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You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



JANUARY - LOVE

LOVE is a word that is often thrown around like a sack of potatoes until you have to truly exhibit its meaning. The unfortunate thing about it LOVE is that most of us really don't think deeply what it means when we say it. We do not think of the impact that it has to change the trajectory of one's life. Just saying it with no action is both a waste of words and an insult to the receiver. Through the month of January, we will discover the real meaning of LOVE and how we must apply it in our daily lives and with one another. LOVE and its unconditional spirit are the truest form of honoring God!

1. 1 Corinthians 13
2. 1 John 4:7-21
3. Psalm 143
4. John 15:9-17
5. Song of Songs 8
6. Mark 12:28-34
7. Lamentations 3:1-23
8. Mathew 5:43-48
9. Psalm 103:1-11
10. 1 John 1:11-24
11. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

12. Ephesians 2:1-10
13. John 14:15-25
14. Galatians 5:1-23
15. Isaiah 54:1-10
16. Leviticus 19:1-18
17. Deuternomy 5:1-6
18. Jeremiah 31:1-13
19. Hosea 11
20. Malachi 1
21. Matthew 22:34-35
22. John 3:1-20

23. Ephesians 5:22-31
24. 1 John 2:15-17
25. Exodus 34:1-10
26. Numbers 14:10-24
27. Proverbs 3:1-20
28. Psalm 127
29. Matthew 10:32-42
30. Hebrews 13:1-7
31. Proverbs 12



FEBRUARY - HEALING

HEALING. The dictionary defines HEALING as becoming sound or healthy again. To some this requires simply making an appointment with a Doctor, getting a diagnosis, and being prescribed medicine. Many believe that HEALING can come by consuming home remedies or over-the-counter drugs. Just by taking one pill with a glass of water four times daily and getting plenty of rest will have you healthy again. HEALING in the Bible means the restoration of our health, the making whole again physically, mentally, or spiritually. While both definitions are similar, the source of who we believe the HEALING is from, makes the difference. Through the month of April, we will discover the real meaning of HEALING and how we must apply it in our daily lives.

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| 1. Jeremiah 17: 1-27 | 12. Matthew 4:1-25 | 23. Hosea 14:1-9 |
| 2. 1 Peter 2: 1-25 | 13. Romans 5:1-21 | 24. 2 Corinthians 4:1-18 |
| 3. Jeremiah 33: 1-26 | 14. Isaiah 57:1-21 | 25. Job 5:1-27 |
| 4. Isaiah 53:1-12 | 15. Psalm 103:1-22 | 26. Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 |
| 5. Psalm 41: 1-13 | 16. Mark 5:1-43 | 27. 2 Kings 20:1-21 |
| 6. Psalm 147:1-20 | 17. Exodus 23:1-33 | 28. Revelation 21:1-27 |
| 7. James 5:1-20 | 18. Psalm 119:1-56 | |
| 8. Exodus 15:1-27 | 19. Numbers 12:1-16 | |
| 9. Philippians 4:1-23 | 20. Luke 5:1-39 | |
| 10. Proverbs 3:1-35 | 21. Matthew 17:1-28 | |
| 11. 2 Chronicles 7:1-22 | 22. Isaiah 58:1-14 | |



MARCH - MERCY

MERCY is an extension of grace that is shown to one who deserves harm. The MERCY of God is entwined with compassion, forgiveness, and kindness. MERCY is a quality intrinsic to the nature of God (God is merciful). This month we will learn about God's incredible and tender MERCY for His people which will lead us to extend the same MERCY to others.

1. Genesis 9
2. Genesis 19
3. Genesis 33
4. Genesis 39
5. Genesis 45
6. Exodus 6
7. Numbers 22
8. I Kings 3
9. Job 42
10. Psalms 4
11. Psalms 6

12. Psalms 23
13. Psalms 86
14. Psalms 136
15. Daniel 6
16. Lamentations 3
17. Hosea 2
18. Jonah 2
19. Micah 7
20. Habakkuk 3
21. Zechariah 7
22. Matthew 5

23. Matthew 8
24. Matthew 15
25. Matthew 17
26. Mark 10
27. St. Luke 1
28. St. Luke 23
29. St. John 11
30. Ephesians 2
31. Titus 3



APRIL - SALVATION

Salvation is defined as a divine deliverance from sin and the consequences of sin. God took action into his own hands to deliver His people who have sinned and have a sinful nature. Salvation is the theme in the Old and New Testaments. Salvation is the very purpose of the incarnation of the Son of God that brings glory to God's omnipotence (unlimited power) and love. Salvation is a comprehensive word bringing out the truth that God has rescued people from the desperate state that their sins had brought about. From one point of view it is clear enough that Salvation originated with the Father, and from another it was the Son who did what was necessary to bring about salvation. It is Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come or it is through Christ that believers shall be saved from the wrath and have eternal life.*

Through the month of February, we will journey through the scriptures finding the true meaning of Salvation and how God wants us to see the implications of sin is death, but that Christ brings life to people who are dead in sin.

**E.M.B. Green, The Meaning of Salvation (London: Hodder, 1965)*

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| 1. Psalm 62 | 12. Mark 8 | 23. Philippians 3 |
| 2. Matthew 19 | 13. Mark 16 | 24. 1 Thessalonians 5 |
| 3. 1 Corinthians 1 | 14. Titus 2 | 25. 2 Thessalonians 2 |
| 4. 2 Corinthians 5 | 15. Titus 3 | 26. 1 Peter 2 |
| 5. 1 Timothy 1 | 16. Romans 1 | 27. 2 Peter 3 |
| 6. Luke 7 | 17. Romans 5 | 28. Revelations 3 |
| 7. John 1:1-34 | 18. Romans 10 | Revelations 22 |
| 8. Acts 4 | 19. John 3 | 29. Matthew 9 |
| 9. Acts 28 | 20. John 15 | 30. John 5 |
| 10. Luke 19 | 21. Hebrews 9 | |
| 11. John 14 | 22. Philippians 2 | |



MAY - GRACE

GRACE is one of the most important concepts taught in the Bible! GRACE is the love of God shown to the unlovely and the peace of God given to the restless. GRACE is the unmerited, unearned love and favor of God and all the benefits, delights, and comforts, which flow from it. It means that while we were sinners and enemies we have been treated as sons and heirs. In essence, GRACE is getting what you don't deserve. While everyone desperately needs it, GRACE is not about us. What does that mean for us? It means we can't earn our salvation or buy God's favor. Jesus paid the penalty for our sin. Paul tells the church in Ephesus, "for it is by GRACE you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8). During the month of May, you will discover God's riches for our lives through the GRACE He has given us as a free gift. GRACE grounds and empowers everything in the Christian life. You will find it is the basis for our: identity, behavior, speaking, serving, holiness, future and the promise that gives us the hope that keeps us going. The gospel is all about God's GRACE through Jesus Christ. That is why Paul calls it, "the gospel of the GRACE of God". Because of the GRACE God gives us, we are able to then show GRACE to others as we seek to follow Jesus Christ!

1. Ephesians 2
2. 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
3. John 1
4. 2 Timothy 1:7-14
5. Titus 2
6. Romans 3
7. Romans 4
8. Romans 5
9. Romans 6
10. Romans 11
11. Romans 12

12. 2 Corinthians 6
13. Ephesians 1
14. James 4
15. 1 Peter 1
16. 2 Corinthians 9
17. 2 Corinthians 8
18. 1 Peter 4
19. 1 Peter 5
20. 2 Peter 3
21. Galatians 2
22. Acts 15

23. Acts 20
24. Galatians 1
25. Acts 4
26. 2 Timothy 2
27. 1 Corinthians 15
28. Colossians 4
29. Hebrews 4
30. Revelation 22
31. Colossians 1



JUNE - PATIENCE

In our contemporary times the word **PATIENCE** is typically identified “by not having much” or “losing it ” rather quickly. From a worldly perspective this seems quite natural as we are quick to defend ourselves when offended, get frustrated when our food orders are wrong; lose our cool when our online orders don’t arrive on time. We lose our PATIENCE at our spouses’ lateness, our children’s poor decisions, our friends lack of empathy and compassion. Triggers abound in our culture that can make us lose our PATIENCE: racism, sexism, colorism, police brutality, unfair pay, the inability to find a job, etc. And yes, we are justified in having a righteous indignation towards any injustice. But, along with showing indignation one of the real tests of character and I would argue even our faith is having and showing true PATIENCE in the wake of injustice and personal offense.

The Hebrew word for PATIENCE is *savlanut*. The root of the word s-v-l means “to bear” or “to suffer”. The Greek word is *hupomone* for PATIENCE. It is similar in meaning to *savlanut* as it means “to endure”. It’s connotation is to endure or bear up under suffering. But the beauty of the suffering, if such beauty exists, is tethered or anchored to a promise from God.

True PATIENCE, as a fruit of the Spirit must be developed as it doesn’t always come naturally but it also looks to the future. The future that contains the hope of a promised end that comes from God. Whether it be the ability to just not lose control on those around us; to walk and live in empathy with those that offend and try to understand that they are human, like we. Or if it is bearing up against sickness and enduring injustice, while fighting still for justice; longing for empathy, and desiring self-control, PATIENCE is a Godly virtue that we all need and must have to be faithful servants of God. One final beautiful connotation of PATIENCE also means “to wait” but this isn’t a static or idle waiting. It doesn’t mean sitting silently on the sidelines waiting our turn. No! It means waiting, actively. It means serving God and His people and in serving, PATIENCE begins to work developing the character of Christ in us. His character makes us more steadfast, longsuffering, kind and peaceful. Let PATIENCE have her perfect work in you today! To God Be The Glory!

1. Hebrews 6
2. Psalm 37
3. Psalm 46
4. Psalm 27
5. Proverbs 14
6. Proverbs 15
7. Proverbs 40
8. Psalm 86
9. Psalm 130
10. Ecclesiastes 7

11. Romans 5
12. Romans 8
13. Romans 15
14. Romans 6
15. Galatians 5
16. Ephesians 4
17. Colossians 1
18. Hebrews 10
19. I Timothy 1
20. Colossians 3

21. James 1
22. I Thessalonians 5
23. James 5
24. Hebrews 6
25. I Peter 2
26. Luke 8
27. Galatians 6
28. I Corinthians 13
29. Galatians 5
30. 1 Peter 1



JULY - HOPE

Merriam-Webster defines HOPE as wanting something to happen or to be true. We will say things like “I HOPE the weather is nice this weekend”, “I HOPE I get this job”, “I HOPE I get an A on my test”, and “I HOPE they like me.” These examples all share a desire for something to happen but with no guarantees. Biblical HOPE is different in that it is an expectation based on the trustworthiness of God to keep his promises. God tells us throughout scripture what he has done, is doing and will do so we know what to HOPE for. When we place our HOPE in God based on scripture, we can experience the fullness of God’s goodness now and in the future. As believers we can have an unquestionable HOPE in God despite our circumstances. This month we will meditate on passages that focus on what to HOPE for and what it looks like to place our HOPE in God.

1. 1 Peter 5
2. Romans 5
3. Romans 8
4. Psalm 9
5. Colossians 1
6. Psalm 18
7. Ephesians 1
8. Titus 2
9. Psalm 25
10. Hebrews 6
11. Hebrews 10

12. Hebrews 11
13. Psalm 27
14. Isaiah 25-26
15. Isaiah 40
16. Acts 3
17. Acts 4
18. Acts 26
19. Psalm 33
20. Psalm 42, Psalm 43
21. John 14
22. John 16

23. Psalm 62
24. 2 Corinthians 4
25. 2 Timothy 1
26. 2 Corinthians 1
27. 2 Corinthians 5
28. Psalm 130, Psalm 131
29. Psalm 146, Psalm 147
30. 1 Thessalonians 4
31. Jeremiah 29



AUGUST - JOY

The definition of JOY is - the emotion evoked by well-being, success, or good fortune or by the prospect of possessing what one desires. There is a difference between JOY and happiness. The key to JOY is the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation. JOY is intense and especially ecstatic or exultant happiness, or an instance of such feeling. Through the month of August, we will dive deep into scriptures to find the JOY that the Lord allows us to experience.

1. Nehemiah 8:10
2. 3 John 1
3. Leviticus 9:24
4. 1 Chronicles 12:40
5. Psalm 16
6. Psalm 30
7. Psalm 43
8. Isaiah 9
9. Isaiah 35
10. Isaiah 61
11. 2 John 1

12. Psalm 43
13. Psalm 48
14. Matthew 13
15. Luke 24
16. John
17. John 15
18. John 17
19. Romans 14
20. Romans 15
21. 2 Corinthians 2
22. Galatians 5

23. Phillipians 4
24. 1Thessalonians 2
25. Hebrews 12
26. James 1
27. James 4
28. 1 Pet. 1
29. Jude 24
30. Philemon 1
31. Nehemiah 8



SEPTEMBER - RIGHTEOUSNESS

When we look at the synonyms of RIGHTEOUSNESS, We see words like honorable, noble, pure, upright, and spiritual. When you read those words, we can all look at ourselves and think, “I’m a RIGHTEOUS person since my character is at least one of these. RIGHTEOUSNESS has already been given to us through Jesus Christ when we are born. How we obey God’s Word and treat others throughout our life is important to our RIGHTEOUS walk here on earth. We know the difference between right and wrong but oftentimes struggle due to our selfish wants and desires. This can cause us to act in self-RIGHTEOUS ways and stunt our growth in RIGHTEOUSNESS. This month we will read about the pitfalls of both what happens to unrighteous people and the reward for those that truly operate in RIGHTEOUSNESS. We will also learn that our faith and commitment to God is what helps us stay right and one with God and escape the sins and evil in this world.

1. Esther 8
2. Luke 18
3. 2 Timothy 4
4. Proverbs 28
5. Psalms 52-54
6. Isaiah 59
7. Galatians 5
8. James 5
9. Zephaniah 2
10. John 12
11. Daniel 9

12. Hosea 10
13. Isaiah 26
14. Psalms 34
15. Job 17
16. Matthew 6
17. Psalms 23
18. Isaiah 51
19. Psalms 10-11
20. 1 John 3
21. Proverbs 11
22. 2 Peter 2

23. Romans 4
24. Job 29
25. 1 Kings 3
26. Romans 5
27. Isaiah 41
28. Romans 14
29. Ecclesiastes 7
30. Romans 10



OCTOBER - PEACE

You may fear that the Lord has passed you by, But it is not so: He who counts the stars, and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting his own children. He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature he ever made, or the only Saint he ever loved. Approach him and be at PEACE.- Charles Spurgeon Through the month of October, we will learn through scripture the PEACE that only God can give.

1. Psalm 4
2. Psalm 119: 153-176
3. Isaiah 9
4. II Corinthians 13
5. Ephesians 6
6. Matthew 5
7. Phillipians 4
8. Colossians 1
9. Isaiah 26
10. Psalm 37
11. Isaiah 53

12. Psalm 34
13. Isaiah 55
14. Romans 8
15. Galatians 5
16. Ephesians 2
17. 2 Timothy 2
18. Ephesians 4
19. John 14
20. James 3
21. Isaiah 32
22. Colossians 3

23. Jeremiah 33
24. Numbers 6
25. I Peter 3
26. Romans 5
27. 2 Peter 3
28. Jude
29. Proverbs 3
30. Romans 12
31. James 1:17-18



NOVEMBER - BLESSED

BLESSED! What does it mean to be BLESSED? How does one truly define what it is? In our world the word BLESSED has become a very common and casual term in our day to day vernacular with phrases like “I’m too BLESSED to be stressed” or “BLESSED and highly favored” you get the idea, but what does that really mean? One definition of BLESSED is a favor or gift bestowed by God, thereby bringing happiness. Another is the invoking of God’s favor upon a person. To really understand the term and its meaning we must start with the understanding that the term is multifaceted. Through the month of November, we will see the meaning of the word BLESSED in scripture in a variety of ways and see how God lovingly gifts his BLESSINGS to us.

1. Isaiah 26:3
2. Numbers 6:24-26
3. Psalm 34:1-9
4. Matthew 5:1-11
5. Luke 6: 20-22
6. Psalm 91
7. Psalm 32:1-2
8. Psalm 107
9. Genesis 49: 22-26
10. Ephesians 1:1-4
11. Deuteronomy 28:1-13

12. Jeremiah 29:11-14
13. Proverbs 16:20
14. Psalm 119:1-3
15. Proverbs 16:1-3
16. Psalm 20:1-9
17. 2 Corinthians 9:8
18. Philippians 4:19
19. Psalm 1:1-3
20. Mark 11:23-24
21. Jeremiah 17:7-8
22. Isaiah 41:10

23. Psalm 23:1-6
24. 2 Samuel 22:2-4
25. Psalm 138:1-8
26. Philippians 4:6-7
27. 2 Peter 1:3
28. Genesis 39: 1-5
29. Proverbs 10:22
30. Matthew 5-6



DECEMBER - GODLINESS

Although there are not many verses throughout the entire Bible that explicitly state the word “GODLINESS,” its theme runs through each book and several verses. GODLINESS by definition is the quality or state of being spiritually pure or virtuous. In other words, GODLINESS is living a fruitful and obedient life that pleases God. GODLINESS should be evident in our lives through how we live not simply by what we say. Within the reading for this month you will find scriptures tucked away inside the larger context that speak about being or living GODLY lives. You are encouraged to find the verse that speaks about GODLINESS and from there journal about how you can put that scripture to use in your own life.

1. Psalm 1-2
2. 1 Timothy 3-4
3. 1 Timothy 5-6
4. 2 Peter 2-3
5. 1 Corinthians 15
6. Luke 11-12
7. 1 Peter 1-2
8. Mark 7-8
9. Luke 12-13
10. 2 Timothy 3-4
11. Romans 12

12. 2 Peter 1
13. 2 Corinthians 4
14. 2 Corinthians 6-7
15. Micah 6-7
16. Jude
17. Galatians 5-6
18. Colossians 2-3
19. John 14-15
20. John 17-18
21. James 1-2
22. Isaiah 1-2

23. Acts 1-2
24. Zephaniah 2-3
25. Romans 7-8
26. Psalm 36
27. Revelation 1-2
28. 1 John 1-3
29. Jeremiah 28-29
30. Ephesians 2
31. 2 Corinthians 5