Jesus was going to come and establish an earthly, physical kingdom. They thought He would rule over the world in a physical sense and conquer their enemies. They didn't realize that Jesus was the King of all kings and was establishing a heavenly spiritual Kingdom that would last forever. Their dreams of an earthly king were shattered when Christ hung on the cross.
30. The student should refute the statement. The student should explain that Jesus' Kingship was different than any earthly king. Therefore, what seemed to be lowly and humiliating in human eyes was exalted and glorified in God's eyes. Philippians 2:1-11 speaks of Jesus' humility and exaltation.
31. In a sense, Mary's dreams might have been shattered, too. Even if she understood what was to happen to her Son, as His mother, she never dreamed this kind of cruel death would really have to happen to the Son of her flesh.
32. One criminal rejected Jesus, and the other believed and accepted Him.
33. falling                      rising
34. This is an opinion question. However, your student should respond that Mary was one who believed in Jesus since there is evidence that she followed Jesus along with the disciples. The student should give a biblical reason, using Scriptures and examples discussed in the lesson to support their answer.
35. "...mother and my brothers?"
36. "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."
37. A. **those who obey God's Word**  
B. **Word of God**
38. This is a personal reflection answer. Be sensitive to students who have a difficult time honoring God's Word above anything else in their life. Pray for your student and encourage them. Point them to Jesus' words in Matthew 10:37-39: "*Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever who does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it*" (see also Mark 8:34-35 and Luke 14:26-27).
39. Jesus says to Mary, "*Here is your son.*" This means that Jesus now wants John to take Mary into his home and care for her as he would his very own mother.
40. YES
41. Mary was in Jerusalem. She was with the disciples, with other women, and with Jesus' brothers. They joined together in prayer.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember to include positive and encouraging comments on every page of your student's lesson. This not only shows encouragement but also care and concern for their work. The student will know that you spent the time to read through every page and each answer carefully.

42. This suggests that Mary was now a devoted disciple of Jesus, part of the early Church.
43. The student is asked to share a part of their testimony in this question. If the student doesn't have a testimony, be sensitive and encouraging in your response using Scripture verses and biblical instruction when necessary.
44. For those who are in Christ, their identity is found in Him. This new identity changes all other roles a person may fill. The student is asked here to reflect on how Christ has taken over their life and impacted who they are in every area of life.
45. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
  - a. God chose Mary, an ordinary woman, to be the blessed mother of the promised Messiah.
  - b. Mary's Son, Jesus, was both man and the Son of God.
  - c. Mary was willing and ready to be used by God.
  - d. Mary rejoiced in God and His mighty plan.
  - e. Jesus came to dwell with humans and came to save them.
  - f. God calls ordinary people to extraordinary tasks.
  - g. God equipped Mary with strength to endure the pain that would come as the mother of the Messiah.
  - h. Simeon prophesied that many people would reject Jesus and many people would believe in Him.
  - i. Jesus is the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords.
  - j. The Kingdom Jesus established was not earthly but heavenly and would last forever.
  - k. God gave Mary the faith to claim Jesus as her Savior and Lord and follow Him as a devoted disciple.
  - l. We should value God's Word and our spiritual relationship with Christ over all things.
  - m. Mary's identity was changed when she believed in Jesus and accepted Him as her Lord and Savior.

# LESSON 7—SET FREE IN CHRIST

## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Deuteronomy 22:22-24, Psalm 32:5, John 7:53-8:11, Romans 3:23, Romans 8:1-4, Romans 7:7-25, Romans 10:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 2 Timothy 2:25, Hebrews 4:15, and 1 John 1:8-2:2.

### LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus set an adulterous woman free from her life of sin.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- the trap in which the Pharisees were trying to put Jesus to have a basis for accusing Him.
- how the Pharisees were just as sinful as the woman they were bringing to Jesus.
- how this story shows us who Jesus is and how He treats sinners.
- that Jesus, the sinless One, provides a way out of our sin.
- how faith and repentance are needed in order to receive forgiveness.
- the importance of realizing and confessing our sin to God.
- how even faith and repentance are gifts from God.
- that in Christ, we are given the power to go and leave our lives of sin.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

19. Jesus wouldn't allow the Pharisees to use the adulterous woman to trick Him.
20. Jesus, the sinless One, provided a way out of the trap for the adulterous woman.
21. Jesus forgave the woman when she turned to Him in faith and repentance.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. The people in the story are the teachers of the Law, the Pharisees, a woman caught in the act of adultery, Jesus, and some people who had gathered around.
3. A. at dawn  
B. in the temple courts on the Mount of Olives
4. 6 A  
4 B  
2 C  
5 D  
1 E  
3 F  
7 G

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first time you've heard from your student in months? Make sure in your encouragement letter you welcome them back to the course. Commend them for their dedication to their studies and encourage them to faithfully continue on.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

In order to properly assess your student's work, come back to these objectives when you've completed reviewing their lesson to see if they have a good grasp of each. If any need further explanation, do so in your encouragement letter.

5. C
6. The adulteress was a woman and the Pharisees and teachers of the Law were men. Socially, the Pharisees and teachers of the Law held a high status in society; a woman didn't. We are unclear of the age of each, but Pharisees and teachers of the Law were older men, and therefore possibly even older than the adulterous woman. Clearly they held more power, both in the community and in the synagogue. The primary thing they had in common was their sinful condition: they were both sinful in the eyes of God and could only be forgiven by Jesus Christ through faith.
7. Each student will respond differently. Some possible emotions of the woman might include: guilty, embarrassed, condemned, lonely, fearful, ashamed. The student should give an explanation for each answer they choose.
8. Each student will respond differently. Some possible emotions of the Pharisees might be proud, smart, tricky, arrogant, satisfied, nervous. The student should give an explanation for each answer they choose.
9. Both the adulterer and the adulteress will be stoned.
10. Death for both the adulterer and the adulteress.
11. D
12. Moses                      commanded                      stone                      women                      you  
trap                      accusing
13. No, the Pharisees didn't really care about the woman at all. All they were concerned about was accusing Jesus – they didn't care how they accomplished it. Nor did they care about observing the Law when all that was on their mind was accusing Jesus.
14. The Pharisees were giving Jesus two options: if Jesus ordered the woman to be executed, Jesus would make the Pharisees happy, but would be challenging the authority of Rome, which commanded that Jews could not execute their own people (John 18:31). If Jesus ordered that the woman go free, He would be challenging the authority of the Old Testament Law and falling right into the trap.
15. The world, Satan and even our own flesh does try to trap us, condemn us, and bring false charges against us. When we experience this, we find great comfort and assurance that God is for us. He loves us and will graciously give us all things in accordance with His will. No one can bring a charge against us or condemn us; nothing can separate us from His love.
16. Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground. Then He said that the person without sin should cast the first stone. All the men realized that they were not without sin, so they all left until Jesus and the woman were the only ones left. Jesus forgave the woman and told her to go and leave her life of sin.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember that as a Tier Two Instructor, you are allowed to share a few personal notes about yourself and your testimony. Feel free to do so. It will allow you and your student to develop a closer spiritual friendship.

17. Jesus said, *“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”* The importance of this for undoing the trap is that it shows that Jesus still upholds the Law but that He is the only one who can condemn those who break the Law. The Pharisees were not allowed to condemn her. By saying this, Jesus was saying that since He was the only one there without sin, He was the only one there who could legitimately stone the woman, though He showed her grace and didn’t.
18. The Pharisees chose to leave the scene.
19. They all left the scene because they knew they were not without sin.
20. A and C  
These answers are only probable answers. Some students may choose different answers and should get credit for the answer if they rationalized and explained their answer properly.
21. A, B, and D  
These answers are only probable answers. Some students may choose different answers and should get credit for the answer if they rationalized and explained their answer properly.
22. Each student will answer differently. Some possible emotions might include grateful, guilty, embarrassed, relieved, anxious, amazed, fearful, ashamed. Be sure they explain their answer.
23. Each student will answer differently. Some possible emotions might include guilty, nervous, embarrassed. Be sure they explain their answer.
24. C
25. Each student will respond differently as this is an opinion question. There is no correct answer; only make sure that they give a reason for their answer.
26. This reveals that Jesus is concerned about administering justice and also that He is compassionate and forgiving.
27. A. *“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*  
B. *“No one, sir.”*  
C. *“Then neither do I condemn you...Go now and leave your life of sin.”*
28. 3 A  
2 B  
1 C  
4 D
29. It was important for the woman to realize her sin because if she didn’t realize her sin, she wouldn’t be able to confess it and then she would not experience God’s forgiveness.
30. A person must confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead.
31. No, God grants us the ability to repent. We can’t even confess our sins on our own; God gifts us with the ability to repent.
32. A. not (or without) sin  
B. all have sinned  
C. without sin



40. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
- a. Jesus wouldn't allow the Pharisees to use the adulterous woman to trick Him.
  - b. The Pharisees were just as sinful as the adulterous woman they were bringing to Jesus.
  - c. The Pharisees didn't care about anything except finding something about which to accuse Jesus.
  - d. Jesus, the sinless One, provided a way out of the trap.
  - e. Jesus forgave the woman when she turned to Him in faith and repentance.
  - f. Jesus is compassionate and cares for sinners, wanting them to be saved.
  - g. It is important to recognize our sin and confess it to God in faith.
  - h. Both faith and repentance are gifts from God.
  - i. Jesus was the only qualified person to condemn the woman, but He didn't.
  - j. After we are forgiven, Jesus wants us to be transformed and turn from our life of sin.
  - k. We do not deserve God's forgiveness; in grace, He freely forgives us.
  - l. We still we struggle with sin, but in Christ, we can turn from our sinful ways.

# LESSON 8—CLEANSED AND FORGIVEN

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## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Leviticus 15:25-33, Psalm 50:15, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 18:42, Romans 5:1-11, Galatians 3:26-29, Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 9:22, and Hebrews 10.

### LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus' miraculous touch completely healed a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- how Jesus performed many miracles to reveal His glory and so that God would be praised.
- how our sinful nature affects all areas of our life and we are now prone to hate our neighbor and God.
- that Jesus healed the woman completely – physically, socially, and also spiritually.
- how God heals and saves when we call on the name of the Lord in faith.
- how it is beneficial for Christians to share their healings and blessings with others to celebrate God's mercies.
- that Jesus is our true High Priest whose blood was the ultimate sacrifice which cleanses and forgives us.
- that Jesus brings freedom and peace when He heals and saves sinners who come to Him in faith.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Spend time in prayer. Pray for biblical insight and creative ways to encourage your student in their spiritual walk.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

22. Jesus had the power to completely heal this sick woman from her disease.
23. Jesus sought to deliver the woman from her disease as well as restore her dignity and worth in the community.
24. Jesus delivered the woman spiritually from her sin and strengthened her faith in Him.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. Jesus was coming from the region of the Gerasenes when He encountered the bleeding woman.
3. The synagogue ruler pleaded, *"My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live."*
4. Jesus was going to a synagogue ruler's home to heal his dying daughter.
5. It was not abnormal for Jesus to be followed by a large crowd. Many people wanted to hear His teachings, be healed from sickness and demon possession, or see His miracles.
6. It does not seem unusual for Jesus to be interrupted as He entered a city. Many people were always waiting as Jesus came to their town to be healed or saved from demons because many knew of His miraculous signs (John 3:2). Some knew and believed that His miraculous signs were divine, while others didn't fully understand His divine power. Either way, they waited for Him to visit their town with the hope of healing.

7. A. twelve  
B. doctors  
C. money  
D. worse
8. A. unclean  
B. blood                      unclean  
C. touches                      unclean  
D. sexual                      both                      cut                      off
9. If the woman had a husband, she most likely hadn't slept in his bed in twelve years, and if she had children, they probably were not allowed to touch her or sit near her. Also, her friends and neighbors were not allowed to touch her or go near her for fear of becoming unclean.
10. Each student will respond differently here. Some possible emotions might include: angry, inferior, lonely, anxious, condemned, frustrated, guilty. Your student should give a reason for their answers.
11. Because of her illness and uncleanness, it makes sense that the woman would come from behind. Because the crowd was large and pressed together, if she came in from behind, she could blend in with the people better and touch the back of Jesus' garments without being noticed. No one would have to know, and she could get away quickly without getting in trouble for being in a crowd while being unclean.
12. Our sin does affect other areas of our life, especially our relationship with others. Because of sin, we are prone to hate our neighbor and those we want to love. Our sinful attitudes like anger, jealousy, envy, greed, and hate affect the way we treat the people in our lives. Sin leads to fighting, abandonment, brokenness, or divorce. Sin affects our relationship with God, also. Because we sin, we are prone to hate God and by nature we want to turn *away* from Him rather than turn to Him. Because of our sin, we, by nature, hate our neighbor and God.
13. A. cleansed                      doves                      pigeons                      priest  
B. sin                      burnt  
C. atonement                      uncleanness                      discharge
14. A, B, C, and E
15. "...because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.'"
16. The woman's faith was strong since she believed so surely that all she had to do was touch Jesus to be saved. She was determined and believed that was all it would take to be healed. At this point, her spiritual understanding is unclear, as is whether she believed that it was Jesus or His clothes that would heal her.
17. The students will respond differently here, as this is a personal response question. The text doesn't tell us

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Use stories and illustrations to highlight the reality of biblical concepts. Be on the lookout for good ideas to share from sermon illustrations and other reading material. Your students will love to hear stories from your life and illustrations help stress important points and make them memorable.

whether she believed it was Jesus or His clothes that would heal her. We do know that she knew who Jesus was and knew that He worked wonderful miracles, and she knew that she needed to get to Him in order to be saved and healed.

18. *"Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering."*
19.  Physical                       Social                       Spiritual
20. Yes, Jesus did know who touched Him. However, according to these passages, miracles were performed by Jesus so that the people would believe and place their trust in God. If Jesus didn't call the woman forward, she would have walked away without anyone noticing that she was healed. Jesus wanted the crowd to see the miracle that took place in this woman's life for two reasons: 1) so that the crowd would see that her healing was because of Jesus' power, not human power, and glorify God in heaven, and 2) so that she would be socially restored to her community.
21. God will heal when we call on the Lord for help. In heaven there will be no more sickness, death, crying, or pain (Revelation 21:1-4).
22. call                                      day                                      trouble                                      deliver                                      honor
23. A. call  
B. deliver  
C. honor
24. Jesus asked her to come forward so that she would honor Him for His miraculous powers and so that all who were watching would also glorify God rather than human beings.
25. Each student will imagine different emotions and feelings. For a woman to speak out in public during those days was very uncommon, and it was wrong for an unclean person to be in public as well. So for this woman to speak out in public while she was unclean was a very difficult thing. She must have felt very uncomfortable and even scared, wondering if she would get in trouble. It took a lot of courage for her to step forward and reveal herself.
26. crowding                                      you                                      disciples                                      touched
27. Jesus' question would have sounded strange to the disciples and even to the crowd since everyone was pressing against each other (verse 24). They didn't really realize what Jesus was talking about.
28. The little girl who Jesus was going to heal was the daughter of a prestigious synagogue ruler (verse 22) and therefore was considered to have a high status in the community. On the other hand, the woman was probably much lower in the community since first of all, she was unclean and unable to touch anyone and also, she was probably significantly poorer, since she had spent her money on many doctors (verse 26).
29. Jesus wanted to help both women; it didn't matter to Him what their social status was because He was concerned with healing the sick. Jesus knew that it was urgent to get to the dying girl, but He also knew that this bleeding woman needed healing. He surely knew that the little girl would die, yet He still stopped to heal the bleeding woman. In this way, He could be glorified even more for healing the bleeding woman as well as raising the girl from the dead.

30. Jesus cares about the salvation of all kinds of people—Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female—because in Him, we are all one.
31. Now that everyone knew of her healing, she could return back into her community and be seen as clean rather than unclean. She could walk along the street with no shame or fear, she could be near those she loved, and she could continue to worship with her people in the synagogue. If she would have gone away without Jesus pointing her out, no one would have known that she was cleansed, and she might never have been restored back into the community. There is a benefit to sharing our healings and blessings with other Christians; we can rejoice in the greatness of God and celebrate answered prayers. Students may share other benefits that they have found in their life from sharing God’s blessings and healings with others.
32. Students will respond differently to this question. Be sensitive to each answer and respond appropriately.
33.  Physical                       Social                       Spiritual
34. Daughter                      faith                      healed                      peace  
freed                      suffering
35. Jesus calls the woman “daughter.” We know from Matthew 7:11 that the Father in heaven gives good gifts to His children who ask Him. The woman is reminded that she is a child of God and that God has healed her because she asked in faith.
36. Jesus needed to clarify that it was not His clothes that healed her—her healing came because she asked in faith, and even her faith was a gift from God.
37.  Physical                       Social                       Spiritual
38. TRUE
39. It was required by Law that for cleansing and forgiveness, blood must be shed.
40. Christ’s blood was shed for the cleansing and forgiveness of our sins. His death was the ultimate sacrifice and because of His death, no longer is the shedding of blood required for the cleansing and forgiveness of sins. His blood covered it all.
41. FALSE
42. By not telling the woman to go to the priest, He was revealing that He was indeed the true High Priest and by His future bloodshed she was already cleansed. By the sacrifice of His life that would come one day, her sins would be forgiven and she would be cleansed.
43. Since we have been justified through faith, we can have peace and joy because we have been saved from the wrath of God. Each student will respond differently, finding comfort and hope in different truths in these verses. Be sensitive to their responses and encouraging in your answers
44. Isaiah 35:10 looks forward to the day when we will enter heaven with singing and everlasting crowns on our heads—filled with gladness and joy. Sorrow and sighing will flee in heaven. Philippians 3:21 and 1

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Many times these lessons will pull verses from other parts of the Bible to support or unify the concept being discussed. Students should be able to pull these verses together. Please assist your student in understanding if they are having difficulty.

John 3:2 both explain how in heaven our bodies will be transformed and we will be like Jesus – with a glorious new body. Revelation 21:1-4 explains how in heaven there will be no pain or tears of crying or death. Your student will have different reactions to these promises. We pray that they look forward to this day of complete healing and find comfort and hope in them during life on earth, which may include suffering and heartache. Be comforting and encouraging in your response.

45. There is no one right answer to this question. Pray for your student if they have not yet come to a place in their spiritual life of experiencing Jesus' touch of healing and God's forgiveness.
46. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
- a. Jesus performed many miracles to reveal His glory and the glory of the Father.
  - b. The woman came to Jesus in faith that He would heal her from her disease.
  - c. Sin affects all areas of our life.
  - d. Jesus healed the woman from her bleeding.
  - e. Jesus also restored the woman back to her community.
  - f. Jesus wanted the woman to worship Him for His miraculous works also and wanted the people to glorify God because of His healing in this woman's life.
  - g. We find comfort that if we call on the name of the Lord, we will be healed and saved.
  - h. Jesus comes to heal and save all people – there is no one Jesus does not minister to. All are important to Him.
  - i. It is beneficial to share our healings and blessings from God with other Christians.
  - j. Bloodshed is required for cleansing and the forgiveness of sin.
  - k. Jesus' blood was shed for the cleansing and forgiveness of our sin. His blood was the ultimate sacrifice and covers our sin.
  - l. Jesus is our true High Priest, and His blood made atonement for our sins.
  - m. Because of Christ's death, we are justified and we can have peace and joy because Christ saved us from the wrath of God and the punishment for our sins.
  - n. Jesus brings freedom and peace when He heals and saves sinners.
  - o. We will experience true and complete healing in heaven.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that sometimes you are learning more from these lessons and from your student than they are? It is amazing to see the reciprocal blessings of discipleship and mentoring! If you are being blessed by your relationship with your student, tell them. Let them know that they are blessed by God to be a blessing to you!

# LESSON 9—CANCELED DEBT

## Getting Started...

### SCRIPTURE:

As you prepare yourself for this lesson, please ask the Lord to guide you and enable you to be an encourager as you help your student. You may also wish to read the following passages before you begin: Luke 5:27-31, Luke 7:36-50, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:1-2, Ephesians 2:8, Titus 3:3-7, James 4:7-12, and 1 John 4:9-10.

### LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus forgave a woman from her sins and she publicly displayed her gratitude.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES:

Your student will be able to understand and explain...

- the compassion of Jesus revealed to the sinful woman.
- the attitudes of Simon and Jesus toward the sinful woman.
- what God's Word says about judging.
- the difference between Simon and the woman's response to Jesus' forgiveness.
- that we love God because He first loved us.
- that Jesus forgives, and we respond with expressions of love.
- that we are to go to God humbly and submissively and He will deliver us.
- how grace and faith work together for salvation.
- that there is nothing we can do to earn God's forgiveness and love; it is simply by His mercy.
- ways in which they can respond to the forgiveness and grace of God in their life.

### BIBLICAL FACTS:

25. Jesus heard the weeping and saw the tears of a sinful woman.
26. Jesus forgave the sinful woman, and she expressed her love and gratitude to Him.
27. Those who Jesus forgives are saved by His grace through faith and can go in true peace.

## Lesson Answers...

1. Check required.
2. Your student should list 4 or 5 of the following incidents:
  - Jesus heals the man with leprosy (Luke 5:12-16)
  - Jesus heals the paralytic (Luke 5:17-26)
  - Jesus raises the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17)
  - Jesus and the sinful woman (Luke 7:36-50)
  - Jesus heals a demon-possessed man (Luke 8:26-39)
  - Jesus heals a sick woman and raises a dead girl (Luke 8:40-56)
  - Jesus heals a boy with an evil spirit (Luke 9:37-45)
  - Jesus heals a crippled woman (Luke 13:10-17)
  - Jesus heals 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
  - Jesus spends time with the little children (Luke 18:15-17)
  - Jesus gives sight to the blind beggar (Luke 18:25-42)

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Spend time in prayer. Pray for biblical insight and creative ways to encourage your student in their spiritual walk.

### **TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Remember that as a Tier Two Instructor, you are allowed to share a few personal notes about yourself and your testimony. Feel free to do so. It will allow you and your student to develop a closer spiritual friendship.

- Jesus and Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

3. Jesus says that He ministers to these people because they are those for whom He came to earth. Jesus says that the healthy don't need a doctor – only the sick. His reason for ministering to these people is that they need to hear His message more than the righteous do. It is these sinners who need to hear His call to repent.

4. Simon the Pharisee

Jesus

The sinful woman

5. B

6. The student should have *circled* the following answers:

A. She was known around town as a sinner.

B. She invited herself to the dinner.

B. She made an emotional scene at the dinner.

7. 1 A

5 B

6 C

3 D

4 E

2 F

8. The student will come up with their own ideas for this question. At this point in the lesson, there is no one right answer; however, be sure the student records their answer with details.

9. The woman had to have been very serious and genuine about what she was doing, otherwise she wouldn't have wasted her perfume, which was very valuable to her. She wasn't doing this simply to get attention; she meant what she was doing with all her heart, since she was giving up a year's worth of wages.

10. T A

T B

T C

F D

T E

T F

T G

11. It doesn't surprise us that the Pharisee was disgusted and appalled by this woman's actions towards Jesus. In other places in the Gospels, we learn that Jesus calls the Pharisees hypocrites and accuses them of worshiping God in vain because they worship with their mouths and through the things they teach, but their hearts are far from God. Jesus also accuses the Pharisees of not caring about the lost. Therefore, it makes sense that Simon the Pharisee wouldn't care about this lost woman.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout the course, help your student review what has been learned by drawing these stories and their important concepts together. Help them notice how God works all things out for the good of His children and for His glory.

12. Matthew 7 and James 4 teach us not to slander another person or judge his or her actions. Only God is the Judge, and we are not to judge our neighbor. The student will respond in their own words to this question. They should mention the fact that this passage warns us not to judge others.
13. Students' answers will vary. Your student may express that they continue to struggle with judging others. Be sensitive to this struggle and encourage the student appropriately with biblical truths and Scripture.
14. all                      sinned                      short                      glory
15. It is not right to use this excuse. We should not go on sinning just because we know God's grace will cover our sins. If we are truly forgiven, we will no longer want to continue to live in our sin.
16. "Simon, I have something to tell you."
17. B
18. The parable is about two men who owed money to a moneylender. One owed him significantly more than the other. Neither had the money to repay him, so the moneylender canceled both of their debts. Both would be grateful to the moneylender for canceling their debts, but the one with the greater debt would be more thankful.
19. 3 A  
1 B  
2 C
20. Simon understood exactly what Jesus was saying in the parable because he answered Jesus' question correctly. Jesus was talking directly about his situation. Simon was confronted with the extent of his debt, or sin, and the extent of Jesus' forgiveness. He likely realized that he wasn't loving the lender—Jesus Christ—like he should. Simon also understood immediately that he was unfairly judging this sinful woman in treating her the way he did. It is possible that the sinful woman understood the parable. And Jesus was also talking directly to her situation in the parable He told. She too had a debt, and her debt was now paid for. Actually, she had a larger debt than Simon; still both were forgiven. And she loved more because she was forgiven more.
21. C
22. After reading your student's parable, use your best judgment about whether they used the same main message: *The debtor who had the bigger debt canceled loved the lender more than the debtor who only had a small debt canceled.* Commend your student and give them credit for writing their own parable.
23. TRUE
24. D
25. D
26. The Bible says that our attitude should be humility before God. By submitting to Him and washing and purifying our hearts, He will lift us up.
27. The student will reflect on their own life experience in this question.
28. No, these things do not work when we go to God for forgiveness. We need to go to Him humbly, with

faith that He will forgive. We shouldn't promise good works in exchange for forgiveness. If we promised good works in exchange for God's forgiveness, we would never be forgiven since on our own, we can do nothing good. Our good works flow out of us as an action of gratitude after receiving God's forgiveness.

29. X A

30. God loved us by sending Jesus into this world. God doesn't love us because we first showed our love to Him; He loves His people because He is a loving God. So then, our love for God comes because He first loved us and gave us His Son, Jesus Christ. This brings comfort and hope that God's love isn't dependent on our love for Him. When we turn away from Him in sin, His love will never leave us.

31. Check required.

32. As a hospitable host, Simon should have given Jesus water to wash His dirty feet, he should have greeted Jesus with a kiss, and he should have put oil on Jesus' head; instead, the sinful woman did all these things and even more!

33. Jesus said these things to point out to Simon that the sinful woman loved Jesus more than he did.

34. Simon treated the woman very poorly and had judgmental thoughts about her in his mind (verse 39). Jesus, on the other hand, accepted the woman and her loving actions and forgave her sins.

35. This story reveals and shows again that Jesus came not for the righteous but for the unrighteous sinner. He cared about sinners, had compassion on them and wanted to see them come to Him in faith. It also reveals that our God is a God who forgives and offers peace.

36. Each student will respond differently to this question. Simon the Pharisee and the other guests maybe felt remorseful, sorrowful, or uncomfortable since they realized that they were sinners, too. Maybe some were puzzled at what happened because they didn't understand what happened. Some were maybe surprised or amazed that Jesus was okay with letting this sinful woman display her love for Him in this way. Still others may have been angry or suspicious of this Jesus. Make sure the student explains their selections.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

You can encourage your student with part of CBI's statement of faith: *Faith Alone*. Our righteousness comes through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. The believer is saved only by grace, through faith (Romans 1:17, Ephesians 2:8-10).

37. Each student will respond differently to this question. They might suggest that the sinful woman felt grateful for Jesus forgiving her sins. Maybe she was relieved and surprised by Jesus' actions and words toward her. She probably was encouraged once again to go and leave her sinful life. Make sure your student explains their selections to get credit.

38. TRUE

39. grace                      saved                      faith                      not  
yourselves                      gift                      God

40. NO, it is not our faith that saves us; it is by *grace* we have been saved *through faith*. Even faith is not something of our own; even faith is a gift from God. The woman was saved by grace, but God gifted her with the faith to believe.
41. The student should answer that there is nothing they have done or ever will do that will allow them to deserve the forgiveness of God. So why then can we be forgiven? God's forgiveness is a free act of grace. Titus 3:3-7 says that God saves us, not because of our righteous deeds, but simply by His mercy.
42. The student will respond based on their own experience. There is no right or wrong answer. Please be sensitive to the student's response as they are sharing real feelings from life experience. Use Scripture to encourage, uplift, and instruct when necessary.
43. This is a call to repentance; there is no correct answer.
44. Each student will respond differently to this question. Please be encouraging and supportive in your responses. Pray that your student would be able to express their love for Jesus through the ways mentioned.
45. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
  - a. Jesus' ministry focus was on seeking and saving the lost.
  - b. Simon wrongfully judged the sinful woman in his mind.
  - c. God's Word tells us not to judge our neighbor.
  - d. Just because we are saved by grace doesn't mean we can sin as much as we want to.
  - e. Jesus forgave the sinful woman and she expressed her love and gratitude to Him.
  - f. The debtor with the greatest debt canceled will love the lender most of all.
  - g. Our attitude of love and gratitude comes as a response to the forgiveness of Christ.
  - h. We should go to God with humility and submission and ask for deliverance.
  - i. We love God because He first loved us.
  - j. Those who Jesus forgives are saved by His grace through faith and can go in true peace.
  - k. There is nothing we have done or can do to earn God's forgiveness; we are forgiven by grace through faith, which is a gift from God.
  - l. We should respond with love and thankfulness to the forgiveness and grace of our God.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

Encourage your student to continue completing the weekly Roadmap and to dig deeply into the Word of God for insight and instruction on how to live as a Christian.



7. The significance of accompanying healing and casting out demons with the preaching of the Kingdom of God is that the Kingdom of God is near and people need to come to Jesus in faith with a repentant heart. Those who remain living in their sin will not inherit the Kingdom of God, according to Galatians 5:19-21. It is important when miracles are performed that the Kingdom of God is preached, because even if they receive healing, without a repentant heart and the gift of faith, the person will still not enter the Kingdom of God. Miracles and preaching about God's Kingdom go hand in hand because in God's Kingdom, the lame walk; the blind see; the deaf hear; the dead live (Isaiah 61:1-2).
8. Yes, Mary Magdalene did understand the good news of the Kingdom of God. We know that because after she was healed from her demon possession, she began following Jesus around along with the disciples and other faithful followers.
9. Check required.
10. These verses say that Mary Magdalene and some other women had followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem to care for His needs and now they were with Him at the time of His death, standing at a distance.
11. B
12. B and D
13. Check required.
14. Students will respond differently here; there is no right or wrong answer, only be sure the answer is grounded in what the Scriptures tell us happened that day. Be sensitive and supportive. Let the student use their imagination to think about what that day might have been like, based on the Gospel accounts.
15.

A.	people	beat	breasts	went	
B.	Joseph	cloth	body	linen	tomb
	rock	stone	entrance	Magdalene	Mary
	saw	laid			
C.	spices	perfumes			
16. A, B, D, and F
17. Mary Magdalene and the other women were such devoted followers of Christ that they couldn't bear to leave Him. They were so committed to following His every move, caring for Him, and supporting Him that they didn't know what to do now that He was gone. Their actions reflect an attitude of complete submission to following Jesus. Their actions also reflect their confusion about what was going on. They really believed Jesus was dead; they did not understand what He had taught about His resurrection. If they were truly aware of what really happened they would not have been at Jesus' grave.
18. There are many things that Christians can do to show the world that they are faithful followers of Jesus. Your student should include four or five of the following: Christians seek to follow the Law of God and

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live holy lives (Exodus 20). Christians are kind and caring to the poor and other needy people (Matthew 6). Christians worship and pray to God both in public worship and private worship (Matthew 6:5). Christians tell others about God and His marvelous works (Matthew 5:13). Christians love all people—even their enemies (Matthew 5:43). Christians will trust that God is in control of their lives and not worry about little things (Matthew 6:25). Christians will not judge others (Matthew 7). Christians will build their lives upon the Word of God and use it as their foundation in all of life (Matthew 7:24). Romans 1:16-17 and Galatians 6:14 say that Christians can boast about Christ and the gospel unashamedly so that the world knows they are faithful followers of Christ.

19. The student will reflect here on their own relationship with Christ. Be encouraging, supportive, and instructive in your response to the testimony.
20.
  - A. It was the first day of the week.
  - B. It was dawn; it was still dark.
  - C. The stone had been removed.
  - D. The tomb was empty.
  - E. Mary Magdalene assumed that the gardener had taken away the body of Jesus.
  - F. Mary Magdalene ran to tell Simon Peter and John—the disciple Jesus loved.
21.
  - A. F
  - B. F
  - C. F
  - D. T
  - E. T
  - F. F
  - G. F
  - H. T
22. It doesn't make sense that someone would take Jesus' body away without the wrapping. It seems that it would be easier and cleaner to take away the body with the cloth still on. The cloth was folded up and whoever might have taken Jesus probably wouldn't have folded up the cloth and linen.
23. Check required.
24. Each student will respond differently to this question. Their response should express how when we place Christ aside or treat Him as if He were still dead, our spiritual life decreases because He is not the center of our life. We no longer passionately serve and love Him because He is not reigning in our lives.
25. The students will express many different things that they are doing to grow in their love for Christ. They should comment that they are daily reading and meditating on God's Word and praying to Him daily. They might say that they are in a small group or Bible study which helps them grow in their knowledge and love for God. They might say that they are reading a book or other instructive materials. They could explain

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

If your student has shared with you a touching story, testimony, or poem in the lesson about what God is doing in their life, please photocopy it and send it to the CBI offices. We love to hear what God is doing in the lives of our students!

how they keep a journal which records their thoughts and prayers to God. They might also say how they go to church with other believers or do acts of service toward others. Be sensitive to each student's response. It might be beneficial for you to share and suggest some things you do to grow in your love for Christ.

26. Mary thought she was talking to the gardener, but it was really Jesus. Jesus asked her why she was crying and who she was looking for. Mary wanted the man to tell her where they took Jesus. Right then, Jesus called Mary's name and Mary knew that it was Jesus.
27. Jesus called Mary Magdalene's name and she realized that she was talking to Jesus, her Savior.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

There will be times when the student is asked to reference a footnote in the Bible. All Bibles should include these footnotes.

28. **Word:** Rabboni                      **Meaning:** Teacher
29. Mary couldn't recognize Jesus because she didn't know that He was alive. And also, Mary didn't recognize Jesus because His body was not the physical body she remembered. Jesus was resurrected and His body was also resurrected. His body was imperishable, glorified, powerful, and spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:42-44).
30. Mary expected to find Jesus' body dead, wrapped up in the linen and lying in the tomb, because she was going there to anoint His dead body with spices.
31. Jesus told Mary not to hold on to Him but rather to go and tell everyone what had happened.
32. The message Mary was to take to the disciples was to tell them that she saw Jesus and that He was returning to His Father and their Father, to His Lord and their Lord. Mary Magdalene did perform her task well. John 20:18 says that she went to the disciples with the news that she saw the Lord and she told them what He said to her.
33. Each student will respond differently to this question, choosing different feelings and emotions. Some probable emotions might include: excited, confused, privileged, joyful, encouraged, anxious, shocked, and amazed. Be sure your student gives a good explanation for the answer to receive full credit.
34. Each student will respond differently to this question. Most students will write out with whom they will share the Gospel message and how they will do it. Those who haven't shared the gospel message might write out a prayer asking God to give them strength and courage to share the gospel boldly. Be sensitive and encouraging in your response to your student.
35. A. buried                      baptism                      Christ                      raised                      we  
       new                              life
- B. raised                      us                              Christ                      seated                      us  
       heavenly                      realms
- C. raised                      Christ
36. In Christ, we are given life, when through Adam, we were given death. We have been buried with Christ into death and we have been raised with Christ and now we have a new life. We are to set our hearts on things above—where Christ is seated—and not on earthly things.

37. We can find hope and encouragement that one day those who have died in Christ will be raised back to life. Also, we no longer have to fear death because Christ has swallowed up death in victory (1 Corinthians 15:54). Death no longer wins because Christ holds the victory!
38. Each student will respond differently to this question since it is a reflection question. The response should indicate that the student's life would be different, for the better, if they truly lived in the knowledge of the resurrection of Christ and its effect on us.
39. Christ's resurrection brings us hope that when we die or when Christ returns, our bodies will be transformed and will become like Christ's glorious body, and we will be like Christ. We also have hope that our soul and body will be taken to Christ. Students might suggest other truths that comfort them regarding the resurrection of Christ. Be sensitive and instructive in your responses.

Paragraph between question 39 and 40: check required.

40. Jesus commands His disciples to *"go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20). He also gave them power from the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses in this way (Acts 1:8).
41. In heaven, Jesus is our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5) and *"an advocate with the Father"* (1 John 2:1).
42. Each student will respond differently. However, the verses from 2 Corinthians 4 encourage us to not lose heart because we have God's mercy (verse 1) as we continue to do the Lord's work with the Spirit's guidance. We have confidence that God uses us to accomplish His work, which will never be defeated and struck down, because God is powerful. We also find hope because we look forward to our future and eternal glory. The temporary things of this world will not last, but what will last is what is unseen by us now. We need to continue to fix our eyes on Jesus who is eternally on the throne.
43. Your student will record two or three of their favorite Bible passages. Be sensitive to the choices. Encourage the student to memorize these verses and meditate on them all day long.
44. Optional verses for **IN-DEPTH** study: Psalm 110:1, Acts 2:29-36, Romans 8:34, Philippians 2:9-11, Colossians 3:1-3, Hebrews 1:3, and Hebrews 12:1-3.
45. Each student will highlight different points. Some of the following could be included:
  - a. Jesus had many faithful followers and disciples; Mary Magdalene was one of them.
  - b. Many of Jesus' followers experienced His healing and grace.
  - c. The performing of miracles was always accompanied by the preaching of the Kingdom of God.
  - d. The Kingdom of God will be unlike any earthly Kingdom—there will be no more crying, death, mourning, or pain.
  - e. There are many ways Christians can show that they are followers of Christ.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

It may be helpful in this lesson to refer to the CBI statement of faith which mentions this truth: Christ Alone. Jesus Christ alone is to be trusted for salvation. There is no salvation outside of Him.

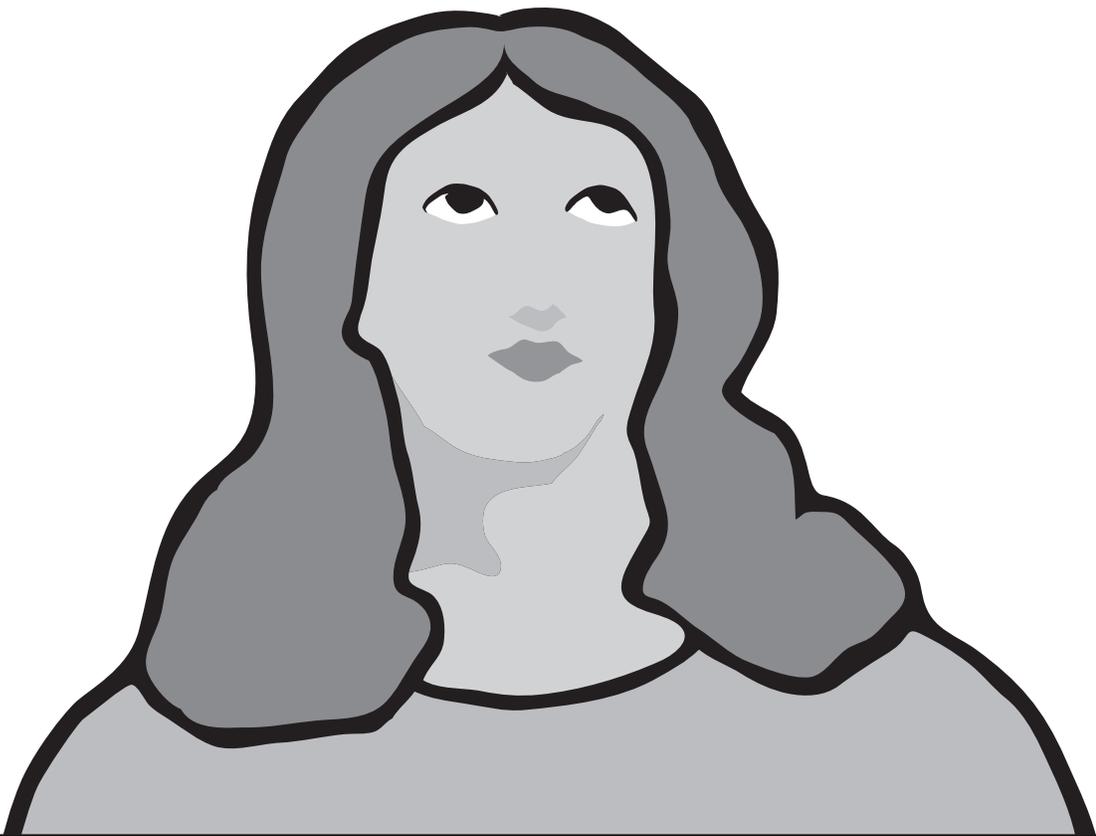
- f. Jesus wants His followers to passionately love Him and persistently seek Him.
- g. When we treat Jesus as if He were still dead or push Him out of our lives, our spiritual life becomes stagnant and we can easily fall away from Him.
- h. The more time we spend with Christ, the more in love with Him we will become.
- i. Jesus commands Mary Magdalene to go and tell the story of His resurrection.
- j. We, like Mary Magdalene, are also called to share the message with others who don't know it.
- k. God works to draw us into a closer and more devoted relationship with Himself.
- l. In Christ, we have been raised to new life.
- m. We should set our hearts and minds on Jesus in heaven where we will one day be with Him.
- n. The resurrection of Jesus brings us comfort, knowing that we will one day be like Christ in His glorified state.

**TIER TWO INSTRUCTOR TIP:**

Ask your student if they are staying faithful in their devotions and prayers. Encourage your student about the importance of reading and meditating on God's Word and hiding it in our hearts. Urge your student to memorize Scripture verses and recall them throughout the day.



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# ROADMAP 1—FINDING GRACE...

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## DAY 1—We have been saved by grace

Romans 3:23-24

<sup>23</sup> . . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:15

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## DAY 2—Jesus was the full extent of God's grace

John 1:14, 16-17

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . . <sup>16</sup> Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 8:9

<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Hebrews 2:9

<sup>9</sup> But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

## DAY 3—God makes a covenant of grace with His people

Genesis 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

<sup>4</sup> The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. <sup>6</sup>The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. <sup>7</sup>So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

#### Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup>Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

<sup>17</sup>So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

#### Isaiah 54:8-10

<sup>8</sup>“In a surge of anger  
I hid my face from you for a moment,  
but with everlasting kindness  
I will have compassion on you,”  
says the LORD your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup>“To me this is like the days of Noah,  
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth.  
So now I have sworn not to be angry with you,  
never to rebuke you again.  
<sup>10</sup>Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

## **DAY 4—The Lord is compassionate and gracious**

#### Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.  
<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to Moses,

his deeds to the people of Israel:  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;  
<sup>14</sup>for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.  
<sup>15</sup>The life of mortals is like grass,  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup>the wind blows over it and it is gone,  
and its place remembers it no more.  
<sup>17</sup>But from everlasting to everlasting  
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,  
and his righteousness with their children's children—  
<sup>18</sup>with those who keep his covenant  
and remember to obey his precepts.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

<sup>20</sup>Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.  
<sup>21</sup>Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.  
<sup>22</sup>Praise the LORD, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the LORD, my soul.

Lamentations 3:19-31

<sup>19</sup>I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.  
<sup>20</sup>I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.  
<sup>21</sup>Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup>Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
<sup>24</sup>I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;  
<sup>26</sup>it is good to wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for a man to bear the yoke  
while he is young.

<sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence,  
for the LORD has laid it on him.  
<sup>29</sup>Let him bury his face in the dust—  
there may yet be hope.  
<sup>30</sup>Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him,  
and let him be filled with disgrace.  
  
<sup>31</sup>For no one is cast off  
by the Lord forever.

Micah 7:18-20

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you,  
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression  
of the remnant of his inheritance?  
You do not stay angry forever  
but delight to show mercy.  
<sup>19</sup>You will again have compassion on us;  
you will tread our sins underfoot  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.  
<sup>20</sup>You will be faithful to Jacob,  
and show love to Abraham,  
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors  
in days long ago.

## **DAY 5—In His grace, God saves and loves His people**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Romans 9:10-14

<sup>10</sup>Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup>not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

<sup>14</sup>What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all!

2 Timothy 1:9

<sup>9</sup>He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time . . .

## DAY 6—God called us to Himself, even when we were a long way off

### Luke 15:11-32

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup>“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup>“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup>“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

### Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

## **DAY 7—God’s grace is with us and strengthens us in our time of need**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

<sup>16</sup>May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup>encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Hebrews 4:16

<sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Revelation 22:21

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God’s people. Amen.

# ROADMAP 2—FINDING FAITH...

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## DAY 1—Faith is not from ourselves, it is a gift from God

### Romans 12:3

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

### 1 Corinthians 12:8-9

<sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit . . .

### Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## DAY 2—We are justified freely by faith in Jesus Christ

### Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

### Galatians 2:16

<sup>16</sup>. . . know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

### 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## DAY 3—Faith is believing in Jesus Christ for salvation

### Mark 9:24

<sup>24</sup>Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

John 3:36

<sup>36</sup>Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

<sup>13</sup>But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

James 1:6

<sup>6</sup>But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

## **DAY 4—Trust in the Lord and do not doubt His perfect ways**

Psalm 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Do not fret because of those who are evil  
or be envious of those who do wrong;  
<sup>2</sup>for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.

<sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
<sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this:  
<sup>6</sup>He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD  
and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

<sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
<sup>9</sup>For those who are evil will be destroyed,  
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

Psalm 118:8

<sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to trust in humans.

Proverbs 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but keep my commands in your heart,  
<sup>2</sup>for they will prolong your life many years  
and bring you peace and prosperity.

<sup>3</sup>Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup>Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
<sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the LORD and shun evil.

<sup>8</sup>This will bring health to your body  
and nourishment to your bones.

<sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your wealth,  
with the first fruits of all your crops;  
<sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

## **DAY 5—Faith expresses itself through loving deeds**

### John 14:12

<sup>12</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

### Galatians 5:5-6

<sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

### James 2:14-17

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## **DAY 6—Those who live by faith believe that anything is possible**

### Habakkuk 2:4

<sup>4</sup>“See, the enemy is puffed up;  
his desires are not upright—  
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness . . .”

### Mark 9:23

<sup>23</sup>“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

### Luke 17:5-6

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

<sup>6</sup>He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.”

Hebrews 11:1-3, 6

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. . . . <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

## **DAY 7—The Lord is always faithful even when we are unfaithful**

Psalm 18:25

<sup>25</sup>To the faithful you show yourself faithful,  
to the blameless you show yourself blameless . . .

1 Corinthians 10:13

<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

<sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

<sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

# ROADMAP 3—FINDING LOVE...

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## DAY 1—God’s great love was demonstrated in Christ’s death

John 3:16

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

1 John 3:1, 16

<sup>1</sup>See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. . . . <sup>16</sup>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

## DAY 2—Because God first loved us, we can love Him and our neighbor

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.”

1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup>And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup>This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever

does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

## DAY 3—Because God loved us, He chose us

### Deuteronomy 10:15

<sup>15</sup>Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today.

### Psalm 107

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
<sup>3</sup>those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.
- <sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.  
<sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.
- <sup>6</sup>Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
<sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.
- <sup>8</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
<sup>9</sup>for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- <sup>10</sup>Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,  
prisoners suffering in iron chains,  
<sup>11</sup>because they rebelled against God's commands  
and despised the plans of the Most High.  
<sup>12</sup>So he subjected them to bitter labor;  
they stumbled, and there was no one to help.
- <sup>13</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.
- <sup>14</sup>He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,  
and broke away their chains.
- <sup>15</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,  
<sup>16</sup>for he breaks down gates of bronze  
and cuts through bars of iron.
- <sup>17</sup>Some became fools through their rebellious ways  
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.  
<sup>18</sup>They loathed all food  
and drew near the gates of death.
- <sup>19</sup>Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.
- <sup>20</sup>He sent out his word and healed them;  
he rescued them from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

<sup>22</sup>Let them sacrifice thank offerings  
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

<sup>23</sup>Some went out on the sea in ships;  
they were merchants on the mighty waters.

<sup>24</sup>They saw the works of the LORD,  
his wonderful deeds in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>For he spoke and stirred up a tempest  
that lifted high the waves.

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.

<sup>27</sup>They reeled and staggered like drunkards;  
they were at their wits' end.

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.

<sup>29</sup>He stilled the storm to a whisper;  
the waves of the sea were hushed.

<sup>30</sup>They were glad when it grew calm,  
and he guided them to their desired haven.

<sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people  
and praise him in the council of the elders.

<sup>33</sup>He turned rivers into a desert,  
flowing springs into thirsty ground,

<sup>34</sup>and fruitful land into a salt waste,  
because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

<sup>35</sup>He turned the desert into pools of water  
and the parched ground into flowing springs;

<sup>36</sup>there he brought the hungry to live,  
and they founded a city where they could settle.

<sup>37</sup>They sowed fields and planted vineyards  
that yielded a fruitful harvest;

<sup>38</sup>he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased,  
and he did not let their herds diminish.

<sup>39</sup>Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled  
by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

<sup>40</sup>he who pours contempt on nobles  
made them wander in a trackless waste.

<sup>41</sup>But he lifted the needy out of their affliction  
and increased their families like flocks.

<sup>42</sup>The upright see and rejoice,  
but all the wicked shut their mouths.

<sup>43</sup>Let the one who is wise heed these things  
and ponder the loving deeds of the LORD.

## DAY 4—The Lord disciplines those He loves

### 2 Samuel 7:14-15

<sup>14</sup>"I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. <sup>15</sup>But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you."

Proverbs 3:11-12

<sup>11</sup>My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline,  
and do not resent his rebuke,  
<sup>12</sup>because the LORD disciplines those he loves,  
as a father the son he delights in.

Hebrews 12:5-6

<sup>5</sup>And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
<sup>6</sup>because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Revelation 3:19

<sup>19</sup>Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.

## **DAY 5—Nothing will ever separate us from God's immeasurable love**

Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:17-19

<sup>17</sup> . . . so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

## **DAY 6—God loves us by His mercy, not because of what we do**

Deuteronomy 7:7-10

<sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of

Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. <sup>10</sup>But

those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction;  
he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

Isaiah 41:8-13

<sup>8</sup>“But you, Israel, my servant,  
Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
you descendants of Abraham my friend,  
<sup>9</sup>I took you from the ends of the earth,  
from its farthest corners I called you.  
I said, ‘You are my servant’;  
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.  
<sup>10</sup>So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

<sup>11</sup>“All who rage against you  
will surely be ashamed and disgraced;  
those who oppose you  
will be as nothing and perish.

<sup>12</sup>Though you search for your enemies,  
you will not find them.

Those who wage war against you  
will be as nothing at all.

<sup>13</sup>For I am the LORD your God  
who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you, Do not fear;  
I will help you.”

Titus 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit . . .

## **DAY 7—God’s love is enduring and everlasting**

1 Chronicles 16:34

<sup>34</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

Psalms 57:10

<sup>10</sup>For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Jeremiah 31:3

<sup>3</sup>The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:  
“I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”

# ROADMAP 4—FINDING JUSTICE...

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## DAY 1—The Lord is compassionate and slow to anger

Exodus 34:6

<sup>6</sup>And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness . . .”

Numbers 14:18

<sup>18</sup>“The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

Psalms 103:8-10

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.

Isaiah 30:18

<sup>18</sup>Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.  
For the LORD is a God of justice.  
Blessed are all who wait for him!

## DAY 2—The Lord is just and righteous

Psalms 36:6

<sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.  
You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.

Psalms 89:14

<sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.

Psalms 97:2

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness surround him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Jeremiah 9:24

<sup>24</sup>“ . . . but let the one who boasts boast about this:  
that they have the understanding to know me,  
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,  
justice and righteousness on earth,  
for in these I delight,”  
declares the LORD.

## DAY 3—The Lord is majestic, performing wondrous deeds

Exodus 15:11

<sup>11</sup>Who among the gods  
is like you, LORD?  
Who is like you—  
majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glory,  
working wonders?

Psalm 86

<sup>1</sup>Hear me, LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.  
<sup>2</sup>Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; <sup>3</sup>have mercy on me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.  
<sup>4</sup>Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.

<sup>5</sup>You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.  
<sup>6</sup>Hear my prayer, LORD;  
listen to my cry for mercy.  
<sup>7</sup>When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.

<sup>8</sup>Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.  
<sup>9</sup>All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.  
<sup>10</sup>For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD,  
that I may rely on your faithfulness;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.  
<sup>12</sup>I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.  
<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the depths,  
from the realm of the dead.

<sup>14</sup>Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me—  
they have no regard for you.  
<sup>15</sup>But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.  
<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
show your strength in behalf of your servant;  
save me, because I serve you  
just as my mother did.  
<sup>17</sup>Give me a sign of your goodness,  
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,  
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Revelation 15:3

<sup>3</sup> . . . and sang the song of God's servant Moses and of the Lamb:

“Great and marvelous are your deeds,  
Lord God Almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
King of the nations.”

## **DAY 4—The Lord cares about and defends the needy**

Psalm 69:33

<sup>33</sup>The LORD hears the needy  
and does not despise his captive people.

Psalm 140:12-13

<sup>12</sup>I know that the LORD secures justice for the poor  
and upholds the cause of the needy.  
<sup>13</sup>Surely the righteous will praise your name,  
and the upright will live in your presence.

Jeremiah 22:16

<sup>16</sup>“He defended the cause of the poor and needy,  
and so all went well.  
Is that not what it means to know me?”  
declares the LORD.

## **DAY 5—The Lord administers justice to the poor and needy**

Proverbs 22:22-23

<sup>22</sup>Do not exploit the poor because they are poor  
and do not crush the needy in court,  
<sup>23</sup>for the LORD will take up their case  
and will exact life for life.

Proverbs 23:11

<sup>11</sup> . . . for their Defender is strong;  
he will take up their case against you.

Zechariah 7:8-10

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the LORD came again to Zechariah: <sup>9</sup>“This is what the LORD Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. <sup>10</sup>Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’”

2 Peter 2:9

<sup>9</sup> . . . if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

## DAY 6—God is just when we are unjust

Psalm 51:4

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

Proverbs 21:2

<sup>2</sup>A person may think their own ways are right,  
but the LORD weighs the heart.

Ezekiel 18:25

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

1 John 1:9

<sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

## DAY 7—The Lord is just and will reward the righteous

Psalm 62:12

<sup>12</sup>“ . . . and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;  
and, “You reward everyone  
according to what they have done.”

Isaiah 61:8

<sup>8</sup>“For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.”

Ezekiel 18:30

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.”

Hebrews 6:10

<sup>10</sup>God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

# ROADMAP 5—FINDING FORGIVENESS...

## DAY 1—The Lord is loving even when His people turn away from Him

Exodus 32:1-35

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

<sup>2</sup>Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” <sup>6</sup>So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup>They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

<sup>9</sup>“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup>Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” <sup>14</sup>Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

<sup>15</sup>Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

<sup>18</sup>Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,  
it is not the sound of defeat;  
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

<sup>19</sup>When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

<sup>21</sup>He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

<sup>22</sup>“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup>They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ <sup>24</sup>So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

<sup>25</sup>Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. <sup>26</sup>So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.'" <sup>28</sup>The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. <sup>29</sup>Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

<sup>30</sup>The next day Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

<sup>31</sup>So Moses went back to the LORD and said, "Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. <sup>32</sup>But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written."

<sup>33</sup>The LORD replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. <sup>34</sup>Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin."

<sup>35</sup>And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

#### Numbers 14:18-19

<sup>18</sup>"The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." <sup>19</sup>In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now."

#### Nehemiah 9:17

<sup>17</sup>They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them . . .

## **DAY 2—God forgives us and remembers our sins no more**

### Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

<sup>2</sup>Blessed is the one  
whose sin the LORD does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup>When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all the faithful pray to you  
while you may be found;  
surely the rising of the mighty waters  
will not reach them.  
<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be like the horse or the mule,  
which have no understanding  
but must be controlled by bit and bridle  
or they will not come to you.  
<sup>10</sup>Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the LORD's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

<sup>11</sup>Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Isaiah 43:25

<sup>25</sup>"I, even I, am he who blots out  
your transgressions, for my own sake,  
and remembers your sins no more."

Isaiah 44:22

<sup>22</sup>"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,  
your sins like the morning mist.  
Return to me,  
for I have redeemed you."

**DAY 3—Our sin against God is great, yet the Lord forgives**

Psalm 25:11

<sup>11</sup>For the sake of your name, LORD,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.  
<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.  
<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
so that sinners will turn back to you.

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,  
you who are God my Savior,  
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>Open my lips, Lord,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;  
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

<sup>17</sup>My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart  
you, God, will not despise.

<sup>18</sup>May it please you to prosper Zion,  
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

<sup>19</sup>Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,  
in burnt offerings offered whole;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

#### Psalm 79:9

<sup>9</sup>Help us, God our Savior,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us and forgive our sins  
for your name's sake.

### **DAY 4—The Lord forgives those who call on His name**

#### Psalm 86:5

<sup>5</sup>You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.

#### Psalm 103:12

<sup>12</sup>. . . as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
<sup>2</sup>Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup>If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.  
<sup>6</sup>I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
<sup>8</sup>He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

**DAY 5—Because of His mercy and love, God pardons sin**

Isaiah 38:17

<sup>17</sup>Surely it was for my benefit  
that I suffered such anguish.  
In your love you kept me  
from the pit of destruction;  
you have put all my sins  
behind your back.

Isaiah 55:7

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the unrighteous their thoughts.  
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Daniel 9:4-19

<sup>4</sup>I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup>we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup>We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup>“Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup>We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup>The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup>we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup>All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on

us, because we have sinned against you. <sup>12</sup>You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. <sup>14</sup>The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

<sup>15</sup>“Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. <sup>16</sup>Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

<sup>17</sup>“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup>Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup>Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

## DAY 6—Only God has the power to forgive sins

Mark 2:10

<sup>10</sup>“But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man . . .

Luke 5:21

<sup>21</sup>The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Luke 23:34

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

1 John 1:8 to 2:2

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

## DAY 7—We should forgive others as God has forgiven us

Matthew 6:12-15

<sup>12</sup> “ ‘And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Ephesians 4:32

<sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

<sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

# ROADMAP 6—FINDING JOY...

## DAY 1—God’s goodness fills us with great joy

Exodus 15:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

“I will sing to the LORD,  
for he is highly exalted.  
Both horse and driver  
he has hurled into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>“The LORD is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.  
He is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a warrior;  
the LORD is his name.

<sup>4</sup>Pharaoh’s chariots and his army  
he has hurled into the sea.  
The best of Pharaoh’s officers  
are drowned in the Red Sea.

<sup>5</sup>The deep waters have covered them;  
they sank to the depths like a stone.

<sup>6</sup>Your right hand, LORD,  
was majestic in power.  
Your right hand, LORD,  
shattered the enemy.

<sup>7</sup>“In the greatness of your majesty  
you threw down those who opposed you.  
You unleashed your burning anger;  
it consumed them like stubble.

<sup>8</sup>By the blast of your nostrils  
the waters piled up.  
The surging waters stood up like a wall;  
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>The enemy boasted,  
‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.  
I will divide the spoils;  
I will gorge myself on them.  
I will draw my sword  
and my hand will destroy them.’

<sup>10</sup>But you blew with your breath,  
and the sea covered them.  
They sank like lead  
in the mighty waters.

<sup>11</sup>Who among the gods  
is like you, LORD?  
Who is like you—  
majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glory,  
working wonders?

<sup>12</sup>“You stretch out your right hand,  
and the earth swallows your enemies.

<sup>13</sup>In your unfailing love you will lead

the people you have redeemed.  
 In your strength you will guide them  
 to your holy dwelling.  
<sup>14</sup>The nations will hear and tremble;  
 anguish will grip the people of Philistia.  
<sup>15</sup>The chiefs of Edom will be terrified,  
 the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling,  
 the people of Canaan will melt away;  
<sup>16</sup>terror and dread will fall on them.  
 By the power of your arm  
 they will be as still as a stone—  
 until your people pass by, LORD,  
 until the people you bought pass by.  
<sup>17</sup>You will bring them in and plant them  
 on the mountain of your inheritance—  
 the place, LORD, you made for your dwelling,  
 the sanctuary, Lord, your hands established.  
  
<sup>18</sup>“The LORD reigns  
 for ever and ever.”

<sup>19</sup>When Pharaoh’s horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. <sup>20</sup>Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron’s sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. <sup>21</sup>Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the LORD,  
 for he is highly exalted.  
 Both horse and driver  
 he has hurled into the sea.”

Psalm 28:7

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
 my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.  
 My heart leaps for joy,  
 and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 30:5, 11-12

<sup>5</sup>For his anger lasts only a moment,  
 but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
 weeping may stay for the night,  
 but rejoicing comes in the morning. . . .  
  
<sup>11</sup>You turned my wailing into dancing;  
 you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
<sup>12</sup>that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.  
 LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

## DAY 2—We rejoice in God’s many blessings

1 Samuel 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Then Hannah prayed and said:

“My heart rejoices in the LORD;  
 in the LORD my horn is lifted high.  
 My mouth boasts over my enemies,

for I delight in your deliverance.

<sup>2</sup>“There is no one holy like the LORD;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup>“Do not keep talking so proudly  
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,  
for the LORD is a God who knows,  
and by him deeds are weighed.

<sup>4</sup>“The bows of the warriors are broken,  
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.  
<sup>5</sup>Those who were full hire themselves out for food,  
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.  
She who was barren has borne seven children,  
but she who has had many sons pines away.

<sup>6</sup>“The LORD brings death and makes alive;  
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD sends poverty and wealth;  
he humbles and he exalts.

<sup>8</sup>He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;  
he seats them with princes  
and has them inherit a throne of honor.

“For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’S;  
on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup>He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,  
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.

“It is not by strength that one prevails;  
<sup>10</sup>those who oppose the LORD will be broken.  
The Most High will thunder from heaven;  
the LORD will judge the ends of the earth.

“He will give strength to his king  
and exalt the horn of his anointed.”

Psalm 4:7

<sup>7</sup>Fill my heart with joy  
when their grain and new wine abound.

Luke 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord  
<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.  
<sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
<sup>55</sup>to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.”

### **DAY 3—The truth of God’s Word is the joy of our hearts**

Psalm 19:8

<sup>8</sup>The precepts of the LORD are right,  
giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.

Psalm 119:14

<sup>14</sup>I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.

Psalm 119:111

<sup>111</sup>Your statutes are my heritage forever;  
they are the joy of my heart.

Jeremiah 15:16

<sup>16</sup>When your words came, I ate them;  
they were my joy and my heart’s delight,  
for I bear your name,  
LORD God Almighty.

### **DAY 4—We rejoice in God’s salvation**

Psalm 13:5

<sup>5</sup>But I trust in your unfailing love;  
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Isaiah 25:9

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Isaiah 61:10

<sup>10</sup>I delight greatly in the LORD;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,

as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Romans 5: 2, 10-11

<sup>2</sup> . . . through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. . . . <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

## **DAY 5—We rejoice during trials and sufferings**

Nehemiah 8:10

<sup>10</sup>Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Romans 12:12

<sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

2 Corinthians 6:10

<sup>10</sup> . . . sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

James 1:2

<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds . . .

1 Peter 4:13

<sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

## **DAY 6—We should rejoice in the Lord always**

Psalms 9:2

<sup>2</sup>I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Habakkuk 3:18

<sup>18</sup> . . . yet I will rejoice in the LORD,  
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Philippians 4:4

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

1 Thessalonians 5:16

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always . . .

## **DAY 7—Heaven fills us with great joy as we trust in the Lord**

Matthew 5:12

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Romans 15:13

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

# ROADMAP 7—FINDING FREEDOM...

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## DAY 1—The world sets traps for us and tries to condemn us

Psalm 38:11-12

<sup>11</sup>My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds;  
my neighbors stay far away.  
<sup>12</sup>Those who want to kill me set their traps,  
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;  
all day long they scheme and lie.

Psalm 129:4

<sup>4</sup>“But the LORD is righteous;  
he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked.”

Psalm 140:4-6

<sup>4</sup>Keep me safe, LORD, from the hands of the wicked;  
protect me from the violent,  
who devise ways to trip my feet.  
<sup>5</sup>The arrogant have hidden a snare for me;  
they have spread out the cords of their net  
and have set traps for me along my path.  
<sup>6</sup>I say to the LORD, “You are my God.”  
Hear, LORD, my cry for mercy.

Psalm 141:8-10

<sup>8</sup>But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign LORD;  
in you I take refuge — do not give me over to death.  
<sup>9</sup>Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers,  
from the snares they have laid for me.  
<sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
while I pass by in safety.

## DAY 2—Satan sets traps for us and tries to condemn us

Ephesians 6:10-12

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

1 Timothy 3:6-7

<sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup>He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil’s trap.

2 Timothy 2:22-26

<sup>22</sup>Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. <sup>23</sup>Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. <sup>25</sup>Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup>and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive

to do his will.

## **DAY 3—Humanity is trapped by its own sin and wickedness**

### Genesis 6:5

<sup>5</sup>The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

### Jeremiah 9:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD Almighty says:

“See, I will refine and test them,  
for what else can I do  
because of the sin of my people?  
<sup>8</sup>Their tongue is a deadly arrow;  
it speaks deceitfully.  
With their mouths they all speak cordially to their neighbors,  
but in their hearts they set traps for them.  
<sup>9</sup>Should I not punish them for this?”  
declares the LORD.  
“Should I not avenge myself  
on such a nation as this?”

### James 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup>When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

### James 3:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup>The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup>All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

## **DAY 4—Christ gave Himself for us while we were still sinners**

### Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

### Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 1:4

<sup>4</sup>. . . who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father . . .

## **DAY 5—Through Christ, we are freed from the slavery of sin**

John 8:36

<sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Romans 6:7, 18, 22

<sup>7</sup>. . . because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. . . . <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. . . . <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Galatians 5:1

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Hebrews 9:15

<sup>15</sup>For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

## **DAY 6—Because of Christ, we are free from the guilt of sin**

Job 33:9

<sup>9</sup>“I am pure, I have done no wrong;  
I am clean and free from sin.”

Psalms 25:16-18

<sup>16</sup>Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.  
<sup>17</sup>Relieve the troubles of my heart  
and free me from my anguish.  
<sup>18</sup>Look on my affliction and my distress  
and take away all my sins.

Psalms 116:16

<sup>16</sup>Truly I am your servant, LORD;  
I serve you just as my mother did;  
you have freed me from my chains.

Psalms 118:5-7

<sup>5</sup>When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD;  
he brought me into a spacious place.  
<sup>6</sup>The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD is with me; he is my helper.  
I look in triumph on my enemies.

Psalm 119:45

<sup>45</sup>I will walk about in freedom,  
for I have sought out your precepts.

## **DAY 7—In Christ, God frees us from traps and temptations**

Psalm 31:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.  
<sup>4</sup>Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

<sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

2 Peter 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup>. . . if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. <sup>10</sup>This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings . . .

# ROADMAP 8—FINDING HEALING...

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## DAY 1—Healing and deliverance from suffering is found in God

Psalm 6:2

<sup>2</sup>Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am faint;  
heal me, LORD, for my bones are in agony.

Psalm 30:2

<sup>2</sup>LORD my God, I called to you for help,  
and you healed me.

Psalm 103:3

<sup>3</sup>. . . who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases . . .

Psalm 119:50

<sup>50</sup>My comfort in my suffering is this:  
Your promise preserves my life.

Psalm 119:153

<sup>153</sup>Look on my suffering and deliver me,  
for I have not forgotten your law.

## DAY 2—Salvation is found only in Jesus Christ

Matthew 1:21

<sup>21</sup>“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

John 3:17

<sup>17</sup>“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 10:9

<sup>9</sup>“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.”

Acts 2:21

<sup>21</sup>“And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Acts 4:12

<sup>12</sup>“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Romans 10:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your

faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

## DAY 3—Jesus heals those whose faith in Him is strong

### Matthew 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup>“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”

<sup>8</sup>The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup>For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>11</sup>I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup>But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

### Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup>Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup>Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup>Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup>Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup>“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup>“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

### Luke 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup>When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup>A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup>As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup>When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

<sup>41</sup>“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

<sup>43</sup>Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup>Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

<sup>48</sup>Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup>The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

#### Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

## **DAY 4—We are saved not by our own works, but by grace through faith**

#### Romans 5:9

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

#### Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

#### 2 Timothy 1:9

<sup>9</sup>He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time . . .

## **DAY 5—We rejoice in times of suffering**

#### Romans 5:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our

hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

#### 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. <sup>5</sup>For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. <sup>6</sup>If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. <sup>7</sup>And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

#### Colossians 1:24

<sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

#### 1 Peter 5:9-10

<sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

## **DAY 6—Our sufferings on earth cannot compare to the unseen glory of heaven**

#### Romans 8:17-18

<sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

#### 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18

<sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. . . . <sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

#### 1 Peter 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

## **DAY 7—There will be complete healing when the day of the Lord comes**

#### Isaiah 58:8

<sup>8</sup>Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

Ezekiel 47:12

<sup>1</sup>“Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing.”

Malachi 4:1-3

<sup>1</sup>“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>3</sup>Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

Revelation 22:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

# ROADMAP 9—FINDING PEACE...

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## DAY 1—We are sinful in every way, unable to do any good

Psalm 51:5

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Romans 3:10-18

<sup>10</sup>As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;  
<sup>11</sup>there is no one who understands;  
there is no one who seeks God.  
<sup>12</sup>All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.”  
<sup>13</sup>“Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit.”  
“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”  
<sup>14</sup>“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”  
<sup>15</sup>“Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
<sup>16</sup>ruin and misery mark their ways,  
<sup>17</sup>and the way of peace they do not know.”  
<sup>18</sup>“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Romans 5:6

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

1 John 1:8

<sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

## DAY 2—While we were still sinful, God loved us through Christ

John 3:16

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 15:16

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Romans 5:8

<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:4

<sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy . . .

1 John 4:7-10, 19

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. . . . <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.

## DAY 3—God has freely forgiven our sins

Psalm 130:3-5

<sup>3</sup>If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.  
<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

Jeremiah 31:34

<sup>34</sup>“No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the LORD.  
“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

Ephesians 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup>. . . to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding . . .

1 John 2:12

<sup>12</sup>I am writing to you, dear children,  
because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

## DAY 4—Jesus is the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Luke 1:76-79

<sup>76</sup>“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,  
<sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

<sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Ephesians 2:14

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility . . .

Colossians 3:15

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

## **DAY 5—We find true peace with God through Christ**

John 14:27

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 16:33

<sup>33</sup>“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Acts 10:36

<sup>36</sup>“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

Romans 5:1

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

## **DAY 6—God’s peace can be ours through Christ**

Isaiah 53:5

<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

Colossians 1:20

<sup>20</sup>. . . and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Hebrews 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, <sup>21</sup>equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## DAY 7—God blesses His people with peace

Psalm 29:11

<sup>11</sup>The LORD gives strength to his people;  
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Psalm 85:8

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what God the LORD says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

Isaiah 54:10

<sup>10</sup>“Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,”  
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Galatians 1:3

<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Philippians 4:7-9

<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

<sup>16</sup>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

# ROADMAP 10—FINDING HOPE...

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## DAY 1—Those who hope in God will never be let down

Psalm 25:3

<sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

Psalm 33:18

<sup>18</sup>But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love . . .

Isaiah 40:31

<sup>31</sup>. . . but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Lamentations 3:21-23

<sup>21</sup>Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:  
<sup>22</sup>Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

## DAY 2—We have hope in Jesus

Romans 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 15:19

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

2 Corinthians 1:10

<sup>10</sup>He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us . . .

1 Peter 1:21

<sup>21</sup>Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

## DAY 3—We wait in hope, knowing we will not be disappointed

Romans 5:5

<sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Galatians 5:5

<sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

Titus 2:13

<sup>13</sup>. . . while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ . . .

Hebrews 3:6

<sup>6</sup>But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

## DAY 4—When we hope in the Lord we can be bold and firm in our faith

Psalms 31:24

<sup>24</sup>Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the LORD.

2 Corinthians 3:12

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

Hebrews 6:11, 18-19

<sup>11</sup>We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. . . .  
<sup>18</sup>God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup>We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain . . .

1 Peter 1:13

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

1 Peter 3:15

<sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect . . .

## DAY 5—We have hope because God is faithful to His Word

Romans 15:4

<sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Titus 1:2-3

<sup>2</sup>. . . in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, <sup>3</sup>and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior . . .

Hebrews 10:23

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

## **DAY 6—We continue to hope in the glories of heaven**

Colossians 1:5

<sup>5</sup>. . . the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel . . .

1 Thessalonians 5:8

<sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **DAY 7—We can be hopeful of the things unseen because they are lasting and eternal**

Romans 8:24-25

<sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup>We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup>For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup>So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

<sup>13</sup>It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. <sup>15</sup>All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:1

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.