



NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR



READING
PLAN

QUARTER 2 (APRIL 5-JULY 4)

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Each week, we want you to develop the rhythm **pray, read, and reflect** in your time with God.

PRAY

John 15:5

"... apart from me, you can do nothing"

It may sound like an elementary act, but don't forget that the Bible is God's Word to us. Therefore, ask Him to speak to you through His Word. Ask Him to give you eyes to see, a mind to understand, and a willing heart to respond in obedience to what He is calling you to do.

READ

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword..."

Each week there are five chapters to read. Whether you read one chapter a day, read them all in one day, or read a chapter multiple times in different Bible translations, the point is to spend time reading the Bible.

As you do this, remember the goal in reading Scripture is not simply to get through the Bible, but to allow the Bible to get into you. Let it penetrate your thoughts, emotions, and actions. That's the reason why this next step is so important.

REFLECT¹

Psalms 139:23

"Search me, God, and know my heart..."

Take time each week (or more often) to reflect on what you're learning from God's Word. Each week, **journal** your answers to these questions to help you slow down and consider what you've read and what God may be calling you to do. The first questions help you better understand what you've read: ***What do we learn about God? What do we learn about people? What do we learn about relating to God? What do we learn about relating to others?***

Once you've answered those questions, move on to applying the Scriptures by asking: ***What does God want me to understand? What does God want me to believe? What does God want me to desire? What does God want me to do?***

While these first eight questions may not apply to every passage you read, they will apply to most.

And these last three questions will help you summarize and reflect on everything you learned that week: ***What did you learn this week? What are you going to do about it? Who could benefit from hearing about something you learned this week?***

¹ The eight questions on understanding and applying the Bible were adapted from *Asking the Right Questions* by Matthew Harmon.

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

DEVOTIONAL

Each week you'll find a devotional to help you reflect on a passage from that week's reading written by our very own Heart & Soul members.

Watch a short video from the Bible Project to give you an overview of the book you are beginning to read that week. These videos are only 5-10 minutes and will help you gain a better understanding of the big picture for each book before you start reading the individual chapters

Study a chapter or section of Scripture that you read. If there's a passage you read during the week that you had questions about, take time to study it in depth by using a good study Bible such as the ESV Study Bible or online resources such as ***Enduring Word*** or ***Desiring God***.

OUR GOAL

Through the 4:12 Reading Plan, we want to:

- Help every person in our church develop a consistent, life-giving rhythm of reading God's Word.
- Encourage daily time with God through Scripture, prayer, and reflection.
- Move what we read from personal quiet time into meaningful discussion in our Connect Groups.
- Create a culture where we share what God is teaching us and grow together in community.
- Shape our lives by the truth of God's Word, not just information but transformation.

WEEK 1

PRAY

Invite God to speak to you through His Word.

WATCH AN OVERVIEW
OF LUKE 1-9



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WEEK 1
Devotional

BY JOSH AND LAUREN ALLEN

In Luke 4:14–28, Jesus returns to His hometown and reads from Isaiah in the synagogue. At first, everyone listens in amazement. But the situation takes a nasty turn when He reminds them that in the days of Elijah and Elisha, God helps outsiders, such as a widow from Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian. Their wonder turns to rage. The same people who watched Him grow up drive Him out of town and attempt to throw Him off a cliff. Jesus does not water down His message to preserve His reputation or gain hometown approval.

This reality is not confined to the first century. Around the world today, believers from unreached peoples face the loss of family, status, and community when they confess Christ. To follow Jesus often means being misunderstood, cut off, or cast out. Even closer to home, we may experience a more subtle version of this same tension. When priorities change, when old habits fall away, when conversations begin to center on Christ, friendships and family relationships sometimes become strained. Obedience can create a chasm between loved ones when the foundations of their lives are different.

The truth is, God's mission is bigger than our need to fit in or be accepted, which can be difficult to embrace. Just as He uses persecution to scatter the early church in Acts 8:1, He also uses rejection to advance His work in us and through us. If faithfulness to Jesus reorients our relationships, we entrust the outcome to Him. He is not only sovereign over mission fields across the ocean; He is sovereign over living rooms, workplaces, and long-standing friendships.

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WEEK 2 Devotional

BY DEUCE HIGHTOWER

I got lunch with a friend this week and asked him what he believes about God. He said he wasn't really sure and would probably call himself agnostic. Faith (believing the unseen) just didn't make sense to him. He admitted he wished he had faith like I do, but that he simply didn't. I wasn't sure how to respond wisely, so I tried to encourage him. I reminded him that faith itself is supernatural and a gift from God. It isn't about how smart we are, otherwise all the smartest people in the world would have it. And it isn't about being persuaded; after all, Saul, who later became Paul, didn't believe even after hearing Stephen's powerful sermon in Acts 7.

Faith is a response to a changed heart and seeing Christ for who He really is. Jesus' ministry in Luke shows what seeing Him truly looks like. He begins by revealing what sits on the throne of our hearts.

Storms reveal fear, abundance reveals forgetfulness, power exposes pride, and delay uncovers doubt. The disciples watch demons submit and return rejoicing in their authority, but Jesus reminds them to rejoice instead that their names are written in heaven. He consistently pulls their eyes away from visible success toward the invisible reality of God's kingdom. As He stills the storm, feeds the multitude, and receives Peter's confession, He is unveiling who He truly is - the Son of the living God.

Faith is not just admiring Jesus for what He can do or give us. We often want a Savior who strengthens our plans, not one who dismantles our self-sufficiency. When He says to take up your cross daily, He is not calling for occasional sacrifice but for the death of rival loyalties. The question beneath these chapters is "Do you have true faith in Christ" (Luke 7:1-10;11-17). Where is your security anchored - performance, comfort, control, or Christ Himself?

Genuine faith means more than believing or admiring; it's responding to who Jesus really is and letting Him reorder your heart.

WEEK 3



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WEEK 3 Devotional

BY CHRIS AND JANA REAVES

I once heard about a family who spent thousands updating their home. They gave it fresh paint, new fixtures - the works. The inspector came in and said, "You've improved the appearance. It's gorgeous. But the real problem is underneath. Your foundation is cracked."

In Luke 11–15, Jesus teaches us what life in God's kingdom truly looks like, focusing on inner transformation rather than outward religion (Luke 11:39–41). He emphasizes persistent prayer and trusting God as a loving Father (11:1–4), while warning against religious practices that lack obedience and humility. Repentance is urgent (13:1–5), and heaven rejoices when what was lost is found - the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son (Luke 15). In contrast stand the cup cleaners, the hidden hypocrites, the self-reliant, the front-row seaters, and the merit-makers, who rely on outward religion and self-righteousness rather than humble faith. Jesus shows that many who expect a place in God's kingdom try to enter through performance, while outsiders who respond in faith are welcomed (14:15–24).

Together, these chapters reveal a God who actively seeks sinners, rejoices over repentance, and offers restoration rather than condemnation. Yet Jesus also warns us through the older brother in Luke 15, who appears faithful on the outside but resents grace when it is given to others. Jesus didn't come to renovate our spiritual appearance; He came to resurrect. He wants to deal with the cracked foundation beneath the surface. In these chapters we meet two kinds of people: those who look clean on the outside but resist repentance, and those who come empty-handed and leave transformed. As 1 Samuel 16:7 reminds us, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." May we be a people who seek not a polished appearance, but a renewed heart.

WEEK 4

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WEEK 4 Devotional

BY JOANNA AND LEE HUMPHREY

As teachers, coaches, and parents of young children, much of our daily life is centered on instruction and correction. We remind students to study hard and athletes to stay disciplined. We teach our children to obey, to share, and to tell the truth. Structure and effort matter. Yet when we read Luke 16 through 20, we are reminded that the Christian life is not built on performance but on the posture of the heart. Jesus says in Luke 16:13, "You cannot serve God and money," pointing past our actions to what we love and depend on most. In Luke 18:9-14, the Pharisee lists his spiritual accomplishments, while the tax collector simply cries, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." It is the humble man who goes home justified. Through the rich ruler who walks away sorrowful in Luke 18:22-23, and through those who question Jesus' authority in Luke 20:2, we see how easily we cling to control rather than surrender.

These chapters reveal a Savior who is not impressed by image, status, or outward success. When the crowds shout, "Blessed is the King" in Luke 19:38, their praise is loud, but many hearts remain unchanged. Jesus looks beyond words and sees what we treasure most. As leaders in our workplaces and in our home, that truth humbles us. We can teach the right answers and still resist yielding fully to Christ ourselves. God desires more than outward obedience. He desires hearts that trust Him completely.

For all of us as a church family, Luke 16 through 20 invites honest reflection. Are we admiring Jesus from a distance, or submitting to Him as Lord? Is there something we are holding tightly that keeps us from deeper obedience? Luke 17:10 reminds us that even after we have done all we were commanded, we say, "We are unworthy servants." This week, may we come to Him not with a record of our efforts, but with humble faith, trusting that His mercy is enough and that His authority is good.

WEEK 5

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WEEK 5 Devotional

BY MAGEN AND JOEY POPE

In Luke 24: 13-48, we find Jesus walking alongside two of His followers who are kept from seeing Him as He is. As He walks with them, He patiently listens to all of their sadness and confusion about the events leading up to His burial and resurrection. We see that He journeys with them and converses with them. As they walk, these two unknown, half-anonymous followers experience the miraculous when Jesus himself explains all that the scriptures had spoken of Him. Still blind to who they are walking with, the followers strongly urge Jesus to stay with them. As they break bread around the table, they are finally able to see Him for who he truly is, the Messiah. In the verses that follow, Jesus appears to the apostles, showing them His hands and feet, urging them to believe, and opening their minds to the Scriptures.

Reading these verses, it is hard not to relate to the two unknown followers. There is something deeply moving about the reality that, after His resurrection and before appearing to the twelve well-known apostles, Jesus first appeared to two ordinary, unnamed men. Before He opened the minds of the twelve to understand the Scriptures (v.45), He opened the minds of two travelers walking down a dusty road and explained to them all that had been written about Him. In the ESV translation, verse 15 says, "Jesus himself drew near and went with them." What a comfort to know that even now, God draws near to ordinary men and women and journeys with His people, opening minds to understand His Word. He intentionally, faithfully, and patiently walks with us through confusion and gently guides us toward understanding. This passage invites us to examine our own hearts and consider where we may be slow to believe. At the same time, it comforts us to remember that in both scenes, the followers did nothing to open their own minds. Jesus revealed Himself to them, and then they were able to see. When we come to his word prayerfully and diligently, He does the same for us.



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WEEK 6 Devotional

BY ANGEL AND JEREMY GILREATH

In Acts 2, at Pentecost, the followers received the Holy Spirit. This marked the transition of God “with us” to God “in us,” fulfilling God’s promise in Jeremiah that He would place His Spirit within His people, enabling a personal and ongoing relationship with Him for all who hear and believe. This blessing surpassed even Moses’ shining face or the disciples’ experience walking with Jesus! Christ secured our reconciliation to the Father, and the Spirit now makes that communion a living reality, breaking the barrier that once limited access to His presence. Our faith should focus not on validation from seeing, but on trusting in God Himself, who makes His presence known within us.

Pentecost also birthed the early church, a multicultural community devoted to learning, fellowship, prayer, and generosity (Acts 2:42-47). They shared meals, practiced communion, and provided for one another sacrificially, even selling possessions to care for those in need. Their unity was not just about shared belief, but about living in obedience, love, and service together, which is a pattern we are called to emulate today in our own communities!

Are we living this pattern of obedience? Daily surrender of pride, flesh, and desires to Jesus (Luke 9:23) is essential. Obedience brings challenges, including persecution, social isolation, and opposition, yet joy is found not in circumstances but in God who dwells in us. Identify your temptations and anchor yourself in Scripture to help you battle them - keep them in your wallet, kitchen sink, or car visor. Live boldly with your church family. Love one another and be useful to the body and the kingdom, trusting that God is at work through your faithfulness.



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WEEK 7

Devotional

BY TONY AND SHERRIE MITCHELL

Obedience is the theme that runs through these chapters. From a young age, we learn that doing what is right or following our parents is important. But when our heavenly Father speaks, how quickly do we respond? Obedience to God's call is crucial, even when we cannot see the full plan. When Stephen recounts the story of Moses (Acts 7:20–36), we see that Moses hesitated when God called him to lead. Stephen, however, stood firmly on God's promises (Acts 7:51–60), trusting God even in the face of great opposition.

Philip's example in chapter 8 reminds us of the power of immediate obedience. Led by the Spirit to the Ethiopian Eunuch, Philip's actions helped spread the Gospel to new regions. In chapter 9, Ananias faced fear at the thought of approaching Saul, known for persecuting Christians. Yet his trust in God and obedience were essential to Saul's conversion and ministry. Cornelius provides another example: after receiving a vision, he sent for Peter, who had been prepared by God to deliver His message. Peter's obedience brought the Gospel to Cornelius' household, and the Gentiles were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. These stories show that God often calls us into unfamiliar or challenging situations, and trusting Him leads to outcomes far beyond what we imagine.

Chapter 11 shows that obedience also means standing boldly for God's work. When Peter reported to the brothers in Jerusalem, he answered fully under the Spirit's guidance. The brothers rejoiced, glorifying God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). These chapters remind us to trust our heavenly Father, respond faithfully even in fear, and remember that obedience is a key part of walking in His plan and seeing His purposes accomplished.



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WEEK 8 Devotional

BY STEVE AND CARLENA EDWARDS

In Acts 12-16, we see the gospel moving forward despite opposition, hardship, and uncertainty. One of the clearest moments of this comes in Acts 14 when Paul and Barnabas return to the cities where they had previously preached the gospel. Instead of avoiding the places where they experienced persecution, they went back to strengthen the believers. Acts 14:22 says they were strengthening the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith and by telling them, it is necessary to go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." The early church was not built on comfort, but on commitment. These new believers needed encouragement because following Christ often came with pressure and suffering.

What stands out is the intentionality of Paul and Barnabas. They didn't just preach the gospel and move on; they invested in the spiritual growth of those who believed. They encouraged the disciples, helped establish leadership, and reminded them to remain faithful in difficult times. The mission wasn't only about planting churches; the mission was also about strengthening people. Healthy churches are built when believers are reminded to persevere, trust Christ, and stay rooted in the faith even when life becomes challenging.

This passage reminds us that encouragement is a vital part of the Christian life. The church grows stronger when believers strengthen one another and point each other back to Christ. Just like Paul and Barnabas, we are called not only to share the gospel but also to build up those who are walking with Jesus. When we encourage others to remain faithful, we participate in God's work of establishing strong, resilient disciples who continue advancing the gospel in their communities. Are you merely attending church, or are you actively helping build and strengthen the church?



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WEEK 9 Devotional

BY CARLOS AND EMILY LORA

Sometimes we find ourselves backing down from having hard conversations, especially when faith is involved. We worry about saying the wrong thing, being misunderstood, or facing rejection. It feels easier to stay quiet, to keep our beliefs private and comfortable. Yet deep down, we know the world around us is searching, asking big questions about meaning, truth, and hope. In Acts 17-21, we see Paul stepping into those very spaces of uncertainty and opposition with courage and obedience.

In Acts 17, Paul stands in Athens, a place surrounded by idols, and speaks about the “unknown god,” pointing people to the one true Creator who is near to all who seek Him. In Ephesus and beyond, he continues to speak of this truth. We see both revival and resistance. We see lives transformed, idols burned, and communities stirred (Acts 19). Through riots, accusations, and arrest, Paul remains steadfast. What stands out is not just his boldness, but his confidence in God’s sovereignty. God reassures Paul that He is with him and that His purposes cannot be stopped saying “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you” (Acts 18-19).

These chapters reveal a God who pursues people across different cultures, a God who is patient with those who seek Him, and a God who strengthens His servants in the face of fear. This same God is at work in our lives. He is not distant from our workplaces, schools, or neighborhoods. He is already moving in the hearts of the people around us. Our role is not to control outcomes but to faithfully speak and live the truth, trusting Him with the results. Where might fear be keeping you silent? Who in your life is asking questions that open the door for hope? This week, ask God for one opportunity to gently point someone to Him, and trust that He goes before you.



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WEEK 10 Devotional

BY GEORGE AND GAIL HOLCOMB

Before Paul encountered Jesus, he believed his purpose was to persecute those who spoke about the hope found in Christ. A highly educated Jewish leader, he found his identity in his knowledge and training. Yet when Jesus confronted him, that same knowledge helped him see how Christ fulfilled the prophets. His life changed so dramatically that he could not stop sharing the gospel. The man once feared became fearless, willing to risk everything for the sake of others.

Paul's temporary blindness made him dependent on listening to Jesus and obeying His direction. When his sight was restored, his life was fully surrendered to God's will. Though religious leaders opposed him and he was imprisoned and brought before ruler after ruler, he continued to share his testimony.

Paul knew he was called to take the good news to both Jews and Gentiles. Despite countless opportunities to return to his old life, he remained faithful, even when it cost him dearly. As believers, we too have a testimony no one can take from us. We share in the joyful responsibility of answering Jesus' call and playing our role in God's mission. If you feel unsure whether you have a testimony, begin by asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Share that decision with someone and go all-in with a Bible-believing church.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 reminds us that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord. Be ready to share the hope within you. Let us be bold as we remember where we came from and the purpose God has given us.



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WEEK 11

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WEEK 11 Devotional

BY CLAY AND TRACI CALLAHAN

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Titus 2:11-14

We have often seen how new believers, including ourselves at times, do not fully operate in God’s grace or simply do not understand what that means. We try to do all the right things because that is commanded once we come to Christ, but are we doing it out of works or out of true thankfulness for our salvation? Paul makes it clear that salvation by grace cannot be earned through works (Romans 11:6).

When we understand that we cannot earn God’s grace, our hearts should be transformed to reflect His image. Before knowing our Savior, we desired worldly passions and lacked self-control. But when we understand that our salvation comes from God giving His only Son for us, our hearts should fill with gratitude, and that gratitude should over time turn into righteous living. His grace becomes the motivation for living a Godly life.

Grace is receiving what we do not deserve; it asks nothing and is not earned. It meets us in our weaknesses and empowers us to live the Godly life He desires. As we grow and mature in our walk with God, the passions of this world should decrease and our desire to glorify God should increase. Is your heart truly transformed by God’s grace, or are you just playing a part for the outside world? Our hope is that you understand the empowerment of God’s grace, that it is a companion guiding you to a life that pleases Him. A Godly life is not achieved by our effort but flows from God’s sacrifice. Grace is not only the doorway to salvation but also the teacher of how to walk faithfully every day.



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WEEK 12 Devotional

BY WHITNEY TOWNS

Think about how it feels to receive a good encouraging word from a dear friend. A friend who knows you, knows your struggles, and speaks encouraging truth to you in the midst of difficult circumstances. This friend is older than you, has been through some similar difficulties, and has held firm to their faith, walking in step with the Spirit and setting a godly example for you to follow as you navigate life as a follower of Christ. They give loving, careful, and truthful guidance. This is someone you want in your life, and this is exactly what Timothy had in Paul.

Timothy was one of Paul's closest companions and was sent by Paul to Ephesus to counter false teaching that had crept in. In this letter to his spiritual son, Paul encourages Timothy in the pressures, challenges, and conflicts present in the church of Ephesus, giving him counsel on everything from handling false teachers, the importance of prayer, qualifications of leaders, to taking care of widows. That seems like a lot, right? Would you be easily overwhelmed, discouraged, or even influenced by these things? Let's take a deeper look into chapter 4. Paul encouraged Timothy to be "nourished on the truths of faith" (v6), to "train yourself to be godly" (v7), and to remember "that is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially those who believe." Later in chapter 4, Paul instructs him to "be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" (v15-16).

This is a reminder that the battle against sin and false teaching is a battle worth fighting. We must "hold on to faith" (1:19), know the truth of God's word so that we can defend it, and never doubt that God will use our obedience to bring him glory, no matter if we are new to the faith or have been walking with Christ for decades.

WEEK 13

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OF 2 TIMOTHY



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Who is someone you could share this with?

WEEK 13

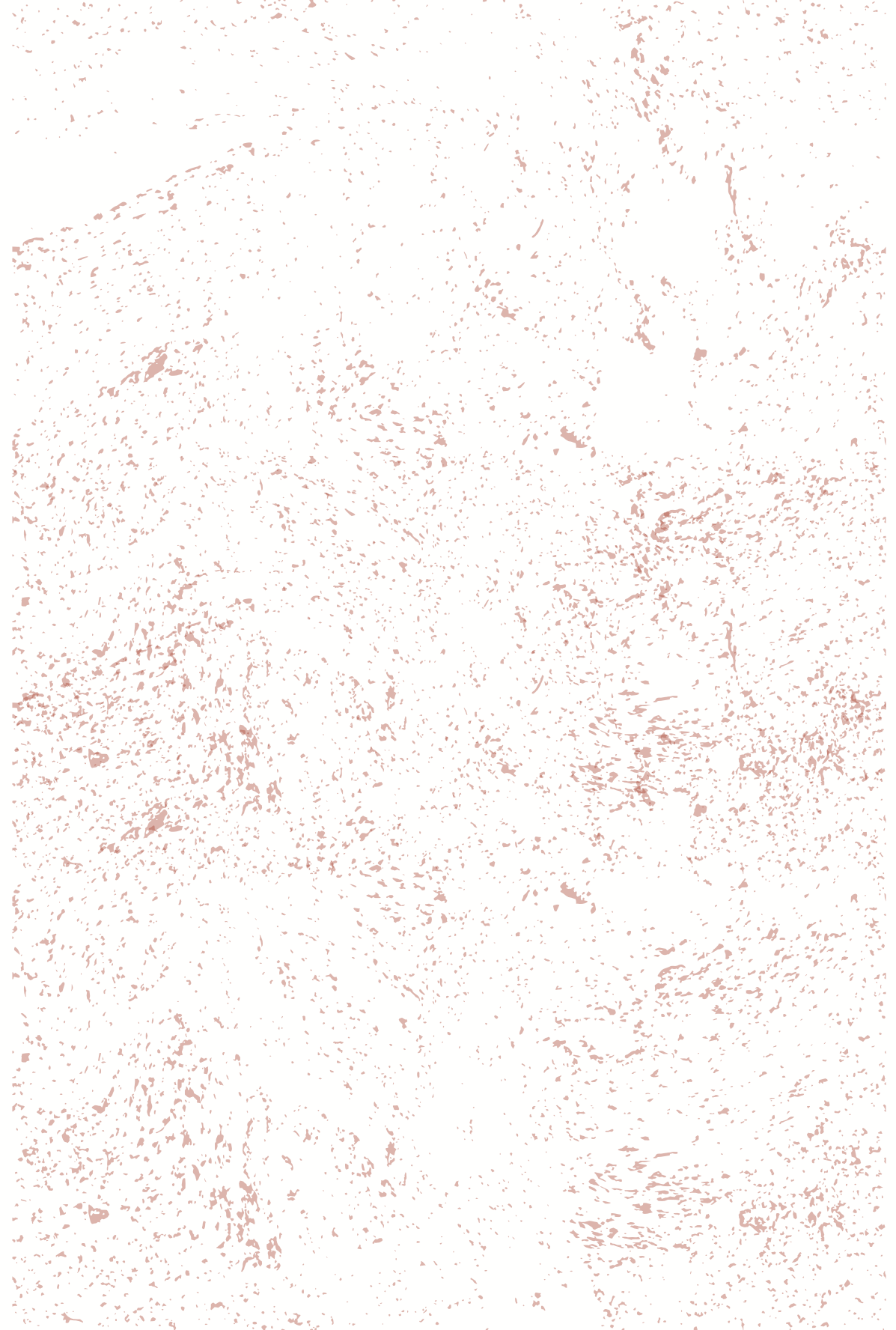
Devotional

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In this fast-paced world, it is easy to feel like we are never enough, chasing promotions, money, or recognition. Paul addresses this in 1 Timothy 6, warning against treating faith as a way to gain wealth or status. Instead, he brings great clarity: godliness with contentment is great gain (6:6). We brought nothing into this world, and we leave with nothing. If we have food, clothes, and the basics, that is enough. Loving money above God leads to all kinds of trouble. Paul calls us to pursue what is truly valuable: living right, loving others, showing grit through hard times, and holding tightly to the life God calls us to.

In 2 Timothy, Paul writes from prison to encourage Timothy to boldly embrace the gospel. He tells him to fan into flame the gift God gave him and reminds him that God has not given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Paul uses everyday examples: endure hardship like a soldier, compete like an athlete, work patiently like a farmer, and preach the truth faithfully. His confidence is not in comfort or applause, but in Christ, who will award the crown of righteousness to those who love His appearing. The clearer we see Jesus, the more costly discipleship may feel! Yet, He gives the strength to remain steadfast.

These passages challenge us to examine where we place our security and how we fight the good fight of faith. God invites us to trust Him as the source of true gain, to endure with courage, and to live boldly for what lasts forever. This week, ask Him to show where discontent or fear is pulling your heart away from true godliness. Thank Him for His provision, encourage someone, and step into faithful action. Real, lasting life is not about money, status, or comfort, but about staying steady and faithful to Jesus even when life gets messy.





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