



7 WEEK STUDY



Unless we can see ourselves in God's word,
we will never allow it to truly transform us.

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Thank You

FOR BEING A PART
OF MY BIG DREAMS



I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you - Oh, don't give me that. I mean it! I do a little happy dance every time a Bible Study is downloaded, a book is purchased or a social media devotion is shared. God planted some BIG dreams inside my heart and I spent the majority of my adult life pushing them away and calling it "being humble". Up until God smacked me during the alter service at a women's retreat and made me realize that what I was calling humbleness, God was calling a slap in the face. ouch. I've since learned that you can have a humble heart WHILE you are accepting, stepping into and rejoicing in your calling. If God is the one who calls us into things, who do we think we are when we tell Him *you may have picked the wrong person, I am not that great*.

God doesn't make mistakes, and those He calls, He qualifies. The enemy would love nothing more than to shut us up. To keep us so pressed down that we don't walk into our calling. Our kingdom purpose is tied to souls. It's not just about us, and the enemy knows it!

He would also love to keep us from knowing God's word. Because when we read God's word, and we glean from the life lessons and the experiences laced within the scripture we ignite hope in our hearts. And that my friend, is how this study was birthed. The Lord woke me up from a dead sleep, showed me the cover of a book (The Imprint title and all!) and began to explain to me the importance of His kids' not just reading the word, but seeing their life IN the word. So that is my goal and my prayer moving forward. I pray that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes of your understanding and allow you to understand His word in a new way. That this wouldn't just be stories from decades ago, but that you would identify with the struggles, the victories & everything in-between. That you would know that God never changes, He is Faithful, and we can trust Him with everything because He is a good, good, father.

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Road Map to Success

Getting the most out of this study is simple! Follow these pro-tips below and prepare your heart for laughs, encouragement and deep rooted truths.

01

Set aside time.

You will get out of this study what you put into it. Realize that in order for God to speak we must settle our hearts and minds, and focus on him. This looks different for everyone. Decide what works for you, and stick to it.

02

Utilize the Private Facebook Group.

Like "Crystal Komala Ministries" on Facebook and join the "Imprint Study" Group. Here You will find videos to encourage you along the way and find a place to connect with others traveling through the study with you. Do not work ahead, take the time to dive into details and pray specifically.

03

Engage!

If you are able to meet with us in person, please do! Or join a girlfriend and walk through this with her. Watch the video content online in the Facebook group and post your reactions, questions or prayer requests! Videos are short, sweet & to the point. Lastly feel free to email hello@crystalkomala.com for anything else you may need.

04

Comment!

Creating a community where everyone feels the love depends on you and I to like, love & comment. It's easy to read and scroll on by But, if someone is feeling vulnerable enough to share, let's meet them in the middle and offer support where we can. And In the words of Bambi, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all.



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Be Strong &
Courageous
Do not be afraid
God is with you
wherever you go.

Week 1

Miriam

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Unit 1: Week 1

Weekly Bible Reading: Exodus 15-17, Numbers 12

Romans 8

Miriam's Strengths: Worship, A Leader, Bold

Miriam's Shortfalls: Jealous, Pride

Courage must run in the family!

Miriam, the sister of Moses & Aaron and the only daughter of Amram & Jochebed makes her entrance into scripture near the water, which seems to be consistent in her life. History tells us that she is about 10 or 11 when Pharaoh declares that all male Israelite babies be drowned and killed. Fearful (for good reason!) Jochebed places Moses into a basket and places him into the river. She then sends Miriam, the older sister, to look after the basket. I wonder if Miriam had to fight off alligators, or other animals that may consider the young baby for a meal. There's no doubt she was praying, asking God to spare the life of her little brother. And, because God is good like that, He doesn't just save Moses, He places him in the house of Pharaoh. Think about that for a moment, what looked like SURE defeat, sudden death, was actually setting the stage for a blessing.

Has that ever happened to you? A real-life Romans 8:28 ordeal? Not today Satan, our God is in control!

And while this study isn't about Moses I believe it is important to point out that all the time spent in the palace (40 years to be exact) allowed him to know how to communicate with Pharaoh & his royal staff when it was time for Moses to approach Pharaoh and plea to let God's people go from slavery and bondage.



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When the enemy thought he would kill one of God's chosen, God turned around and used him to free an entire nation! Remember, this man Moses, was the brother of Miriam. I don't doubt that she had a supercharged faith. Watching her brothers walk out the will of God, seeing signs and wonders, seeing the plagues play out before her eyes....

It's hard to think that someone with that kind of access to seeing God's goodness would struggle with pride, jealousy or gossip. But isn't that just like us? We watch God heal our bodies, save our children, give us favor -- yet we still fall victim to sin. We still allow the shouts of the enemy to override what we know should be compassion and acceptance.

Miriam was the first to sing the praises of God after the Red Sea Miracle! Could you imagine leading that choir?! Oh what singing, Oh what shouting! The song outlined in Exodus still rings in my ear every time I remind the devil that he's under my feet.

What is your "red sea miracle"?
Where / how have you seen God move in amazement?

Her brother, Aaron, the high priest called her a "prophetess"! In fact, she is the first prophetess that we see in the scripture. She was basically the worship leader who could prophesy! Talk about a mighty woman.

But did you notice the communicated tone in Miriam's voice as she talks to Aaron about Moses' new wife? She traded in her joyous praise for a note of total disapproval. And did you see the reaction of God? He was NOT happy. Scripture tells us that he heard of Miriam's chit-chat and slapped her with leprosy. [gasp] Talk about feeling like an outsider. You think being diagnosed with COVID19 makes you the black sheep, try being Moses' sister and coming down with a disease that requires you to sit OUTSIDE of the camp. *Without social media.* Talk about feeling disconnected! But let's just be frank here, we reap what we sow. And can we just take a moment and praise God for Jesus & the new covenant!? Now I'm not saying that we are exempt from reaping, but we are under a new covenant and when we repent from sin God is faithful & just to forgive us.

The Bible doesn't come out and tell us why Miriam decided to be a total Mean Girl in regards to Moses' new wife. But since she's never mentioned in scripture after this, I'd dare say it's deeper than waking up on the wrong side of the tent. I believe Miriam had some deep seeded jealousy, as she was unmarried. And likely some pride that led her to believe women from other locations were less-than.

While I prayed about Miriam for months, I felt that she still had more to do. That there was still some untapped potential. But it was cut short.

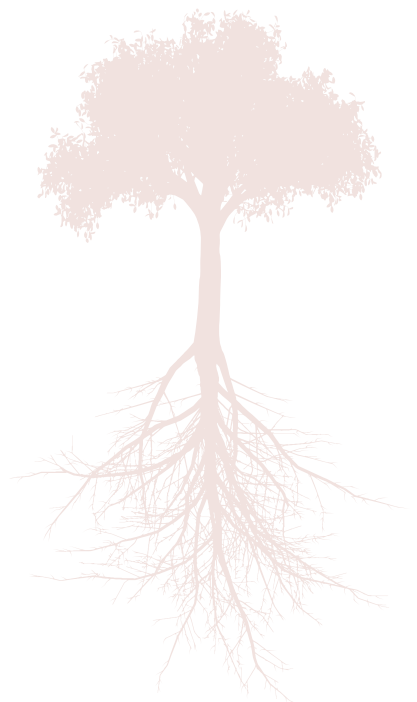
Why?

Because God cannot correct what you won't confront.

read that again...

If we think we have the right family ties, the best job, the most anointed position and we refuse to allow the Holy Spirit to clean our temples, we wind up cutting our own ministry short.

Just as any strong tree or fruitful tree requires physical pruning, we require spiritual pruning. It's painful, but necessary. We simply cannot afford to rob God of our giftings because we refuse to tackle pride.



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Encourage.

Miriam was a great encourager. She led the people in song and played the tambourine as she danced, reminding her people of what God did for them. Make it a point to encourage those around you this week. Hold your tongue when you want to complain. Be empathetic yet encourage.



Snail Mail.

Let's take this encouragement one step further. Remember snail mail? This week mail a letter or card to someone who could use a pick-me-up. Let's face it, getting something besides bills from the mailbox is sure to brighten someone's day.



Seek Him.

Since this is week one, let's talk about a "prayer closet". Getting alone with the Lord is essential to a peace-led life. While praying in our cars is 100% effective, sometimes we need to devote our undivided time and energy to praying. (Tune into the Video this week for more tips on finding this time and place). In your prayer time this week ask the Lord to reveal to you any seeds of jealousy, bitterness, or racism. While Miriam had much to offer, its likely that her time being a mouthpiece for God was cut short due to seeds, that took root. Let's spend some time allowing God to reveal these things to us, repent and ask for the Lord to shape our hearts and minds in a way that pleases heaven.

Week

2

Eve

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Unit 1: Week 2

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 1-5, Eph. 4:27

Eve's Strengths: Mother of all creation

Eve's Shortfalls: Impulsive,

Goodness y'all I'm not even sure I can communicate the revelation I have had while reading through Genesis but I am going to do my best.

I am nearly certain any momma who has experienced labor pains wants to have a little one-on-one with Eve once they make it inside the Pearly Gates. However we should pump the brakes. Turns out, we are MUCH more like her than we'd care to admit. Eve lived in a literal paradise. And while we think that if we had everything we wanted, and got to prance around naked we certainly wouldn't screw that up But, if we think of our reality here in America we would have to admit that we are pretty spoiled. God creates Eve in chapter 2 from the Earth and from Adam. I have always imagined that Adam is totally in love with Eve, having never seen a woman before I am nearly certain they were literally a match made in heaven. Before Eve was created God lays down the rules for paradise with Adam. In Gen. 2:16-17 He tells him that he can eat of any tree except the one. Certainly Adam shared these rules with Eve as when the Serpant approached her he tried to twist the words of God. But before we go there take a peek again at Gen. 2:25 which says that Adam and Eve knew NO shame. They were confident, they knew who they were in Christ. They were full of love and the word says they walked with God in the cool of the day. God was literally their friend. I believe God created them for companionship, it was the perfect paradise. Until it wasn't .





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Enter Satan stage left.

I have often wondered why the Lord allowed Satan into the garden, and if we are honest we wonder why the Lord has allowed pain, heartache, loss and turmoil in our lives as well. However I think it is clear that God wants a people who will love Him because they want to. A people who will obey Him because they want to. And if we want to get real technical we can peek at the verbiage that Jesus uses in the Lord's prayer, saying that we should ask the Father to lead us NOT into temptation. Meaning that there are times where we are led into temptation. Why? For the trying of our faith produces patience, and our trials turn into testimonies. And how do we overcome? By the blood of our lamb, and the word of our testimony. No trial? No temptation? No testimony.

When Satan slithers into the scene in Chapter 3 we see that right from the beginning he is trying to start conversation with Eve. Do you notice the tone of the enemy? He is fishing for information. Satan is NOT all knowing like The Father, so he is asking Eve for information. Rather than rebuking Him from the get go, she entertains his question. When she replies she tells the enemy what it was that God said. Right away the enemy begins to discredit the words that God has spoken.

"You shall not surely die..." he says to Eve. Then he continues on with his lies.

How often does this happen within us? God speaks in our prayer time, The Holy Spirit whispers, someone prophesies over you and the minute we leave that sweet spot, the enemy starts in with his lies.

God surely didn't mean that.

There's no way you can amount to that.

You're too old / You're too young.

It's always been this way, it's not going to change.

God will use someone else, he can't use someone like you to do something like that.

Sound familiar?

Eve gave place to the enemy. And when we give him an inch, he takes a mile. Then Eve looked on the fruit, the sin, and saw that it looked good. And she impulsively ate it. She did not consult her husband, she didn't pray about it - she indulged. Notice here what Satan ALWAYS appeals to. It's either the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes or the pride of life, or a combination. He has no new tricks, my friend.

And look the influence that Eve had on her husband.

And her children, Cain and Abel - one of them turned into a murder. Do you see how sin multiplies? Do you see how greatly our decisions effect MUCH more than just us?

Remember how before all of this they knew no sin and they knew no shame? Now that they've eaten of the tree they immediately hide from God.

See that?

Sin separates us from God.

When the Lord confronts them and they tell him why they are hiding he says "Who told you...."

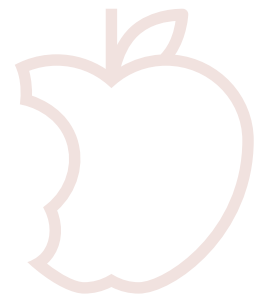
And that is what I want to ask you today.

Who told you you couldn't accomplish that dream?

Who told you that you weren't pretty enough?

Who told you that you weren't called?

We must get to a place where we refuse to give place to the enemy. We must be so confident in the words that God has spoken to us that we refuse to be talked out of them. And we must always remember that there is so much more at stake than what meets the eye.



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Rebuke It.

This week I want you to be intentional regarding your thought life. Each day ask the Lord to guard your thought life, and to help you be aware of the enemies attack on your mind. Anytime the enemy tries to bring a lie to your mind, openly (out loud) rebuke the devil Do not fall for his traps like Eve did. Refuse to give him any place in your mind.



Write it Out.

This week we learned that before sin Adam and Eve knew no shame. They were confident in who God said that they were. Take out your journal and write about 5-10 verses that tell of who God says that you are. Check out this week's video for examples if you're feeling stuck.



Seek Him.

You're not getting out of your prayer closet so soon! This week let's get cozy in our prayer closet. Make time twice this week where you can shut out the world and seek the face of God. Crank up the worship music and ask God to reveal to you lies that you have given place to. Make sure you have your journal handy and expect Him to speak. As he reveals these lies and you write them out, try to find a scripture that validates its opposite. For example if the Lord tells you that you've given place to the lie that you will never get out of debt write the scripture in Deut. 28:12-14

Week 3

Noah

Noah

Noah, in my eyes, is simply remarkable. In short he stood on God's word, that was spoken to him regarding building the arc to save a portion of humanity. Think about it, Noah didn't even have a bible to reference, he had a personal relationship with God that allowed God to speak to him. (See the importance of a Prayer Closet?) Noah took that conversation and *literally* built from it.

How often do we get a word from the Lord and discount it? Or doubt it? Or we pull the classic "if you are speaking to me Lord, please confirm it! Give me a sign!" Don't worry, I do it much more than I'd like to admit.

Now while it's possible the Bible leaves out some doubt or prayers back and forth between Noah and God, he still relentlessly believed in what God told him and he began building. Often times the Lord can be rather vague with His directions, but in this case He was very specific on how he wanted Noah to build the arc. Can you imagine the criticism Noah must have received from his peers and those surrounding him? They must have thought Noah was simply off his rocker. Remember y'all, it had never rained from the sky before. And not only was Noah calling for rain, he was calling for a FLOOD.

Has God ever given you an assignment like this? Something so far out in left field you doubt His direction? Find comfort in the story of Noah, and remember that God uses ordinary humans to carry out his extraordinary blessings.

Unit 3: Week 3

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 5-9

Noah's Strengths: Faith, Perseverance

Noah's Shortfalls: Drunkenness

Power Verse

"And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him."

Genesis 7:5 KJV



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Noah's efforts paired with his trust in God saved an entire race, the human race. Noah's story is proof that it's not just about us. Noah was persistent. He didn't just build this arc in a week, it took him 120 years. Some of us would give up on a promise from God in 72 hours if it didn't manifest. There is a lot we can learn here from this mighty man of faith.

Again we can see your calling isn't just about you. It's about every one it's supposed to reach. **It's about generations being impacted for the gospel all because you said yes.**

And what if, each day you wait to step into what God's calling you to, you delay the blessing for someone else?
ouch.

Unfortunately Noah wasn't a bed of roses all the time. In fact after the arc landed on dry ground Noah planted a vineyard, got drunk and basically passed out naked.

We know from several verses in the scriptures that God doesn't like drunkenness. Yet, Noah lived another three hundred plus years after the flood.

However I find it interesting that this is the last mention of any accomplishments of Noah. It's possible that he just kicked back to enjoy his life post-flood, however I think we should also consider that this last recorded act of disobedience cut Noah's work short prematurely. Let's learn from this and strive to never go against God's word, we have too much at stake!

I heard a well respected preacher say that Prayer produces Holiness, and revival always starts with Holiness. Therefore we can gather that **in order to truly see revival in this nation we must seek the Lord in purposeful prayer.** The kind of prayer that leads to pruning. The kind of conversations with the Creator of the universe that produces a longing for more of His spirit. Which in turn will draw us to refinement, and pull us further from this world and the counterfeit peace that the enemy offers. I have found in my life that before God calls me higher, He often takes me low

Low to a place of humbleness. A place of consecration. There is a new level of prayer that I step into, a new level of studying His word. There is always more that is required of me spiritually when God is calling me higher..

Sounds familiar doesn't it?
Too much that is given, much is required.

It would be easy to simply get fat off the blessings of God. But if we truly want to be impactful in our generation, if we truly want God to use us - we must come out from among the world and be separate. We must give our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to the Lord. We must seek righteousness, and run from anything that appears to be sin. And I'm not just talking about the heavy hitters like adultery, but I'm saying that it's been my experience that God will cause you to have a change of taste for the things you used to love, and it will pull you closer to Him.

For example, I used to totally love 90's music. But as I walk into deeper waters with the Lord, as I ask him to mold my heart into His, I find that when I switch that on in the car, I become unformatable with the lyrics. I am reminded that Satan used to be the worship leader in heaven and he'd love nothing more than to pervert the very sounds that were created to give him glory. And before I know it I am singing along to Praise & worship music. Now, this isn't a lesson on music - but it is a reminder to seek holiness. And a prompting for you to ask the Lord what area in your life needs pruning.

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Write It.

This week I want you to think back over the last year and write about God's goodness in a year of chaos. Noah no doubt left an incredible legacy for all of us to glean from. If the rapture happened next week, what would you want someone to know about Gods 2020 keeping power? Imaging them being left behind and reading your testimony



Build.

Don't discount the calling God has placed on your life by begging him for another sign. Stand on the sure word of God and get building just like Noah did. If you still aren't sure what God has for you to do in this season, serve. Find a place to be faithful. Get busy working the harvest and he will promote you in due time.



Seek Him.

Are you starting to get comfortable in your prayer closet? Isn't it such a sweet space of communion? This week spend time praying (at least 3x this week) a covering over your family. Noah built an arc to protect God's people, but today we dont need an arc - we need the blood. The enemy cannot stand the sight of the blood of Jesus. It's time to pray and proclaim! (see my video this week for more details on how to do this)

Week 4

Deborah

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Gracious, what a multi-tasker! Deborah was a judge, prophetess, gave military direction and we even see her in Chapter 4 leading in song! It sounds to me like Deborah knew some key elements that can speak to us today.

She judged by righteous judgment, In the beginning we see a disobedient people and a war, but we end with 40 years of peace. We also see zero negativity spoken of her. This speaks volumes to me! So often we see good and bad portrayed in the scripture for mighty men and women. However, we only see Deborah's accomplishments, her ability to lead, her willingness to praise, what a strong example for us to follow!

The scripture tells us that to who much is given, much is required. I can only imagine the kind of prayer life this woman must have had in order to have the knowledge, wisdom and discernment she needed to rightfully judge the people. Which should lead us to examine our hearts. What is our knowledge of Gods word, His heart for the people, His laws? When friends come to us seeking counsel do we give them wisdom or do we dive into gossip? Is our advice rooted in Biblical truth? It seems we cannot trust must these days outside of the word of God. Let's check our anchor Ladies, are we rooted and grounded in His word? If we are, we have nothing to fear.

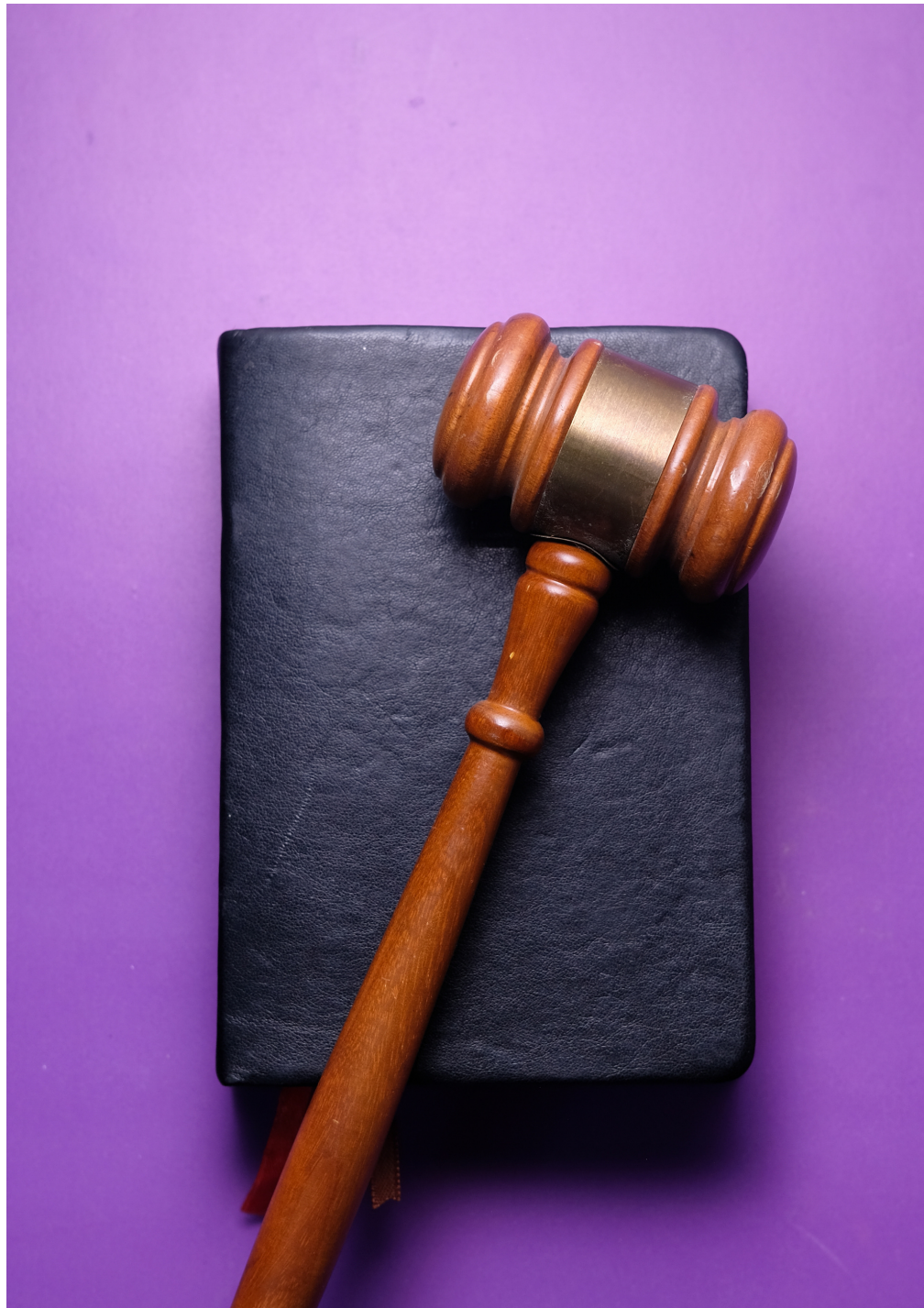
Unit 4: Week 4

Weekly Bible Reading: Judges 4-5

Power Verse

However when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak from Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come."

John 16:13



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Righteous Judgement.

This week think about the rules you allow to govern your life. Are you giving way to any non-Biblical truths to guide your life? Let's not waste our time on superstition or tradition. Let's determine to only live our life by the guiding light of the Holy Scripture.



Sing.

You heard me, I said find your hairbrush-microphone and worship the Lord. What song is speaking to you right now? Share it in the group and spend time pouring your worship out to King Jesus. He is worthy, amen?.



Seek Him.

Isn't it amazing when God drops revelation knowledge into our hearts about his word, and our situation? This week our prayer-closet-challenge is simple; each morning ask the Lord to place someone in your path that you can bless. And, when he does (and he will!) Bless them! Speak life and positivity, give, smile, encourage, pray.... You are a light in the darkness! Throw your shoulders back and act like it.

Week 5

Sarah

Sarah

Sarah is teaching me so much! I hope that as you read the scripture you were reminded of instances within your life where you have mirrored her. When God came to her with what seems like an impossibility, she laughed. How many times have we found ourselves in a similar situation? Where we immediately discount ourselves from the call of God because our minds cannot reason it. And isn't it just like the Lord to hear Sarah in her laughter and ask her why she is doubting? But if we back up before this visitation from the Lord we can read that Sarah tries to help abraham have children by offering her servant to him. Sometimes we think we need to help God get things aligned in our life when in reality what we need to do is ask for his direction, then trust him in the waiting. I do love seeing the heart of God in this situation. Even though Hagar's child was not the chosen generation that God had pre-destined to be Abraham's blessed seed, he still honored and blessed this boy and his descendants. However, do you see the Girlfight brewing between Hagar and Sarah? I think this is telling of the repercussions that can happen when we try to take plans out of gods hands and place them into our own. I read a commentary that said that Abraham's heart was so grieved having to send his child a way, I simply cannot imagine having to do that. But I do find it interesting that the Lord told Abraham to listen to Slerra and send the child away. Sometimes I think God has to move people out of our life in order to fulfill the calling he has for us. Not everyone can go to the promised land with you.

Unit 5: Week 5

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 16-18, 21, Hebrews 11

Sarah's Strength: Fulfilling God's call even in old age

Sarah's Weakness: Trying to fulfill God's promise her own way

Power Verse

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1





Sarah

Unit 5: Week 5

Weekly Bible Reading: Genesis 16-18, 21, Hebrews 11

Sarah's Strength: Fulfilling God's call even in old age

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In her old age, Sarah brings forth a son. Isn't it interesting that before Sarah could see the manifestation of her blessing, she had to go through the birthing process. What in your life is waiting to be birthed?

Did you notice the promise that God gave to Abraham? Did you see that after God gave Abraham the promise he got the knife out. He had to physically cut away a portion of himself and those around him through circumcision in order to receive the blessing of God.

Here we can see in both Abraham and Sarah a physical process. A physical birth to bring forth a promise, and a physical cutting away to seal a promise. Follow me into the spiritual. Can you see the spiritual line up of these things in your life? Think about spiritual pruning seasons, about spiritually birthing a promise or even a soul into the kingdom.

Rather than laughing at what God has planned, rather than seeing that it looks impossible through the eyes of man, rather than focusing on the pain of the process,,, Let's look forward. Let's keep our eyes on the prize.

Lord, strengthen your daughters. Open our spiritual eyes to see what you are doing around us, and what is brewing in us. Stir up the gifts inside of us. Make us bold as lions and harmless as doves. Open our eyes to the spiritual attacks of the enemy and help us to be SO sure of our authority in you that we give no place to the enemy. Lord help your daughters to not be distracted, and therefore delayed. Let your will be done in and through us.



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Your Promised Land

What promise has God given to you that you need to declare over your life? What causes your flesh to laugh, but your spirit to get excited? Write this out and declare that you WILL reach your promised land.



Cutting Away

The pruning season is HARD girl, but so necessary. Spend time in prayer and ask the Lord if there is anything in you that cannot make it into your promised land. What about people? Is there anyone that cannot travel with you?



A New Name

What is a name the enemy, or maybe your earthly parents have give you that doesnt align with Gods word? Write this out, then cross it out. Then write out what God says your name is. For example; if your earthly father called you ugly you would cross this out and then write that God calls you Beautiful (Song of Solomon 4:7)

Week 6

Double E's

The Double E's

Unit 6: Week 6

Weekly Bible Reading: 1 Kings 18 & 19, 2 Kings 2

Elijah's Strengths: Man of Prayer

Elijah's Weaknesses: The spirit of Jezebel

Can we take a moment and appreciate the humor of Elijah? When I read through 1 Kings 18 I can't help but giggle. In verse 27 Elijah starts to poke fun at the prophet's of Baal, "Maybe you need to shout louder" "Maybe he is sleeping or daydreaming"! I love the confidence we see here of Elijah. It makes me wonder how our life might look different if we took the same attitude when people, or even the enemy comes to us to cause us to doubt. Later in 1 Kings 18 we read of Elijah calling literal fire down from heaven. What a mighty man of God! I love that he was not swayed when the enemy tried to come and "one up him". When they tried to call down fire themselves, but clearly couldn't conjure up anything, even after cutting themselves and crying out to their evil Gods. Look closely at the prayer of Elijah in verse 36-37. In the NLT he says "...answer me so these people will know that you O Lord are God..." Look at the heart. Elijah seeks to lift up God, to draw men to him. Oh, that our hearts would echo this prayer! Lord do mighty acts through us so that the world, so that the enemy's own can see and know that YOU are God! Shortly after this mighty act we see the threat of Jezebel cause him to literally retreat to hiding and ask God to take his life. It would be easy to look at this and scoff, but the spirit of Jezebel is nothing to mess with. There are many teachings in the body of Christ on this specific spirit and how to stay strong when under attack. I think we should take notice here that if a mighty man of power, like Elijah fled from a spirit and wished to die, we should seek to build ourselves up by praying in the holy ghost, and cover ourselves in the blood of Christ.



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Let's continue to look at the rhetoric of Elijah as he talks to God. While he lays complaining under a broom tree the Lord (seeming totally frustrated) says (in my version) Elijah suck it up, you are not the only person sold out, I have 7,000 other people who haven't even bowed a knee to the enemy.

Isn't this just like us today?

The enemy gets us to think we are the ONLY ones believing for a miracle, the ONLY ones sold out to Christ, the ONLY ones who really believe in the Holy Ghost, the ONLY ones struggling with the responsibilities of being a wife / student / mother / etc.

When in reality we are surrounded by people walking the same walk as us! And probably looking for companionship, asking themselves the same questions!

The enemy may be sneaky, but he always shows his cards. There is nothing new under the sun.

Now look at our gracious heavenly father, who provides someone to help carry the load, someone to carry on in ministry, someone to take the mantle, Elisha.

The word tells us that Elisha studied under Elijah and followed him. I think this mirrors for us the need for not only Godly friendship, but mentors in the body of Christ. To me this is why the older generation is SO needed in the church house. We need their wisdom, and they need the determination and zeal that the younger generation possess. While the roles can always be flip-flopped we can see that it's vital to surround yourself with people you can glean from.

I love that Elisha is plowing the field when he "gets his big break". This is symbolic of working in the ministry. It would be so easy to sit around and say "I know God has a call on my life, so I am going to sit around and wait on God to tell Joyce Meyer my phone number so that I can join her on tour!" But this isn't how it works in the kingdom. To be over much, we must be faithful with little. God looks at our heart, and until he can develop a heart of service in us, he will never use us for miracles, signs and wonders.

I have said before that when we are seeking our next promotion, we must faithfully serve where we are at, and we can see that ring true here in this story of Elijah and Elisha.

And what about Elijah's grand exit from this Earth?!
A chariot of fire!

*Lord let my vehicle on this Earth be a chariot of fire!
Let me be so full of your Holy Ghost and fire that everyone around me notices. Let them feel the heat, the conviction, the consecration - Lord that we may be a walking sacrifice full of your fire!*



Put Your Faith to Work

Faith without works is dead, so lets roll up our sleeves and get in our prayer closet.



Your Wet Alter

Did you see how Elijah made the odds look to be stacked against him on Mount Caramel? What in your life seems impossible? This week purposely take it to God in prayer (praying out loud) leave it at his feet and in faith declare that God will consume it and show His hand mighty in your situation. If you feel led share within the group so we can agree with you in prayer.



A Fire Filled Mentor

Take a look at your close circle of friends, do you see anyone that is a mentor? If so reach out to them and thank them for being your fire filled person of prayer and wisdom. If not, ask God who you can go to for a mentor. Once he lays someone on your heart, reach out to them. Schedule coffee or a FaceTime Chat and commit to glean from them on your journey to glory.



Plowing

Each one of us is called to serve in the kingdom, to "plow the ground". The Word tells us that the harvest is ready, but the laborers are few! Meaning that God is ready and willing, but there aren't many vessels he can flow through to reach his people. Ask the Lord this week where you can serve, reach out to your church leadership and tell them you are willing to help wherever there is a need. Trust me, they will be grateful and you will be surprised at how fulfilled you will feel plowing the field.

If you already volunteer your time in a ministry share with the group about a time when you didn't necessarily want to serve, but God blessed you for your faithfulness to His house.

Week 7

Jesus

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I've been dragging my feet a bit in regards to writing this section. How can you even summarize a man like Jesus? How can I attempt to pick out high points, low points? I refuse to write just to simply write. I don't have that kind of time to waste, and neither do you. So I've been in persistent prayer, asking the Lord how to even write this module. As I read through the gospels I see three consultant themes that I feel led to focus on.

- 1- Jesus was consistent.
- 2- Jesus had no doubts regarding His calling
- 3- Jesus loved, even when it was hard.

Your reading assignment was a little different this week. As you flipped thru the pages of your Bible to find passages that spoke to you, you undoubtedly saw Christ in many different scenes & stories. No matter his daily tasks his eternal assignment was clear, he was about the Fathers business. He was God wrapped in flesh, feeling our every infirmity, our every heartache, our every temptation. Enduring it all not only to relate to us, but to overcome for us. So that through Him we might overcome too. He was steadfast. He didn't allow haters to make him cry in a corner, in fact he called them out and asked why they were questioning the power of God.

Oh, to have that assurance. To have that boldness, to understand the power of the blood of Jesus. Could you imagine the way we'd rock this world if the church got ahold of this assurance? This Christ-Esteem?! We'd be an unstoppable force. So what are we missing? Or rather - what are we carrying that we shouldn't be?

Doubt.

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Jesus' Strengths: assurance, Boldness & Perseverance

Jesus' Weaknesses: ...HAH!

Power Verse

"And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith,"

-Matthew 13:58



Jesus

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We are carrying doubt around like it's our job. Doubting people's calling, doubting God's healing power, doubting His word, doubting His voice.

Know what Jesus did with doubt? Nothing.

Because He couldn't.

Jesus could not walk in the fullness of his calling surrounded by doubt. (Shew- now that'll preach!) in fact he had to LEAVE a city and perform no signs & wonders there because of their unbelief!

Know what that shows us?

Your doubt effects others getting their breakthrough.

Ouch.

I said it.

If our praise can loose others prison doors then certainly our doubt can bind them up!

Our words cause life or death, blessing or cursing, how are you using yours?

No matter what side of the bed Jesus woke up on he was steadfast, constant, consistent. He was powerful, he was loving.

The Holy Ghost, the power, the Essence, the spirit of God (which dwells in believers with a clean vessel) enables us to do the same.

The Holy Ghost empowers us to walk in joy in the middle of turmoil, to give love to others who insist on tearing us down. Remember what Jesus said while hanging in the cross? While hanging by nails, bleeding, gasping for air, looking unrecognizable, innocent! Jesus wasn't chewing them out in his last breath, he was asking God to forgive them!!!

Jesus saw with his spiritual eyes. He knew they were blinded by evil, by sin & hate. He saw the soul attached and he pleaded for their mercy. Even on the cross Jesus was interceding for sinners like you and me.

Wow. What love.

I've heard it said that nails didn't hold Jesus to the cross, it was love. And I can't think of anything more true.

Let this be the imprint that Jesus leaves on our heart - the assurance of the father to walk boldly in our calling, to love in the face of hate and to refuse to doubt (for our sake & for others). Can I get an amen?



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Steadfast.

Nevertheless Jesus persisted, He fulfilled every step of his calling, completing the work of the Father on Earth. What has God called you to do that is tiring? That presses and stretches you relentlessly? Recognize and Journal about this.



Spiritual Eyes.

Remember how Jesus looked past the physical to see the lost souls and broken spirits? This week each morning ask God to give you eyes of compassion. Ask Him to allow you to see others the way He sees them. Pray for a heart for the lost, and when your paths cross with the broken, I dare you to ask to pray for them.



The Power of the Word

If Jesus was certain about anything it was the power of the Word of God (I mean... technically that was Him, right?) Think of a Lost loved one, or someone you're believing for Breakthrough over, next pull out your Bible and turn to Ephesians 1:17-23 Pray this scripture over this individual, personalizing the scripture. Don't worry I'll be posting a video to the group on how to do this soon.

Congrats!!



You Did It!

You prayed, you searched His word and you are closer to Him now than you were 7 weeks ago.

I knew you could do it.

Don't stop now, keep journaling, keep reading & Keep spending time in that prayer closet.

God has big things for you!

xo - Crystal Komala