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# We'd love for you to get to know us better!

This 14 day devotional has been written by our leadership team. We each shared one of our favorite scripture passages and how it helps us understand God's character.





Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

The Apostle Paul is writing the church at Philippi from prison. He brought the Gospel to Philippi on his second missionary journey (Acts 16:12-40). Paul writes to a community he knows and loves. Though he is in prison, the book of Philippians is bursting with joy! Paul's knowledge and trust in God provides an eternal perspective on hardship that leads him to rejoice even in his hardship.

This passage communicates joy in the Lord and peace that comes from knowing God's loving care. Paul starts with rejoicing. He instructs the Philippians to be joyful. This is not the joy based on our circumstances, but a joy found in knowing Jesus. Knowing God personally, experiencing His grace, and trusting in His faithfulness is the source of true unchanging joy! Paul invites his readers to experience this joy.

Next, Paul talks about anxiety. I love that he does not deny we are prone to excessive worry. Instead, Paul encourages the Philippians not to be anxious but to bring our whole selves (anxiety and all) to God in prayer. To pray is to trust in God, talk to God, and be reminded of the character of God. Prayer is God's invitation to pour out our hearts to Him. When we trust God's heart and sovereign care, prayer produces a peace that surpasses all understanding. This peace is what guards our hearts and minds against anxiety. It is a peace that anchors the Believer no matter what difficulties we face in life. This is the peace our souls need.

The power of these verses is found in the revealed character of God. God is a God of joy, and true joy is found in knowing Him intimately. God is a God of peace. Through Jesus' sacrifice we have peace with God (Romans 5:1). Through our restored relationship with God, we can know the. These verses point us back to God's unchanging character and unfailing love.

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And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left-and also many animals?

Jonah 4:11



Authors can create dramatic tension in a story by ending the story on a cliffhanger or ending the story with a question. One famous example of this is found in The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss. Leaving a story in an unresolved manner forces us readers to reflect - to either answer the question or consider how to resolve the tension. The book of Jonah is another example. Besides the miraculous event with the very large fish, it is often thought of as an inconspicuous and inconsequential 48-verse story tucked in the middle of the minor prophets at the end of our Old Testament. However, this book is a Masterclass in both storytelling and the character of God.

Jonah was a know-it-all prophet who refused to obey God's call to preach to Nineveh - an exceedingly evil city. After spending a few nights sleeping with the fishes, Jonah changed course and preached to the people of Nineveh. To Jonah's great surprise and displeasure the people repented and called out to God. Jonah then left the city and expressed his anger to God. Rather than smite Jonah on the spot, God responded with the question that ends the book: "should I not care about the people (and animals) of this city?"

This tension between God and Jonah runs throughout the book. Should God care about evil people? Jonah certainly doesn't. As astute readers, we must answer the question. If we answer "no", then we make ourselves opposed to God - not a good place to be! If we answer "yes" but do nothing, then we become like Jonah - the antagonist of the story with the right answers but the wrong attitude. But, if we answer "yes" and seek to love our enemies, then we reflect the character of our God.

Our God cares about his enemies. He cared about me when I was his enemy (Romans 5:6-11; Colossians 1:21-22). Let us also care for our enemies by seeking their welfare and rejoicing at their repentance.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Life is hard. Not that there aren't many moments of joy, laughter, and peace, but often those moments seem to pale when the reality of our broken and trial filled world enters in. Words rarely suffice to bring comfort, and most often, we long for the comfort of others. For someone to hear our struggle, to listen to our grief, to tell us they care. We want someone to tell us they are here for us and will share in our grief. We long for Jesus!

This passage is a sure reminder for me that my Savior is not a distant or uninterested party in my life, but rather, He was willing to enter into this world and endure the same kinds of trials, difficulties, and hardships and to do so on my behalf (Hebrews 4:14-16). Jesus was willing to set aside the glory and comfort of his position to become human in order to make a way for me (Philippians 2:6-8) and to give me confidence to draw near to God even in hardship (Romans 8:15-39)!

In hardship we are invited not only to experience comfort, but to become a comfort to others, and to share in kind with the suffering of our Savior. One who has walked as we do, who has gone before us, who knows our struggles and who has promised to carry us through (1 Peter 5:6-10). Christ is our fortress and rescue, our place of comfort and refuge, the one through whom we find strength (Philippians 4:11-13).

Life *is* hard. But in hardship we have access to great comfort in the love of our Savior, in the hope His life, death, and resurrection secured, and in the promise of eternal life with Him, our ultimate comfort!

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My soul is downcast within me:
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan.
the heights of Hermon-from Mount Mizar,
Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls:
all your waves and breakers have swept over me,
By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me-
a prayer to the God of my life.
I say to God my Rock,
'Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?'
My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'
Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God. -Psalm 42:6-11

Psalm 42 is most famous for the song “As the Deer,” but the full story of the psalm tells of a very difficult season. The author is feeling overwhelmed and wonders if God still sees or hears them.

I’ve been in a season like this before, and I’m grateful that God has given me examples in His word, so I won’t lose hope. Even when I don’t understand a season of suffering, I can be honest with God about my grief and about feeling distant from Him. Psalm 4 tells me to “be angry and do not sin;” to acknowledge my frustration, but to also acknowledge that God has timing that I don’t understand.

In fact, in John 16, Jesus told His disciples that they would suffer grief, but that their grief would eventually turn to joy. Now that I am beyond my season of grief, I can look back and see that God was allowing me to come to the end of myself and more fully rely on Him. He was never absent but was putting me right where I needed to be to grow.

When I have my next season of grief (because let’s be real, I will), I can look back to this time and know that God is with me when I don’t understand. I also know that it’s not wrong to express this to Him; to be sad and hurt and confused. But ultimately, I will still praise Him because He is my savior and my God in any season.

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Let us hold unswervingly
to the hope we profess,
for He who promised is faithful.
And let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward
love and good deeds,
not giving up meeting together,
as some are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one another
and all the more
as you see the Day approaching.
Hebrews 10:23-25



All my life I've been surrounded by God's people. As a pastor's kid wherever we would be sent—there the church would be; people who were sincerely invested in the Gospel and trying their best to live it out daily in their lives. In college it was a para-church of like minded twenty somethings. In Iowa -where my husband's first job took us (I met him in church when we were 10)- it was a tiny white steepled church. For the last 25 + years it has been Grace Community.

I love hearing the stories of God's people! I am constantly amazed at how, through the most trying of circumstances, they remain faithful to the hope they profess in the One who promised His own faithfulness. I've had my own trying circumstances these past few years; the loss of my mom, my dad's dementia, a breast cancer and Parkinson's diagnosis within a year of each other. But here I am, still surrounded by God's people. I can't imagine doing this life, with all it's hard edges, without being wrapped in the comfort and encouragement of the loving arms of God through His people.

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Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been
good to you
Psalm 116:7

I grew up in a church that had a prescribed social script that played out frequently on Sunday mornings: When someone said to you, “God is good,” you were supposed to respond, “All the time.” It became a bit of an automatic response, one that was easy to give without thinking. But looking back I see God knew what He was doing by marinating me in the awareness of His goodness from an early age.

Much of my life has featured deep struggles with anxiety, and at times that anxiety fogs my vision to the point that I can’t see God’s goodness anymore. I can hear the biblical advice to rest in thein my ears, and yet restlessness seems to have taken up residence in my heart.

I think the author of Psalm 116 could relate to that experience – words like anguish, sorrow, affliction, and distress permeate its 19 verses. This is clearly a person familiar with struggle! Over time, God has been gently directing me to see more clearly that deliverance, compassion, freedom, and protection are also there in the psalm, nestled right up against those harsher experiences. It is like the sorrow and the goodness, the wrestling and the rest are unfolding at the same time.

I used to look for God’s goodness in the absence of strife and pray that He would take my anxiety away entirely – poof! Gone. The more I reflect, however, the more strength and rootedness I find in the reality of His goodness accompanying my struggle instead of dissolving it. I can have rest and anguish both at the same time, because in His goodness He is with me. He is my permanent, loving companion through it all. And so I return with fresh eyes to the well-worn words: God is good, all the time.

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Let us hold
unswervingly to the
hope we profess,
for He who promised
is faithful.
Hebrews 10:23

This verse brings me on a different journey every time I allow my heart to ponder it fully. I do not gravitate to this verse because I never waver and never question what God has in store. As hard as it is to say, I look to this verse to remind my fickle heart what to believe. When I do waver and when I do question what God is doing, this verse anchors me with truth and comfort so I truly can rest in Him and trust wholeheartedly in His sovereignty.

**For He who promised is faithful.** My heart finds peace in the second half of the verse- my God is a faithful God (Psalm 145:17, 1 Cor. 1:9). When I think of how good and faithful God really is, I get a mental picture of a cairn (a pile of stones built as a memorial or landmark) where rocks are stacked on top of each other. This is where my journey begins! In the Old Testament, God told his people to stack stones and make altars to remind the future generations of things He'd done (freed the Israelites-Exodus 24, helped His people cross the Jordan river- Joshua 4:21-22) and so the people built stone monuments to not forget what God did there. I "stack stones" in my mind when I see God's handiwork- miracles in the Bible, answered prayers, people experience healing, conflicts resolved healthily leading to strengthened relationships, etc. I treasure these things and hold on to them as proof that God is who He says He is. In my own mental cairn, each "rock" represents a time where God proved His faithfulness in my life personally or where I read of it in scripture. This is why it's a different journey each time- the memories and stories change as time goes on! When I question and don't see how something can be used for good [an all-too-easy thing in this dark world], I look at my cairn of "stones" and remember just how good and faithful He was, is, and will always be.

**Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.** As my cairn continually grows, I find encouragement here: a call to stand firm and hold fast to my faith in Christ, not turning away when things are seemingly lost or overwhelmingly confusing. My faith draws me closer to Him in these times and it grows more deeply rooted as I continue to "stack stones" of His goodness on my spiritual cairn. I can say with confidence, I have hope in Him that I can't keep to myself and will not be shaken (Ps 16:8)!


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He who forms the mountains,
who creates the wind,
and who reveals his thoughts to
mankind, who turns dawn to darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth-
the Lord God Almighty is his name.
Amos 4:13



Amos, like many of the Old Testament prophets, is calling out the people of God for turning away from Him. Amos 4 walks through all the things God has done to get their attention, a series of escalating consequences that Israel chose to ignore. Then Amos ends the chapter with a reminder of who Israel has turned from - who exactly God is.

I love this verse because I too need that reminder of who God is. I don't mean to turn away from Him, but forgetting comes naturally. It takes training to keep my eyes on Jesus. But what a God we have to turn to! The attributes that stand out to me in this verse are:

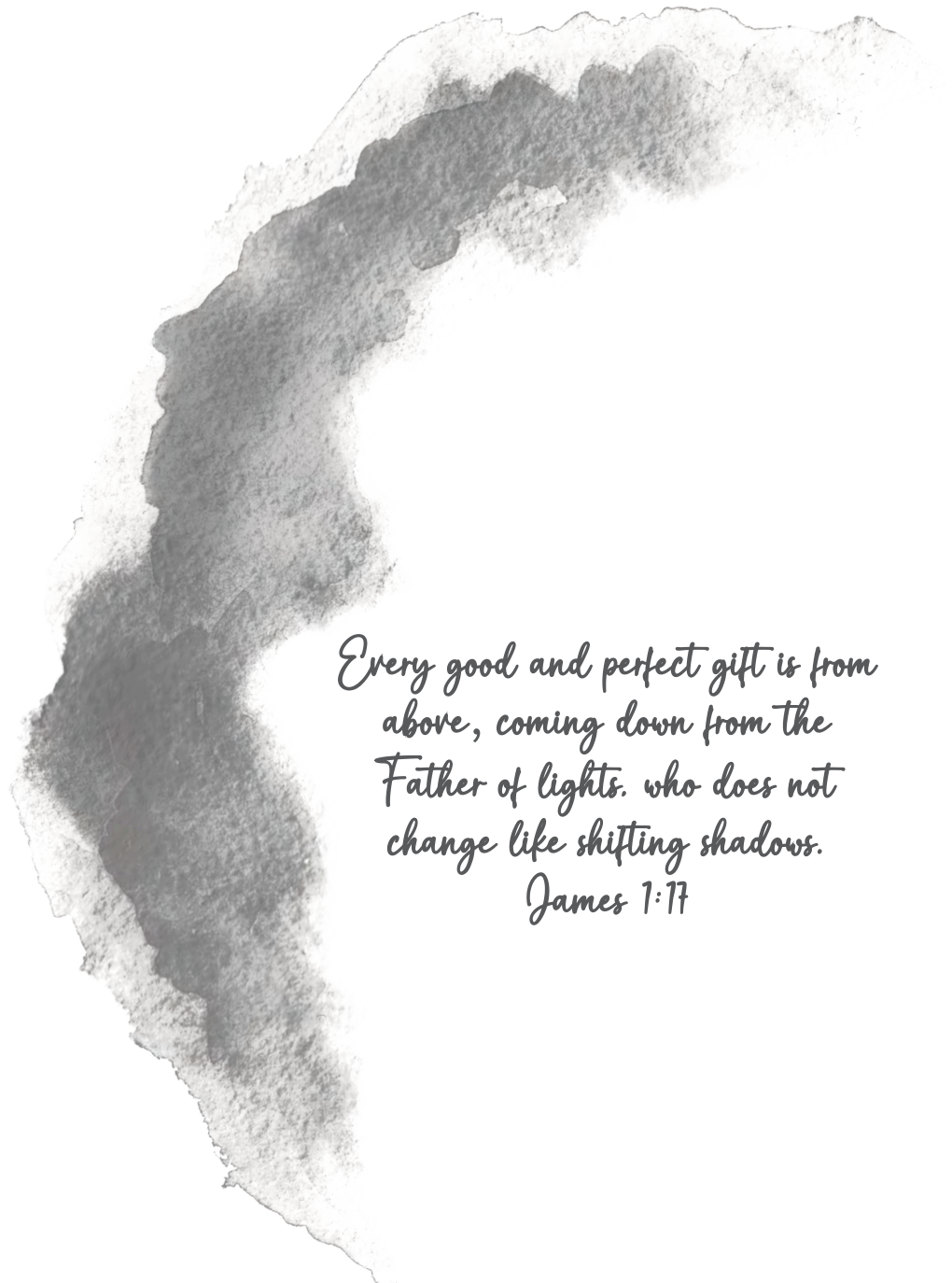
- **Creator:** God created the mountains and the winds, the heavens and the earth! Furthermore He did so by His word and for His own pleasure (Revelation 4:11).
- **Communicator:** God makes Himself known to us. We are not left in the dark, but instead we have the Bible as a lamp for our feet and a light for our path (Psalm 119:105). God provides all we need for salvation and righteous living in scripture (2 Timothy 3:15-17).
- **Sustainer:** God didn't just create the world, but He is active in it. God is aware of even the smallest details in His creation (Matthew 10:29) and sustains it by His powerful word (Hebrews 1:3).
- **Mighty:** God is powerful! He is the Lord God Almighty, a title where each word gives us a slightly different picture of His power. God is absolutely sovereign over His creation (Job 42:2).

Fortunately, the natural beauty of our state gives me lots of visual reminders of Amos 4:13. When I enjoy a sunrise or sunset, I'm reminded that I pray to a God who is powerful and active in sustaining His creation. When I hear the wind or see its effects, I'm reminded I serve a God who makes Himself known to us. When I see the mountains, I'm reminded to praise the One who formed them and treads their heights.

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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. who does not change like shifting shadows.
James 1:17

Change is hard. Very few people enjoy when the things they are used to or find comfort in are no longer the same. It is in our human nature to want to control our circumstances. Change has always been particularly difficult for me. I like structure. I thrive in routine. I find peace in the familiar and don't typically delight in taking risks.

James reminds me that, thankfully, our Heavenly Father does not change like shifting shadows. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When my circumstances change, I can find peace and confidence that my God will never leave me or mislead me. He is faithful to complete the good work He has started. (Phil. 1:6). I may not be able to see what He is doing, but I can trust that God is good and remains my constant.

As followers of Jesus, we are continually being reformed and refined. God is most revealing in those times of uncertainty and unrest. When I surrender my plans and my desires to my Father of lights who has good gifts for me, I can find rest that He holds everything in His loving and unchanging hands.

One of my favorite hymns is *"Great is the Faithfulness."* May you find rest in these comforting lyrics today:

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,*

*There is no shadow of turning with Thee;*

*Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not*

*As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

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Lift up your eyes
and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry
host one by one, and calls
them each by name.
Because of His great power
and mighty strength, not
one of them is missing.
Isaiah 40:26

It is easy for me to believe my way is hidden from the Lord or that my needs are disregarded by Him. The next verse of Isaiah reveals that I am not the first to have felt this way. (Isaiah 40:27) Jesus says not to worry and that we are much more valuable to God than the sparrows, which He feeds and cares for. (Matthew 6:26) I know this is true, but in times of leanness or lack—be that hunger from lack of food or difficulty compounded by lack of relief, wisdom or strength, I find it easy to doubt. Easy to think; these promises are true, yes, but are they true for me? Has God lost sight of me?

The galaxies, stars, planets and sun, earth, and moon all cause me to be moved in wonder at God's creation. This verse in Isaiah has brought great comfort and strength as my understanding grows of God's grandeur in creating the galaxies and His remarkable personal attention to His creation. He calls forth each by name!! Not one of them is missing because of His great power and mighty strength!! It's all balls of fire and gas, less important, it would seem, than even the sparrows. If He's keeping track of the stars, surely He is keeping track of me! Not only so, but when Israel complains and doubts God's care, He doesn't turn away nor does He acquiesce. He reminds them of His character, power, and might, and encourages them with the promise of His help. (Isaiah 40:28)

Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

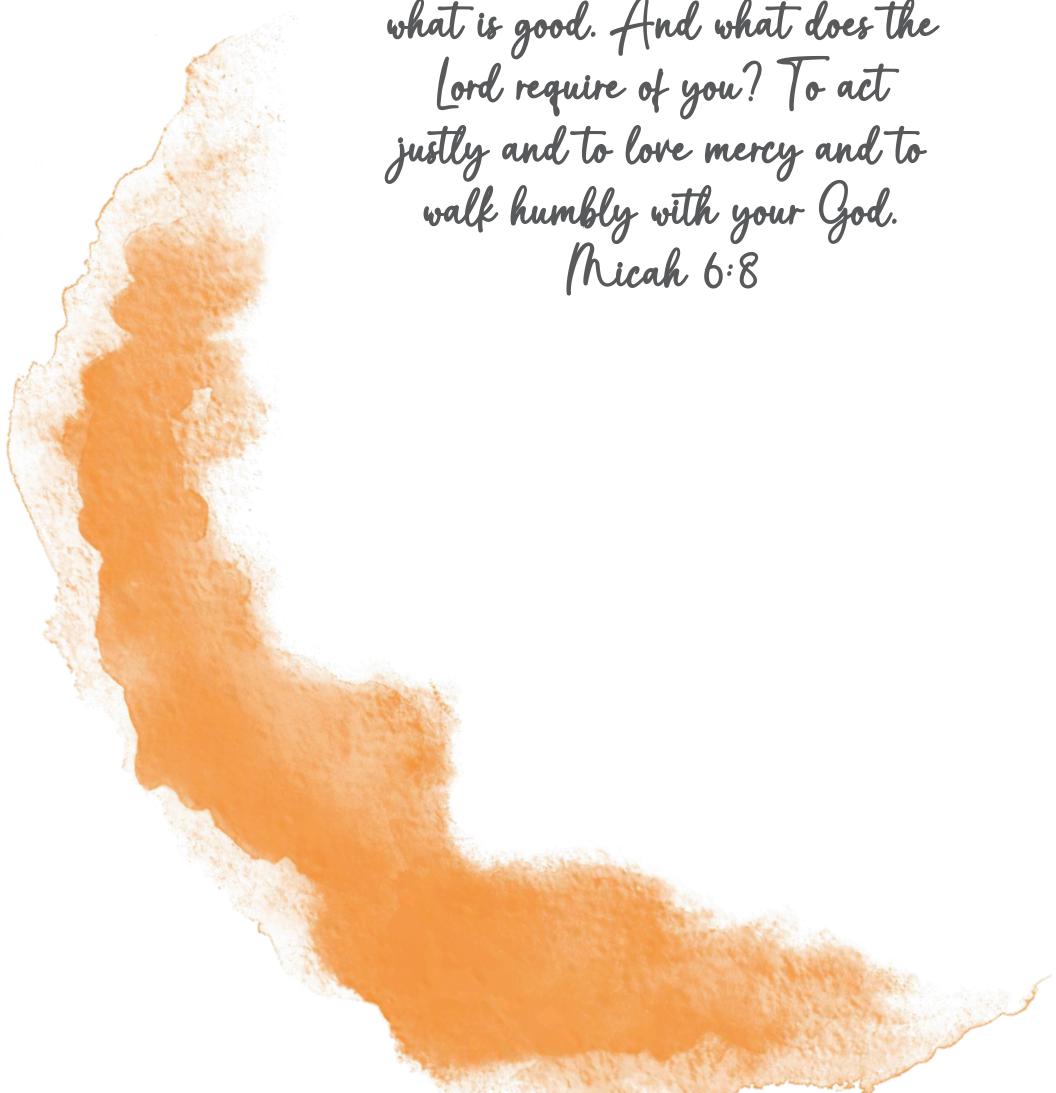
This passage has been an anchor —helping me to turn towards our Star-keeping God with my doubts and confusion so that I can receive the Grace, Strength, and Mercy for my times of need. He's keeping track of the stars—He hasn't lost sight of you! (1 Corin 1:8, Jude 24-25)

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He has showed you, O man,
what is good. And what does the
Lord require of you? To act
justly and to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8



When I discovered this verse it resonated deeply with me. Micah is writing at a time when Israel is trying to say they worship God but, at the same time, they were worshiping false gods. They worshiped the false gods with the ceremonies associated with those gods but still wanted to do the worship that God prescribed in the law. They were worshiping more out of ritual than the true worship the God of Israel deserved. Micah is writing to challenge them and tell them about the true worship that pleases God.

The verse above summarizes this message from Micah to his readers. He is telling them that God is not pleased with worship that doesn't come from the heart. He is telling them that true belief in God and true worship of God should transform one's life. This is what God requires, not empty ritual.

This verse caused me to examine the actions and thoughts of my life closely. Do I act in a way that aligns with God's justice? Do I truly live a life of loving mercy? Do I have a biblical balance with these two issues? Finally, does my daily walk indicate a humble submission to God as my Sovereign and Lord?

This verse is a call to evaluate one's life. It is not an elaborate manual of prescribed actions but it is a simple directive to do some self-reflection. The question one needs to answer is: have I allowed God to transform my actions and thinking?

The main thought that keeps ringing in my head from this verse is- Am I walking humbly with my God? It seems so simple but, in reality, is a very high standard. Certainly a much higher standard than an empty ritual of worship.  May the Lord Jesus create in us this true worship Micah is talking about.

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For this reason I kneel before the Father. from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generation, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

After revealing the mystery of God's plan to his readers in verse 6 - which is that both Gentiles and Jews (and that covers everyone who puts their trust in Christ) are now members of one body (the Church) and share all the spiritual blessings provided in Christ to them (hint: there are a lot!) – apostle Paul is praying for them. His prayer is beautiful and deep. And one of the core things he is asking the Father to enable them to do is to .. 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge

It turns out, that the love of Christ (that I hope you have or will experience) has multiple dimensions. And Paul wants his readers to grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is. It is wide enough to cover the world (John 3:16), it is long enough that it lasts for eternity (Psalm 136:1), it is deep enough to bring us out of spiritual death (Ephesians 2:1), and high enough to raise us up together with Christ and seat us in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

And according to Paul, it is possible to grasp and know this love of Christ when we are together with all the Lord's holy people (aka the Church) and are rooted and established in love towards each other. Church is often described in the Scripture as a body. A living body, a living organism. And body has many parts. Each part has a unique function that would be difficult and/or impossible for other members to fulfill. And as parts of the body of Christ, we need each other to grow spiritually.

Paul's prayer is an encouragement for us to come together, to serve each other, to learn to love each other, and together strive to grasp and to know this love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. And before you say it is almost impossible to do this, considering that this love surpasses knowledge, and especially with people who are often times so different and so difficult to deal with, Paul finishes his prayer by focusing our gaze heavenward – now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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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. 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. And those He predestined, He also called: those He called, He also justified: those He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30

/Our sovereign God weaves everything together for the good of his children.“Good” in this verse does not refer to what the world thinks of, but of spiritual growth and becoming more like Christ (Rom. 8:29), deeper fellowship with God, bearing good fruit for the kingdom, and finally glorification (Rom. 8:30).God has always been doing good for his children, starting before creation, continuing in conversion, and then finally to glorification on the day of Christ’s return.

God is sovereign, whether we recognize it or not.When we do not believe God has control over our lives, we will flounder on the waves of insecurity and indecision. Anxiety will rule over and overwhelm us when we watch the news or hear about our world’s evils.We will find ourselves unsuccessfully striving to control every word, every relationship, every act and every outcome in our life.The truth of God’s sovereignty provides us with a supernatural feeling of peace that comes from our rest in God’s goodness and provision.Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

As our nation struggles to navigate through division on almost everything, as we seem to sink into deeper trouble, I have found great peace drawing on the fact that God is in control of ALL things.As I have focused on this verse over the years, especially when in the midst of and after struggles, my relationship with the King has deepened into something I never imagined and didn’t even know to ask for.

Look to Christ, even in suffering, to find the greatest confidence, deepest comfort, and sweetest fellowship you will ever know–for that is the “good” God has for you.

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purposes of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:3-6



This passage of scripture is a doxology (a praise to God) written by the apostle Paul reminding us of the blessing we have through Christ Jesus. As a believer in Christ, we have abundant blessings given to us and this should cause us to cry out to God with praise for these gifts and blessings he has provided. These gifts and blessings are for the purpose of his will and to praise his name. This passage also shows us the union we have in Christ. We are in Christ and Christ is in us. This is comforting because we know that, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Rom 8:1). Because we are in Christ Jesus we are seen as righteous, holy, and blameless.

I am also captivated by this verse because it speaks of being adopted in love into God's family through his son Jesus. I am a parent of an adopted daughter and my wife and I, in love, chose to adopt her because God chose to love us first. The adoption of our daughter was one of the best decisions we ever made as a couple, and I couldn't imagine life without her. It is amazing that God the Father has chosen me before the foundation of the world to be used in his kingdom to bring him glory and praise. God before the world was put into existence knew me, and He had a plan for me in his kingdom. I am saved only because God loved me and wanted to give me life through his son Jesus. As I serve on the worship team at Grace Community Church, I am constantly striving to reflect God's grace and goodness to me to the body of gathered believers, so that God may be worshiped and others may find reason to celebrate the blessings their union with Christ brings.

I am overwhelmed by God's mercy and grace to me as a sinner, and that God would choose to save me from the state that I am in to be a saint in Christ Jesus! To God be the Glory!

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*Grace Staff considers it a privilege to pray with and for you.*

**Download our monthly prayer calendar at gracecomm.org WEEKLY NEWS BUTTON**

## GIVING

Grace doesn't take a regular offering. Grace has expenses, but we believe God will provide the resources necessary through the service and the gifts of his people. Offering boxes are located at all exits of the Worship Center.

**On-line giving is available at gracecomm.orgGIVE TAB or download our app—Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GCC Loveland"**

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Our doctrinal beliefs can be found at:
**gracecomm.org ABOUT TAB**
Please do take time to read and consider them.

grace community church

# We exist to **know Christ** and **make Him known**

We endeavor to be a missional community that is united by Christ and His love, motivated to know Jesus better and to make Him known to others. This knowing goes beyond information or 'knowing about', rather it is a personal intimacy, fellowship, and understanding of our Lord's character which leads to deeper worship, love and commitment to Him.

## Where We Started

With a desire to form a fellowship based on God's word and gospel truth, a group of believers organized a Conservative Baptist church plant on March 15, 1961. Within a year, the church was able to purchase a facility from a former Presbyterian church located at Fourth and Grant. The church was called Grace Baptist Church until 1984, when the church adopted an elder form of government, some philosophical changes, and changed its name to Grace Community Church to signify a new era. In 2003, the church, having outgrown its facility, began meeting across the street at Bill Reed Middle School while planning to build a new facility. A fourteen acre piece of land had been purchased, but the infrastructure costs involved caused the church to look for an already existing building.

## Where We Are

In 2011, a former lumber yard and hardware store, Collins Cashway, became available for purchase, and with overwhelming unity and constant blessings from God, the remodeled building became the home of Grace Community Church. God's faithfulness to our fellowship has been a constant in the life of Grace, providing growth and resources to meet many community needs. One of those was the donation of our 14 acres for an affordable housing initiative which includes Habitat for Humanity homes, rent adjusted apartments, and low income housing. This new neighborhood, only a few blocks from our location, is called Grace Gardens. It is our vision to minister to this neighborhood for the glory of God, and strive to be as true and faithful to Him as He has to us in the sixty years of our existence.

# Discipleship Rhythm

To help engage God's word both personally and in community we scaffold the messages from Sunday Morning and Midweek Teaching with personal preparation ahead of time and personal or group reflection after each message. We pray this Rhythm of Prepare, Attend, Reflect, Act will deepen the impact of God's word applied to our head, heart and hands.

## Prepare

Sermon Notes include devotional thoughts, scripture to read and questions to ponder ahead of time.

Midweek Teaching scripture and devotional thoughts are included in the description of the upcoming livestream in the app and on the website.

## Attend

Sunday morning services are at 8:30 or 10:30 am

Midweek Teaching is on Wednesdays at 7pm

## Reflect/Act

Sermon: Questions are listed in the Sermon Notes to aid you in reflection and further pursuit of the content covered.

Midweek Teaching:  Study Guide with reflection questions provided for each series.