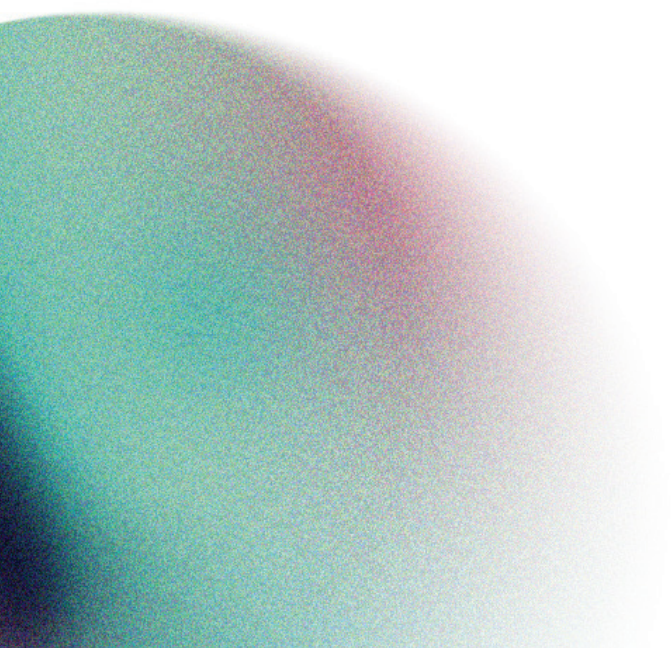


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One of the main ways we grow in our spiritual formation is through the reading of God's Word. At TC, we want to encourage and equip you to prioritize the study of Scripture, both individually and in community. This guide will help us, together as a church family, to deepen our understanding of the transformative Gospel of Grace. Over the next few weeks, we will explore what the Gospel—the good news—means for us here and in eternity. Our desire is for this journey to help us develop a deep understanding of the Gospel and its transformative power in our lives.

Pastor Derwin says in his book *The Good Life*, "A fully transformed human is one who can love God, self, and neighbor through God's presence and power, by participating in the eternal-kind-of-life of Jesus."

As we walk through this guide, we encourage you to process and pray through the passages of Scripture both by yourself and with your family, friends, or small group. Our hope is that you would grow in your understanding of Scripture, your love for God, and your knowledge and assurance of His transformative power.

Questions are normal. They will arise as we read Scripture—and they should arise! As we dive into our questions to find biblical answers, we learn more about God and what it means to be a Christ-follower. When you find yourself unsure about the meaning of a biblical passage, we invite you to press in. Ask questions in your small group or consult the last page of this guide for a list of recommended study resources.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Each week of this 4-week Scripture guide will walk through a different part of our value statement on the Transformative Gospel of Grace:

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to be a community that invites and seeks out the wounded, the brokenhearted, and the marginalized so that they can be transformed by the Gospel of Grace into the image of Jesus, joining Him on His mission to transform the world.

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to the belief that Grace is Jesus Himself coming to live in and through His people. Life in the Kingdom is empowered by the King of Kings, not human effort.

On each day of the week, Monday through Friday, you will find a short biblical passage. These passages showcase an aspect of God's grace. On Saturday and Sunday, we encourage you to look back at the readings for the week, reflect on what you learned about God, and participate in corporate worship with your church family.

At the end of each day's Scripture reading, we have included journaling prompts. Some prompts are questions encouraging you to reflect on the reading, while others are prayer topics through which you can ask God to reveal Himself to you in a deeper, richer way. We encourage you to discuss these prompts with a friend or family member and record your thoughts in a journal to reflect upon at a later date. This is a great way to remind your heart of how your understanding of and relationship with God has grown!

On the last page of the guide, you'll find a list of recommended resources to aid in your study of Scripture and help you think through questions that may arise as you study God's Word.

TIPS FOR SCRIPTURE READING

- Read slowly. You may need to read the passage several times for clarity.
- Consult the Bible Project videos on YouTube for historical context.
- Use a commentary to look up passages, words, or phrases that may be hard to understand. It's important to use this as a resource, not as a substitute for the biblical text.
- Pray before you begin reading. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the text. Trust the Spirit to guide you!
- Be patient with yourself. We aren't expected to understand everything—and we won't! Our heart posture is more important to God.



Week One

MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to be a community that invites and seeks out the wounded, the brokenhearted, and the marginalized so that they can be transformed by the Gospel of Grace into the image of Jesus.

From the beginning of the Bible, in the book of Genesis, we are told that human beings are made in God's image. We each carry the image of God (this is known as the *imago dei*), which means we each have inherent worth and dignity. Being made in God's image sets us apart from the rest of God's creation (e.g., animals). This also enables us to commune with our Creator in a unique way. We were created for relationship with God and one another.

Because of the Fall, sin entered the world. Sin has touched every aspect of life on earth. While we still bear the image of God, we also bear the scars of sin. The effects of sin are evident all around us.

The good news—the Gospel—is that God in Christ is reconciling people unto Himself and inviting us to be His family. In this way, we experience true transformation. When God redeems us, He begins to restore the original image of God, creating a “new self.” This redemption is available to us by God's grace through faith in Jesus as our Savior. Therefore, as new creations, we are being conformed to His image day by day.

Week One: MONDAY

GENESIS 1:1-31 CSB

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness He called "night." There was an evening, and there was a morning: one day.

⁶ Then God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters, separating water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky." Evening came and then morning: the second day.

⁹ Then God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the water he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds." And it was so. ¹² The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ Evening came and then morning: the third day.

¹⁴ Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will serve as signs for seasons and for days and years. ¹⁵ They will be lights in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule over the day and the lesser light to rule over the night—as well as the stars. ¹⁷ God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ Evening came and then morning: the fourth day.

²⁰ Then God said, “Let the water swarm with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them: “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ Evening came and then morning: the fifth day.

²⁴ Then God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that crawl, and the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

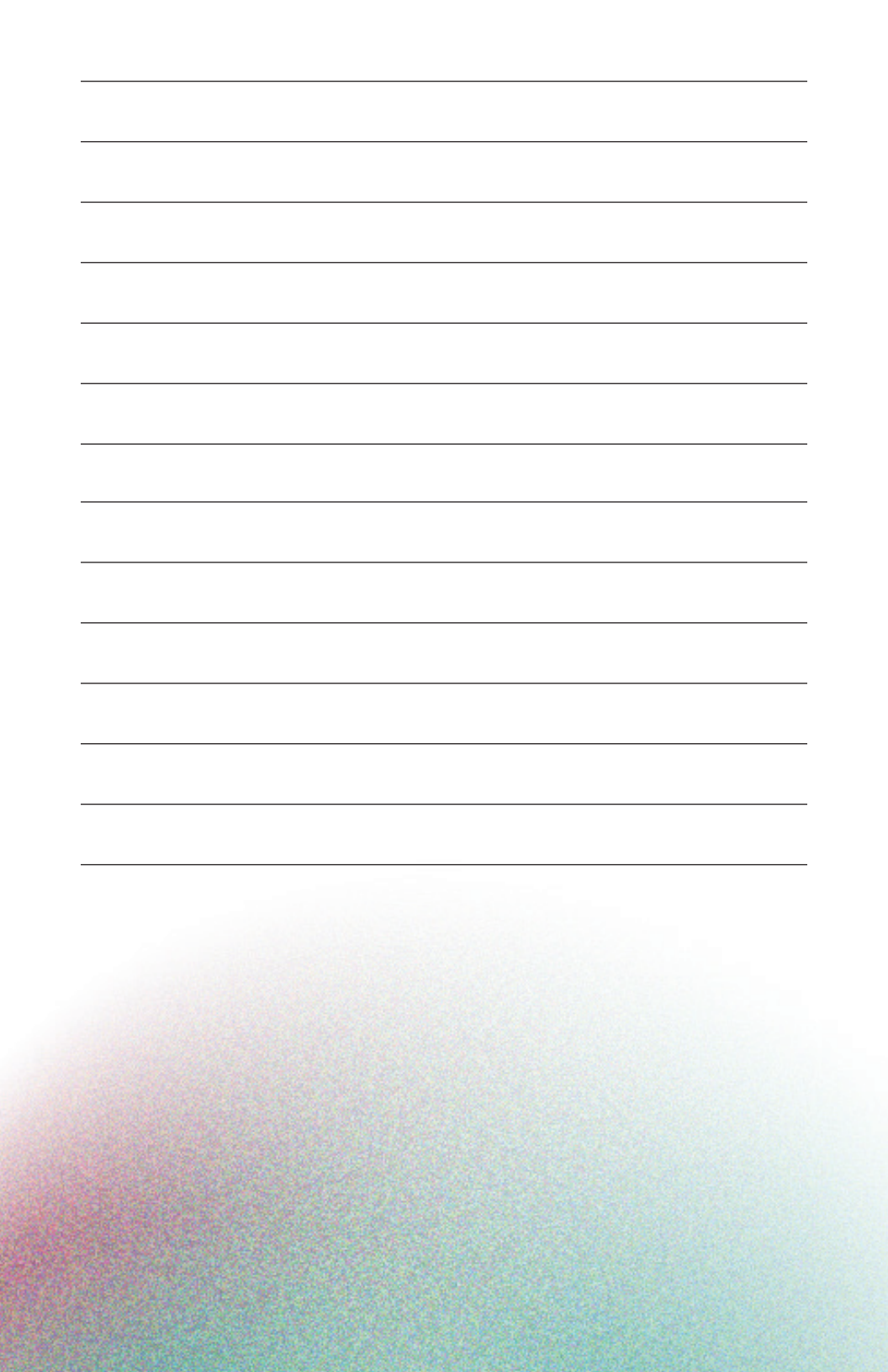
²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth.” ²⁹ God also said, “Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, ³⁰ for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

Journaling Prompts

- How does being made in God's image inform the way you view yourself and the way you view others?
- Genesis 1:27 describes humanity being made in God's image. In Genesis 1:28, we see some of the privileges and responsibilities of that. What are they?

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Week One: TUESDAY

GENESIS 3:1-7 CSB

¹ Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You can’t eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. ³ But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, ‘You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “No! You will certainly not die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

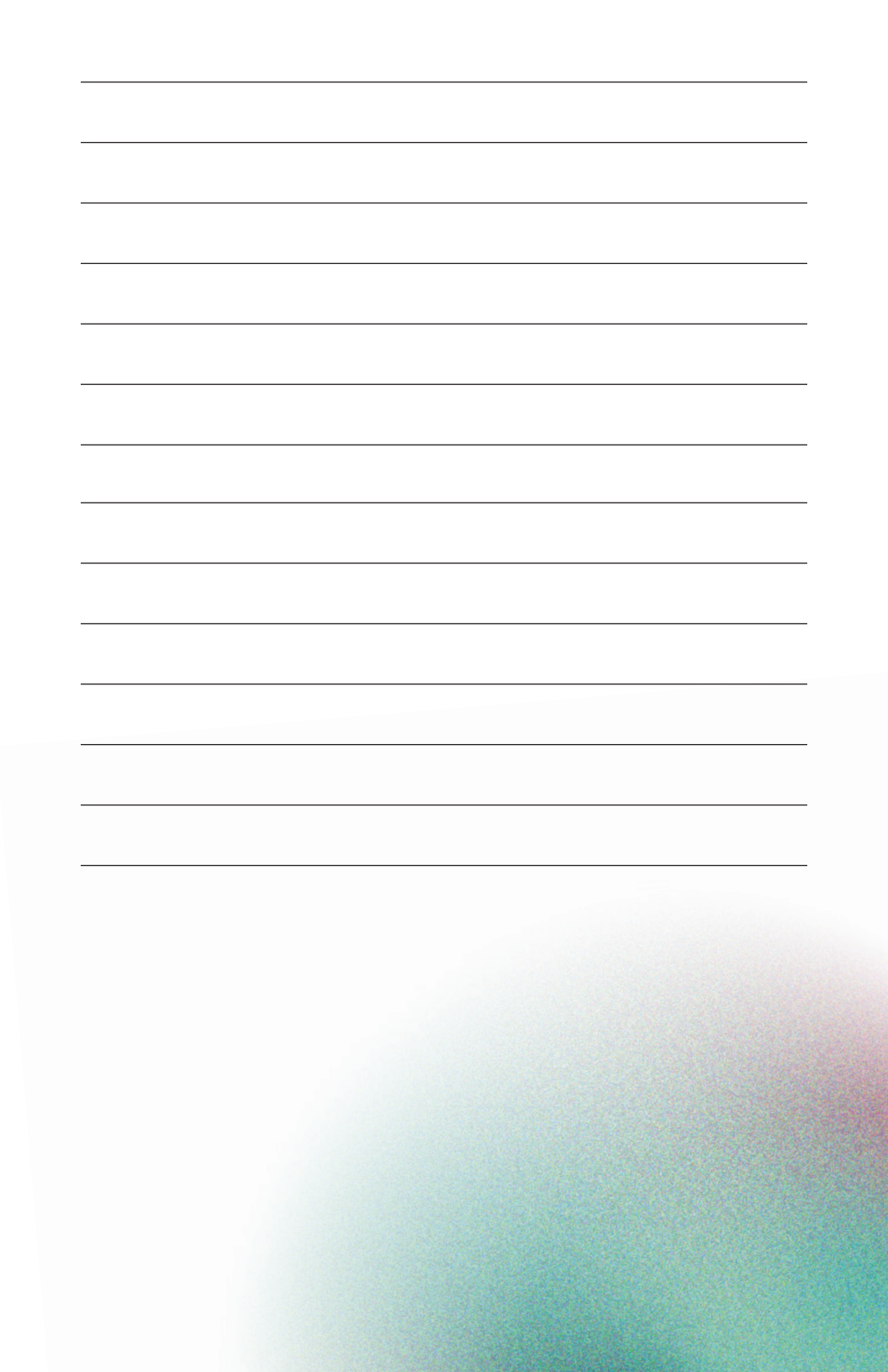
ROMANS 5:12-14 CSB

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. ¹³ In fact, sin was in the world before the law, but sin is not charged to a person’s account when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam’s transgression. He is a type of the Coming One.

Journaling Prompts

- What did the serpent say to Adam and Eve that caused them to doubt? Can you relate to this scenario?
- Who is the Coming One described in Romans 5:14? What is He coming to do?

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Week One: WEDNESDAY

Luke 4:16-21 CSB

¹⁶ He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. As usual, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him, and unrolling the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because He has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free the oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

²⁰ He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today as you listen, this Scripture has been fulfilled."

Isaiah 61:1-2 CSB

The Spirit of the Lord God is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and freedom to the prisoners;
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of our God's vengeance;
to comfort all who mourn.

Journaling Prompts

- What is the Good News Jesus is preaching in this passage?
- Write a prayer asking God to help you see how you can preach the Good News as well.

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Week One: THURSDAY

Ephesians 4:20-24 CSB

²⁰ But that is not how you came to know Christ, ²¹ assuming you heard about Him and were taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, ²³ to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 CSB

¹⁶ From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know Him in this way. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! ¹⁸ Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

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Week One: FRIDAY

Galatians 2:19-21 CSB

¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Titus 3:4-7 CSB

⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us—not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy—through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He poured out His Spirit on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior ⁷ so that, having been justified by His grace, we may become heirs with the hope of eternal life.

Journaling Prompts

- What are the parts of your old self that need to be crucified?
- We have the hope of eternal life and it's not in a distant future. Eternal life begins the moment we say 'yes' to Jesus. How does this truth change the way you live today?

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Week Two

MISSION-SHAPED

Joining Him on His mission to transform the world.

When we experience the transformation of Jesus in our lives, the expectation is that we will share that transformation with others. We have experienced reconciliation with God the Father and now we can participate in the ministry of reconciliation.

Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10) and He invites us to come alongside Him on that mission. When we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us, we begin to see opportunities all around us to love others. We do this by showing kindness, serving people, inviting them into our homes, encouraging them, being generous, and sharing about the ways Jesus has changed our lives. We are mission-shaped, that is, we are shaped by the mission of Jesus to transform the world.

Week Two: MONDAY

LUKE 19:1-10 CSB

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man. ⁴ So running ahead, he climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus, since He was about to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for Me to stay at your house."

⁶ So he quickly came down and welcomed Him joyfully. ⁷ All who saw it began to complain, "He's gone to stay with a sinful man."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, I'll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I'll pay back four times as much."

⁹ "Today salvation has come to this house," Jesus told him, "because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."

Journaling Prompts

- Zacchaeus was a tax collector, which means he was not welcomed in the Jewish community. How did Jesus respond to Zacchaeus's presence? Why?
- In verse 9, Jesus says, "he too is a son of Abraham." What did Jesus mean when He said this? How does this affect the way you view others?

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Week Two: TUESDAY

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 CSB

¹⁶ From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know Him in this way. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! ¹⁸ Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making His appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." ²¹ He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Journaling Prompts

- What is an ambassador? What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ?
- Write a prayer asking God to help you participate in the ministry of reconciliation.

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Week Two: WEDNESDAY

ROMANS 12:1-2 CSB

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:9-11 CSB

⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self. You are being renewed in knowledge according to the image of your Creator. ¹¹ In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

Journaling Prompts

- How does Paul refer to the people who are reading the letter in Romans 12:1? Do you think of other Christ-followers as your brothers and sisters?
- How do we treat others now that we have put on the new self?

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Week Two: THURSDAY

GENESIS 12:1-3 CSB

The Lord said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

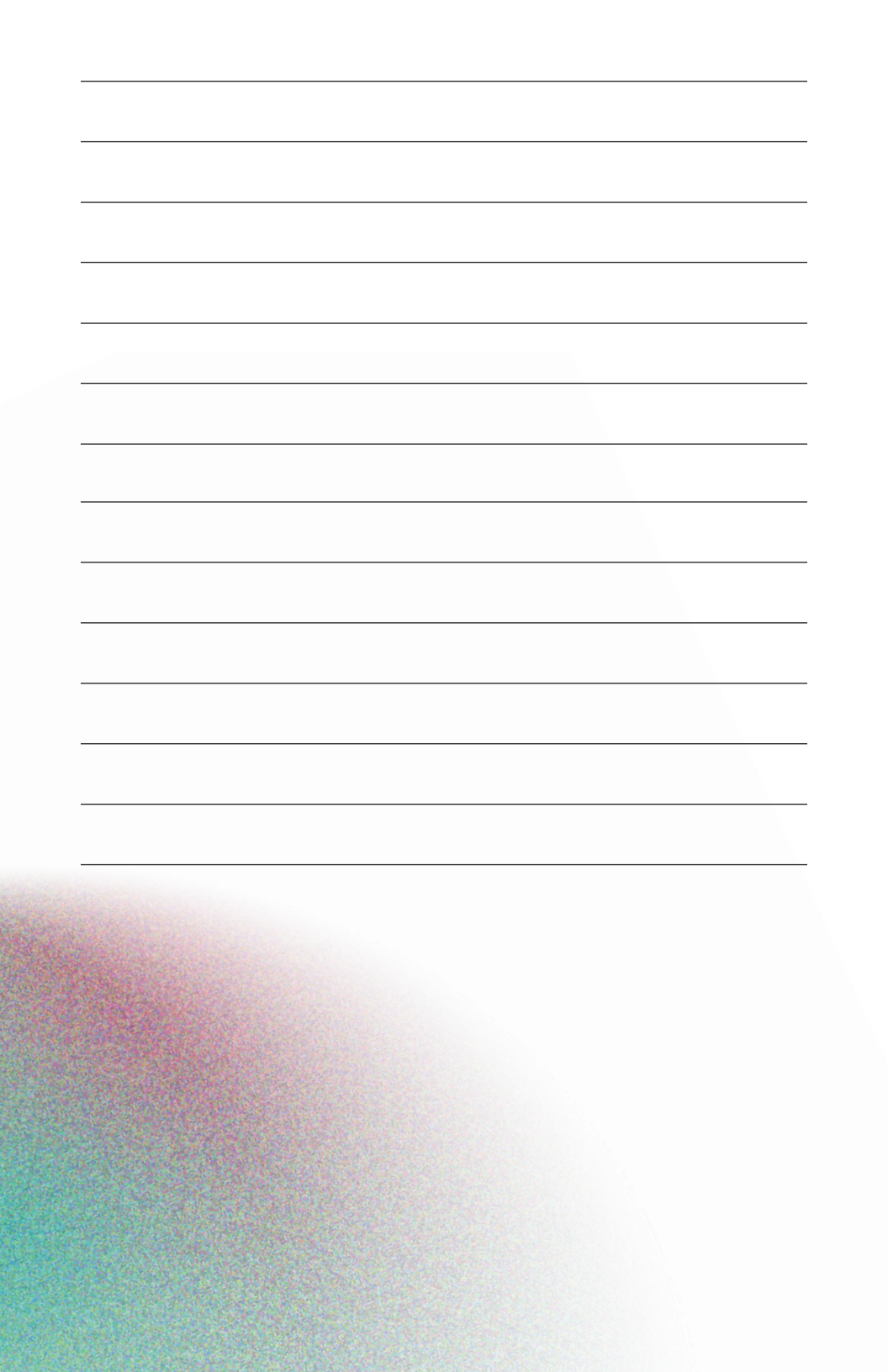
ACTS 3:21 CSB

²¹ Heaven must receive Him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through His holy prophets from the beginning.

Journaling Prompts

- From the beginning, in Genesis, we see God's heart for all nations to be included in His family. How do we see this in Genesis and other places in the Bible?
- How can you live out being mission-shaped in your context (home, work, school, etc.)?

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Week Two: FRIDAY

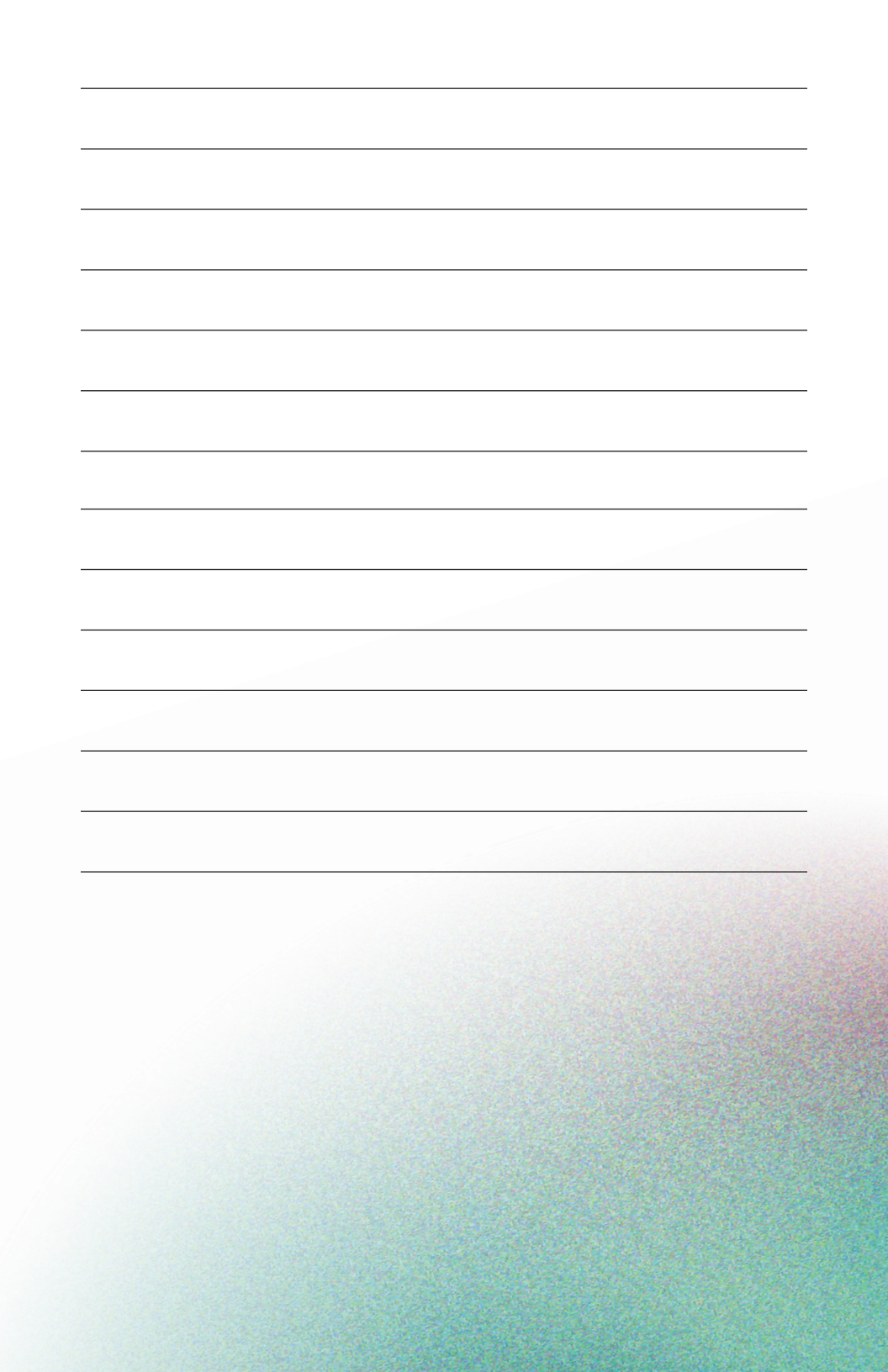
MATTHEW 28:16-20 CSB

¹⁶ The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Journaling Prompts

- The passage on the previous page is often referred to as the Great Commission. What are the different parts of this commissioning Jesus gave to His disciples and to us?
- What encouragement or reassurance do you see in the final verse of the Great Commission?

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Week Three

JESUS IS GRACE

We are committed, through the Spirit's enabling power, to the belief that Grace is Jesus Himself coming to live in and through His people.

How would you describe grace to a friend or family member? The Merriam-Webster dictionary describes grace as “unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification.” While grace is unmerited and it does drive our regeneration and sanctification, grace is so much more than that. Grace is a Person, and His name is Jesus. Jesus is the embodiment of God’s grace.

When we as Christ-followers say that we are saved by grace, what we mean is that we are saved by Jesus. And He wasn’t just grace to us on the cross, He continues to be grace to us by living in us and living through us. This grace enables us to grow in our faith, and it enables us to love others as God loves them. Said another way, it is grace (Jesus) that helps us to love God completely, love ourselves correctly, and love others compassionately.

Week Three: MONDAY

JOHN 1:14-17 CSB

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed His glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning Him and exclaimed, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one coming after me ranks ahead of me, because He existed before me.'") ¹⁶ Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from His fullness, ¹⁷ for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

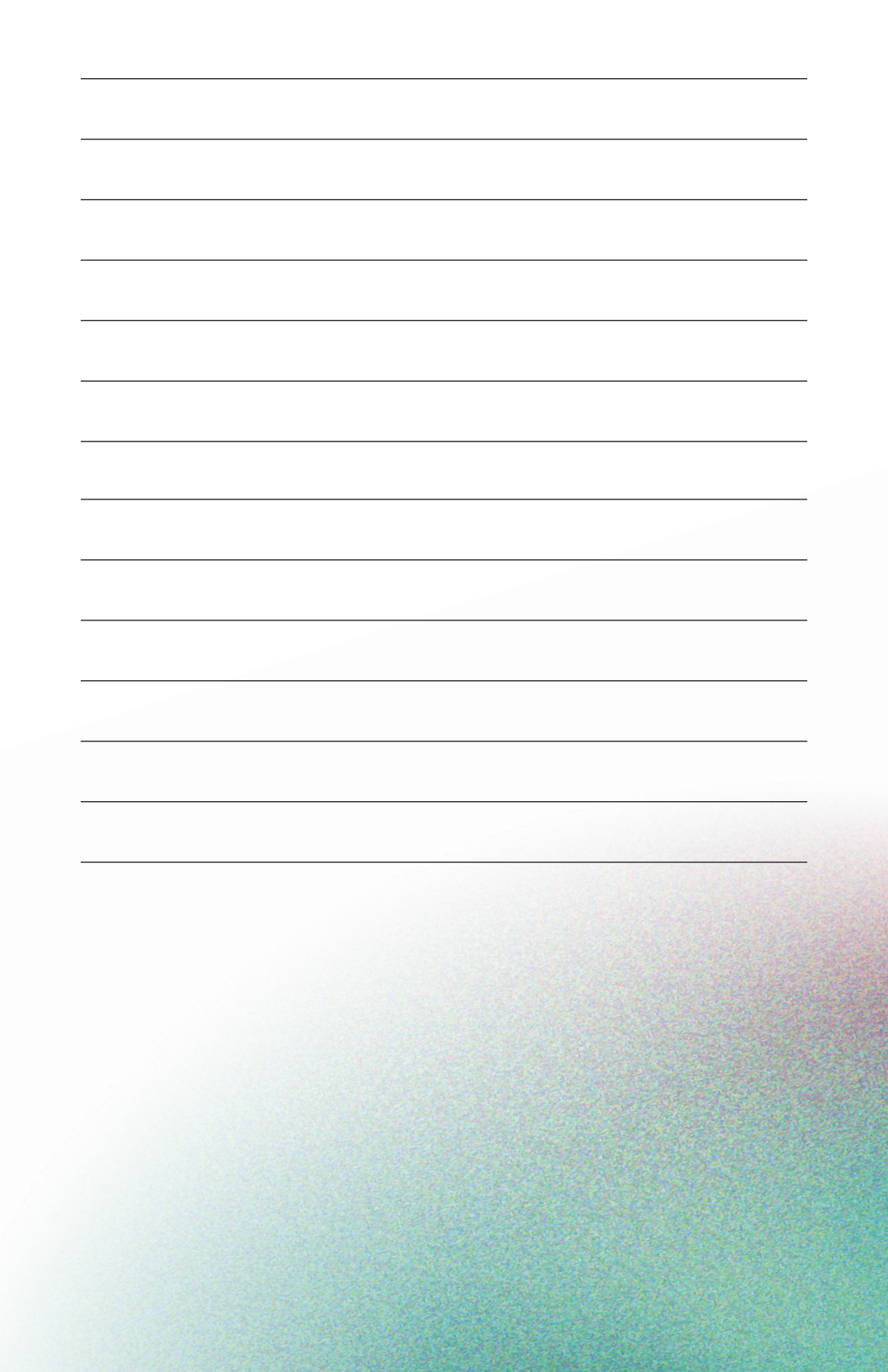
ACTS 20:24 CSB

²⁴ But I consider my life of no value to myself; my purpose is to finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of God's grace.

Journaling Prompts

- When was the first time you heard the Gospel of Grace? Write about how that impacted you.
- John 1:17 says, "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." What is the relationship between grace and truth?

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Week Three: TUESDAY

EPHESIANS 2:1-5 CSB

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. ³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!

2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10 CSB

⁹ He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began. ¹⁰ This has now been made evident through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Journaling Prompts

- What are the parallels you see in the two passages on the previous page?
- Salvation is not about going "from bad to good." Rather it is about going "from death to life." Write a prayer of gratitude to God for taking you from death to life.

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Week Three: WEDNESDAY

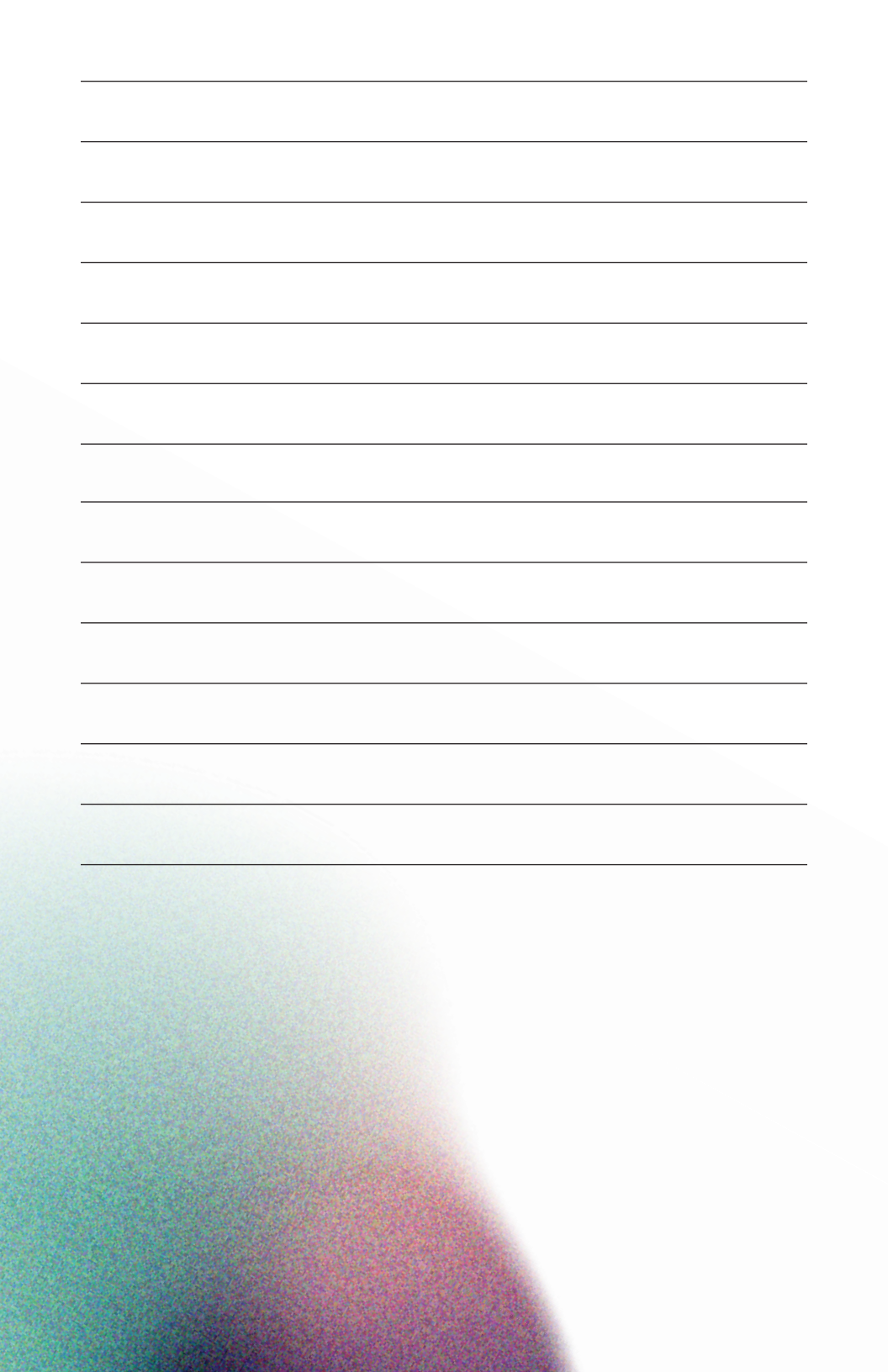
ROMANS 8:1-11 CSB

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, ² because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, ⁴ in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mindset of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God's law. Indeed, it is unable to do so. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. ¹⁰ Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through His Spirit who lives in you.

Journaling Prompts

- Read through the passage carefully and note the differences between the mindset of the flesh and the mindset of the Spirit. Write down some ways you can live by the Spirit and not by the flesh.

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Week Three: THURSDAY

COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for His body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant, according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. ²⁷ God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.

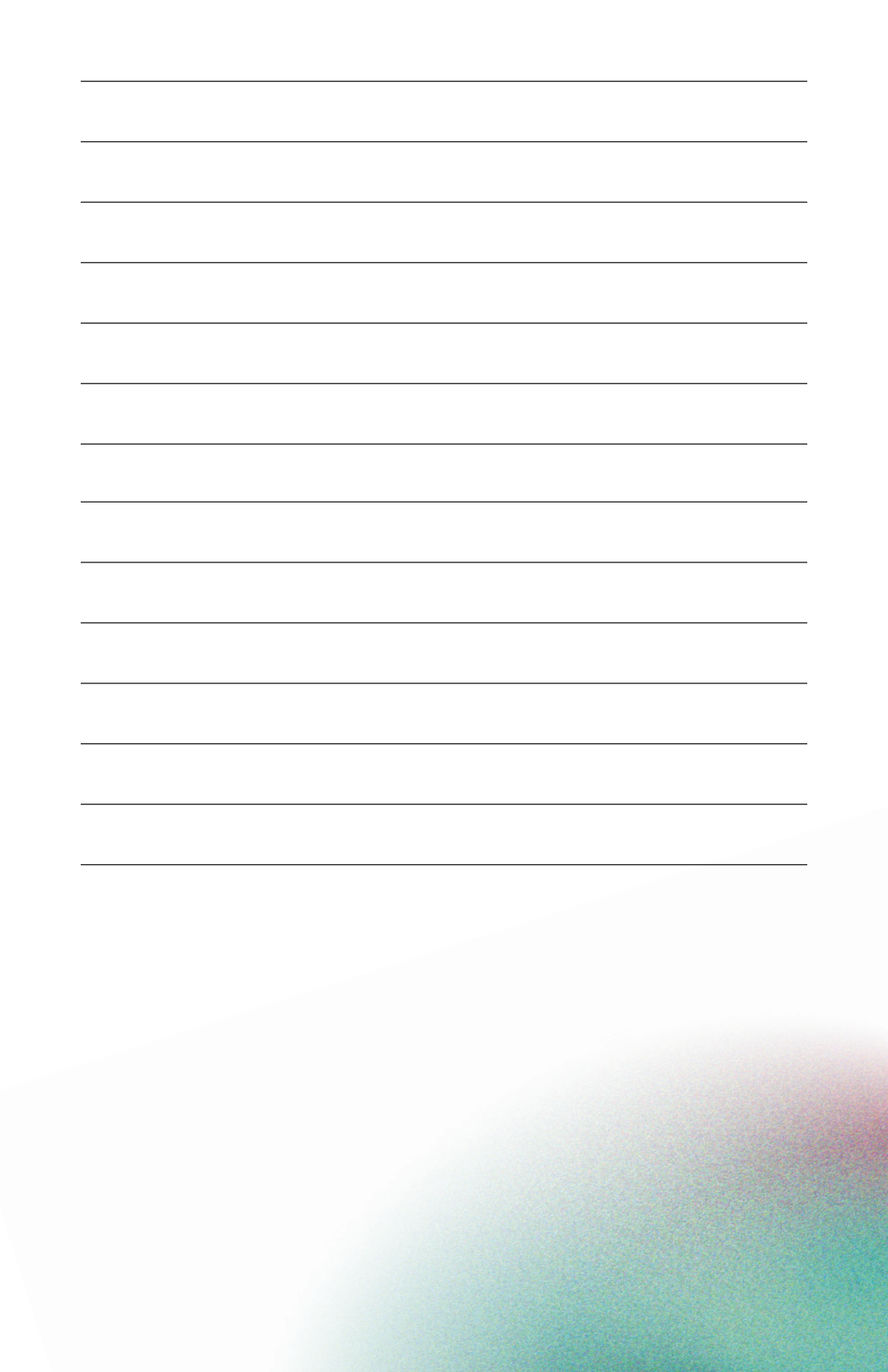
EPHESIANS 3:16-17A CSB

¹⁶ I pray that He may grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in your inner being through His Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

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Week Three: FRIDAY

GALATIANS 2:20-21 CSB

²¹ I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

LUKE 9:23 CSB

²³ Then He said to them all, "If anyone wants to follow after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Journaling Prompts

- What does it mean for you to take up your cross daily?
- What does Paul mean when he says he has been crucified with Christ? Do you share this sentiment?

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Week Four

EMPOWERED BY JESUS

Life in the Kingdom is empowered by the King of Kings, not by human effort.

The temptation we all face is to try to do everything in our own power. There is a trend, especially in our American context, to be a self-made person. “Self-made” people are praised for their gumption. God’s Kingdom, however, is different from the world. Life in God’s Kingdom is empowered by Jesus. We don’t have to try; we rely on the Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

When we are weak, instead of feeling ashamed, we can rely on the strength of Jesus to carry us. We don’t focus on what we have to do; we focus on what Jesus has done. We can let go of our human effort, knowing that Jesus is our strength. In this final week of our Scripture guide, be prayerful about letting go of your human efforts and allow God to empower you. Let go of striving, and rest.

Week Four: MONDAY

ISAIAH 40:29-31 CSB

²⁹ He gives strength to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Youths may become faint and weary,
and young men stumble and fall,
³¹ but those who trust in the Lord
will renew their strength;
they will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not become weary,
they will walk and not faint.

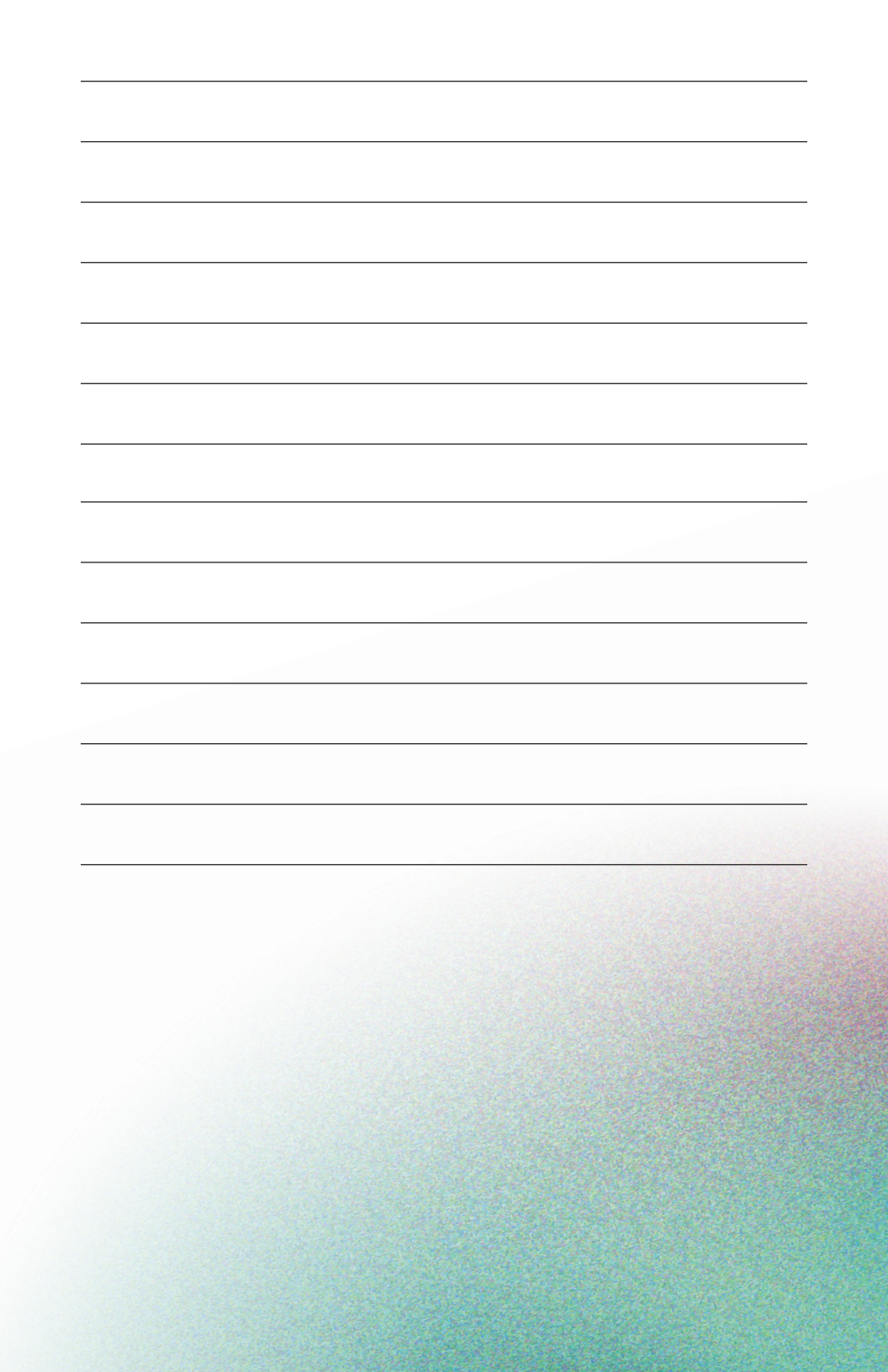
PSALM 16:1-4 CSB

Protect me, God, for I take refuge in You.
² I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have nothing good besides You."
³ As for the holy people who are in the land,
they are the noble ones.
All my delight is in them.
⁴ The sorrows of those who take another god
for themselves will multiply;
I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood,
and I will not speak their names with my lips.

Journaling Prompts

- When was the last time you felt weak or overwhelmed? How did God meet you there?
- What is a human effort in your life you need to let go of? How can you allow God to empower you in this area?

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Population (millions)	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
GDP (trillion USD)	15.0	16.0	17.0	18.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0	23.0	24.0	25.0	26.0	27.0	28.0	29.0	30.0	31.0	32.0	33.0	34.0	35.0
Life expectancy (years)	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95
Urban population (%)	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73	75	77	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	95
Renewable energy (%)	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
Carbon emissions (Gt CO2e)	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	20.5	21.0	21.5	22.0	22.5	23.0	23.5	24.0	24.5	25.0
Forest cover (%)	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Water stress (%)	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Healthcare expenditure (USD/billion)	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300
Education expenditure (USD/billion)	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150
Research & Development (USD/billion)	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130
Unemployment (%)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Income inequality (Gini index)	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Digital literacy (%)	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Gender equality (SDG 5)	75	78	81	84	87	90	93	96	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Climate resilience (index)	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
Urbanization rate (%)	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73	75	77	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	95
Renewable energy capacity (GW)	100	120	140	160	180	200	220	240	260	280	300	320	340	360	380	400	420	440	460	480	500
Carbon emissions (Gt CO2e)	15.0	15.5	16.0	16.5	17.0	17.5	18.0	18.5	19.0	19.5	20.0	20.5	21.0	21.5	22.0	22.5	23.0	23.5	24.0	24.5	25.0
Forest cover (%)	31	31	31	31																	



Week Four: TUESDAY

JOSHUA 1:6-9

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their ancestors to give them as an inheritance. ⁷ Above all, be strong and very courageous to observe carefully the whole instruction my servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go. ⁸ This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do. ⁹ Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Journaling Prompts

- What does it mean to be strong and courageous? From where do we get our strength and courage?
- Read verse 8 on the previous page. What is the relationship between Scripture and strength?

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Week Four: WEDNESDAY

PSALM 37:23-24 CSB

²³ A person's steps are established by the Lord,
and he takes pleasure in his way.

²⁴ Though he falls, he will not be overwhelmed,
because the Lord supports him with His hand.

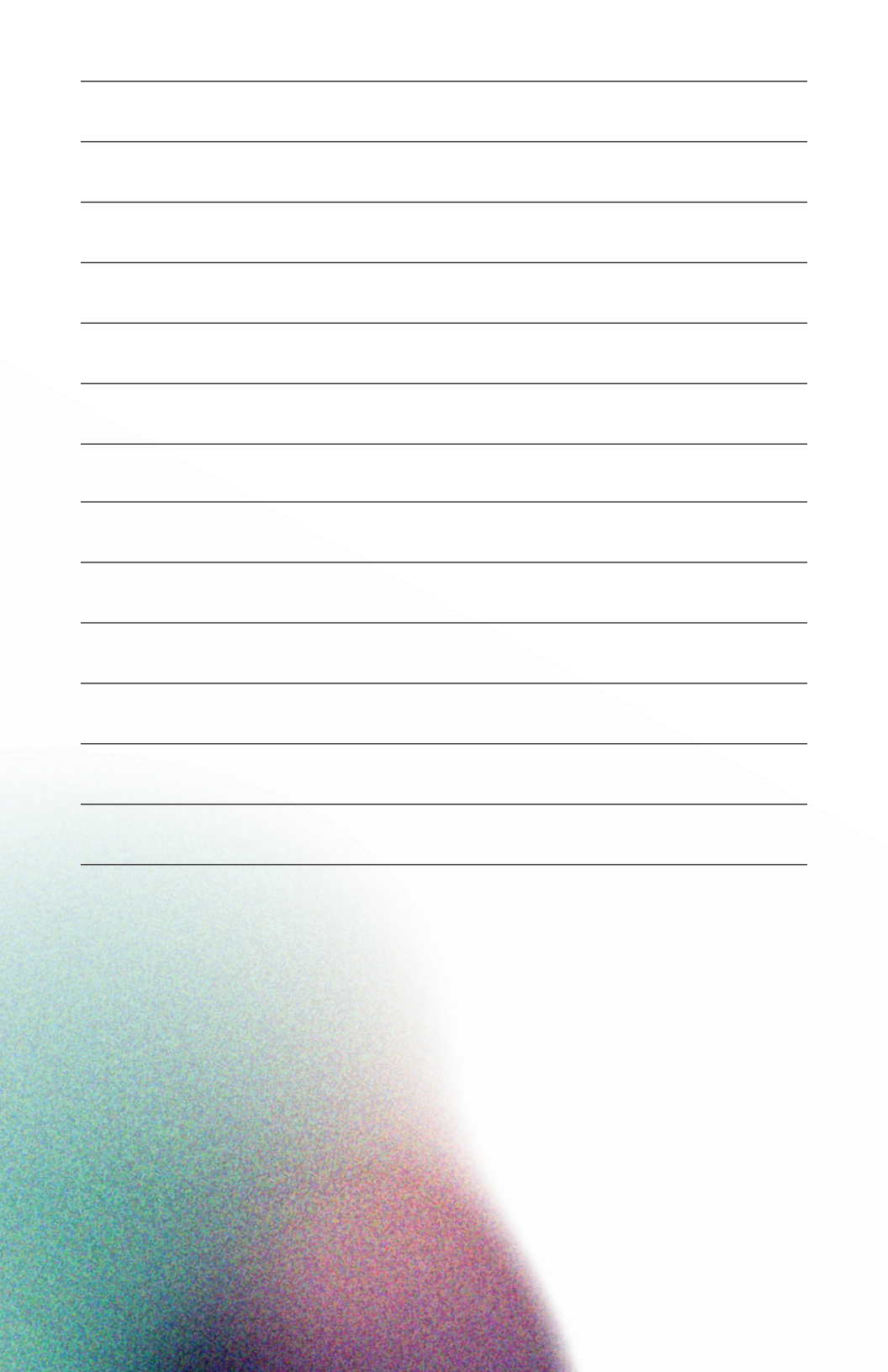
2 CORINTHIANS 4:7-9 CSB

⁷ Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; we are perplexed but not in despair; ⁹ we are persecuted but not abandoned; we are struck down but not destroyed.

Journaling Prompts

- Is there someone in your life who is struggling right now? Take some time to pray for them and then ask God how you can be a support to them during this time.
- Make a list of ways you can, through the Spirit's enabling power, help someone who is afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, or struck down.

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Week Four: THURSDAY

REVELATION 12:11 CSB

¹¹ They conquered him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
for they did not love their lives
to the point of death.

ACTS 2:17-18 CSB

¹⁷ And it will be in the last days, says God,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all people;
then your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ I will even pour out My Spirit
on My servants in those days, both men and women

Journaling Prompts

- Take time today to write out your testimony—your faith story. How did you come to know Jesus as your Savior? How has Jesus changed you? In what ways has the Holy Spirit been evident in your life?
- Spend some time praying about your future—what God has yet to do in your life and in the life of your family. Pray with confidence, knowing that God has a good plan for you.

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Week Four: FRIDAY

MATTHEW 11:25-30 CSB

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was Your good pleasure. ²⁷ All things have been entrusted to Me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal Him. ²⁸ "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

EXODUS 33:12-14 CSB

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "Look, You have told me, 'Lead this people up,' but You have not let me know whom You will send with me. You said, 'I know you by name, and You have also found favor with me.' ¹³ Now if I have indeed found favor with You, please teach me Your ways, and I will know You, so that I may find favor with You. Now consider that this nation is Your people."

¹⁴ And He replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Journaling Prompts

- What is the type of rest God calls us to?
- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you embrace the rest He offers.

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RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

BOOKS

- *Conformed to His Image* by Ken Boa
- *Grace Walk* by Steve McVey
- *Limitless Life* by Derwin L. Gray

COMMENTARIES

- RJ Utley's Free Bible Commentary (freebiblecommentary.org)
- The Tony Evans Bible Commentary

BIBLES

- Tony Evans Study Bible
- Faithlife Study Bible

ONLINE RESOURCES

- The Bible Project app and videos
- Logos Bible software

Visit **transformationchurch.tc/resources** for resources on parenting, marriage, spiritual formation, Scripture reading, and more.

