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A Simple Gospel

**52 Lessons to Enhance
Your Devotion Time**

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Dedication

I dedicate this workbook to my life pastors, Arnold and Nancy Doleshal, whose faith, tireless dedication, and compassionate hearts have guided me toward a deeper relationship with God and made me feel cared for and understood. Your faithful leadership has been the cornerstone of my spiritual journey.

I am deeply grateful for your patience and guidance over the past forty years. Your leadership and faithfulness in serving the Lord in truth and love have driven me to delve deeper into biblical studies and, most importantly, to discern truth from error, a skill I owe to your teachings.

Thank you for your unwavering leadership and the profound impact it has had on many lives, including mine. Under your guidance, I have experienced significant growth in spirit and knowledge of the Word, a testament to the influence of your teachings on my spiritual journey. I am deeply, deeply grateful!

Welcome to where the Spirit is Unlimited!

When we read the Bible, we see how God has interacted with his people throughout history and how he continues to do so today. This helps us build a stronger foundation for our faith and understand the context of the struggles and triumphs we face in our own lives. Regular personal Bible study is a discipline that requires a time commitment to making it a regular habit.

Here are some helpful tips to enhance your devotional:

- Begin each lesson with prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you through the lesson.
- Find a quiet and distraction-free environment, and set goals for your study.
- Be consistent in reading the Word in its entirety. Follow the 1 year reading plan.
- Find ways to incorporate each lesson into your daily life.



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Weekly Devotion



WEEKLY BIBLE READING:

*Psalms 1-3, Genesis 1-7
1 Chronicles 1-7, Luke 1-6*

A FATHER RELATIONSHIP

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

– 1 John 1:12 (NLT)

DISCUSSION:

Your relationship with Father God is of immense significance to Him, a truth not always fully expressed in the church. From Genesis to Revelation, we witness the Father's continuous movement and exposure to mankind, underscoring the importance of this divine relationship.

In the Old Testament, God was seen as a pillar of fire at night and a cloud by day. Daily, He displayed that He is a provider, protector, savior, and healer. In the New Testament, God reveals himself through Jesus— *Immanuel, God with us*. Jesus confirmed this when he said to Philip, *when you see me, you have seen the Father* (Jn. 14:6). I AM the radiance of Father's glory. I AM the exact imprint of His nature (Heb. 1:3). You have heard the term 'father like son', Jesus followed Joseph's footsteps by becoming a carpenter. However, when he was thirty years old, He left that trade and took on the work of His heavenly Father, walking and talking in perfect unity with Him.

Jesus, as the son of man, reconciled mankind back to God, fulfilling Father's ultimate predestined plan—to dwell with His people. This act of divine reconciliation (a response to the war between good and evil activated within us from birth) is a testament to our Father's profound love and grace. Our soul is constrained to carnal cravings and the ever-tempting powers and principalities of the air. From a spiritual perspective, many people are acting *against their will* because evil forces *manipulate, intimidate, and dominate them*. On the other side of the cup (*if you please*), Genesis tells us *we are made in the image of God*. Deep down in every person's DNA is the imprint of Father's nature, along with His righteous *laws written upon the heart*. That is how every person knows God exists.

If you were to say that you don't believe in God, I would say that you do, indeed believe, because everyone has a conscious mind of *justice* within them. Ask anyone on the street if a murderer, robber,

or kidnapper should go to jail. Without hesitation, they will say YES! Because it's justice. Father is a God of justice. He is the Judge of the Universe. That is why sin has to be punished. But He is also a merciful God. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the whole of man's sin and bore their punishment so that *all who believe in Him can be called the Sons of God* (John 1:12). This exchange of sin for righteousness is called PROPITIATION.

Romans 3:23-26 says *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet Father, by His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins, for our glorious Father presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin* (meaning people are made right with God when they believe Jesus sacrificed his life by shedding his blood). *This sacrifice shows that Father was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and included you and me in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he is fair and makes sinners right when they believe in Jesus.* Sadly, those who do not accept this Heavenly exchange or propitiation will be punished fully on judgment day.

Jesus clearly explained that He is *the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through union with Him* (John 14:6). An intimate relationship with Jesus allows us to approach the Father and expand our spirit, becoming one with the triune Godhead. Jesus walked this earth as a man wholly dependent on the Holy Spirit. He did not speak or do anything unless Father was leading; then, responded to that leading with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Reflections

The Holy Spirit was sent to continue the work of Jesus, but He needs a vessel— and He needs you. 'When the Holy Spirit comes,' Jesus said, 'He will reveal what the Father is saying and what He is planning to do' (John 16:13). By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can continue the work Jesus began and even greater works shall we do. This is the simple gospel Jesus taught. 'Believe IN ME, for I have been sent from FATHER TO SET YOU FREE FROM SIN that is punishable by death.' Salvation is not a reward earned through works, but a precious gift God's grace bestows. This gift of propitiation, received through faith, empowers you to overcome sin and be transformed into a vessel of honor fit for the King of Kings to dwell in.

A Father Relationship - Study Questions

1. What does the term *family of God* mean to you?

2. From scripture or your own experience, how does Jesus help us get to know God as our Father?

3. How can we receive and reflect more of our Heavenly Father's nature in our lives?

4. Read Isaiah 63:8-9. What kind of relationship does God want with His people? How did God respond to their distress?

5. Read Galatians 4:1–7. According to verse 5, by what method is God building His family? What key points about how God adopts us do you see in these passages?

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Personal Takeaways

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