

We're broken pieces which God (the Artist) brings together to create something unique, beautiful, and everlasting.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Start each day with prayer asking God to reveal the brokenness in your life as well as His mercy and grace. Pray that He shows you the meaning of His salvation and the purpose He has for you.

DAY ONE

READ Romans 3:22-24 using the *PRONOUNCE IT* method. **READ** it over and over emphasizing different words, then **WRITE** down your thoughts. Who has fallen short of God's glorious standards? In spite of this, what does God still call us? How have you been made right with God in spite of your sin and brokenness? Is there sin in your life from which you haven't yet repented? What steps do you need to take in order to turn from it? **ASK** the Holy Spirit to search your heart and shine His light on any hidden areas of sin to which you're holding.

This process of sanctification takes honesty, grace, and time. Remember... it's God who makes you holy. You can trust that He will work all things out for your benefit and ultimately His glory.

DAY TWO

READ Ephesians 2:4 and Psalm 86:15 using the *PRAY IT* method. **CHANGE** the passage you're studying into the first person singular. **TURN** it into a prayer and pray it back to God. Whether it's David in the Old Testament or Paul in the New Testament speaking of the Lord, God has ALWAYS shown unrelenting mercy and unfailing love for His children. When has someone shown you unmerited mercy and love?

How did you feel being given something so precious you don't deserve?

MEDITATE on how much more the Creator of the universe has shown you
His mercy and love. We know Jesus is the ultimate example of God's mercy
and love for us, but in what other ways has God shown you His grace and love?

SPEND time thanking God for everything He has done, is doing, and will do
for you because He loves you so much.

DAY THREE

READ Ephesians 2:5-7 using the *PROBE IT* method, utilizing the *S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.* acronym (*S- Is there a sin to confess? P- Is there a promise to claim? A- Is there an attitude to change? C- Is there a command to obey? <i>E- Is there an example to follow? P- Is there a prayer to pray? E- Is there an error to avoid? T- Is there a truth to believe? S- Is there something for which to praise God?)* According to the passage, is God's grace earned? This may be an easy question to answer and a basic truth for Christians, but what does your life's testimony say? Are you living your life as a glorious example of God's grace and goodness? Or do you continue to live for your own glory? What areas of your life do you need to surrender to the Lord? **SPEND** time in prayer meditating on the truths and promises within today's passage.

DAY FOUR

READ 2 Corinthians 9:8, Ephesians 2:8-9 several times using the *PARAPHRASE IT* method. **THINK** about what God's saying and say it in your own words. Then search your heart to see how the verse applies to you and **TALK** to God about it. Grace is God's sufficiency and God's fullness in your life. The passages reveal how we're saved by grace and how God is able to make all grace abound in you to do every good work He has for you. So, is His grace enough? Truly?

Is your life an expression of God's wonderful grace? God says His grace will fill you to do His good and perfect will. Where has God called you to serve? How will you trust God to enable you to abound in every good work?

MOVE from complacency to action. THANK God for His never-ending grace and ASK Him where and how He wants you to live it out.

DAY FIVE

READ Matthew 9:35-38, Ephesians 2:10 using the *PRONOUNCE IT* method. **READ** these verses emphasizing different words, then write down your thoughts. Jesus tells His disciples that the harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. Has anything changed since the time Jesus said this? First, Jesus calls us to pray to the Lord to send more workers. **TAKE** time now to **WRITE** down the names of people in your life who need Jesus. **PRAY** that God will use you to impact them in the way He wants. In Ephesians, Paul tells us we're God's masterpieces, created to do the things God has called us to do. As His masterpieces, we're created to pray, worship, encourage, grow, and live in community together. *ARE YOU* ...

- $...\ living\ in\ community\ outside\ of\ Saturday\ night\ or\ Sunday\ morning?$
- ... sharing God's gifts in your life with other believers regularly?
- ... receiving the blessing of other believers' presence in your life? If not, *GET INTO COMMUNITY*.

CONNECT where God calls you to connect. There are many opportunities to serve at JW and/or to join a small group to do life together (*community*). Or decide to impact our community and the world through mission-focused service. **TAKE** time to pray, seek, and respond to God's call in your life.

Remember, God (the Artist) has a calling (special purpose) for you (His masterpiece)!

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