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The Bible
Reading
Plan
Devotional

for
Women

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Your word is a lamp for my feet
and a light on my path.

PSALM 119:105 CSB

JANUARY 1

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1-3

Created in Goodness

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

GENESIS 1:31 NIV

When God created the world and everything in it, he wasn't just satisfied. He determined that what he had made was *very good*. At the end of the sixth day, God sat back and took his creation in. Everything was good, from the seas and mountains to the animals of the earth and sky. But this is not all that God declared good. Humanity was born of God's heart. It was created with love, and it was *very good* in his eyes.

When you question your worth, remember who made you. God doesn't make mistakes! He is full of love for you, and he longs for you to come alive in his kindness. You might look around and see a lack of goodness in the world. Ask God to reveal his everlasting mercy to you, to see where his goodness still stands.

Creator, when I struggle to see goodness in others and in myself, show me where the light of your love breaks through. I look to you.

JANUARY 2

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4-6

Made in His Image

This is the written account of the descendants of Adam.
When God created human beings, he made them to be
like himself.

GENESIS 5:1 NLT

God created humans to be like himself. So, when we look at the character of God, we can more fully understand what he wants us to be like. God, the merciful one, has not changed a bit over time. Therefore, as we look at the rest of his Word and how he meets his people throughout the ages, we can recognize his unflinching nature shining through.

Galatians 5:22-23 explains the fruit of God's Spirit: his divine imprint. This is as good a place to begin as any other. Jesus, the living embodiment of God's nature is our guiding light and source, and he exemplified the Spirit's fruit perfectly.

Lord, I want to be more like you. Help me to live out your fruit in my life and in my choices. I choose to follow your ways.

JANUARY 3

Scripture Reading: Genesis 7-9

Signs of Promise

“When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

GENESIS 9:16 ESV

Rainbows serve to remind us of God’s promise to creation. The great flood will never be repeated. Nature’s signs can also encourage us to remember the sovereignty of God in our daily lives. The sparrows find their food, and bees nourish in the flowerbeds. We too will be taken care of and provided for by the Creator of all living things.

Perhaps you have experienced deliverance or a promise from the Lord that he has kept faithfully. What sign can point your attention back to his faithfulness? It can be something closely linked or a seemingly random cue. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a sign, a codeword, to remind you of his covenant with you.

God, thank you for your faithful love and your promises that never fail. Deepen my trust as you remind me of all that you have done in my life.

JANUARY 4

Scripture Reading: Genesis 10-12

Courage to Trust

"I will make you into a great nation,
I will bless you,
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing."

GENESIS 12:2 CSB

God spoke to Abram, instructing him to leave his homeland and everything he knew well. God did not stop with that command though. He gave him a promise to hold onto, a reason to follow the leading of the Lord. That promise is found in today's Scripture.

When God instructs us to follow him, he also gives us his promise. Abram was obedient to God, and his faith was credited to him as righteousness (Hebrews 11). When we walk in obedience, we can be sure that God goes with us. We can trust his leadership, and we can trust his power. He is able to do what no one else can. He will powerfully reveal his faithfulness as we partner with him.

Lord, you are my strength. Remind me how great you are when I waver in obedience. May my trust go deep in the truth of who you were, are, and always will be.

JANUARY 5

Scripture Reading: Genesis 13-15

Heirs of Promise

He took him outside and said, “Now look toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them.”
And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

GENESIS 15:5 NASB

Have you ever considered that *you* are a part of the promise God made to Abraham? The stars in the sky can't be counted: they are too great in number! That is what God used to compare the people of his kingdom, the descendants that would come through Abraham.

When God makes a promise, he will never break it. We are descendants of the promise through Christ, and we are also co-heirs with him (Romans 8:17). What God does, he does exceedingly well. Sometimes the very perspective shift we need in faith is to remember that God is at work faithfully fulfilling his promises, and our part is simple obedience.

Father, thank you for the power of your faithfulness. You weave together what we don't consider. Have your way in my life, and help me to trust you fully with every part of it.