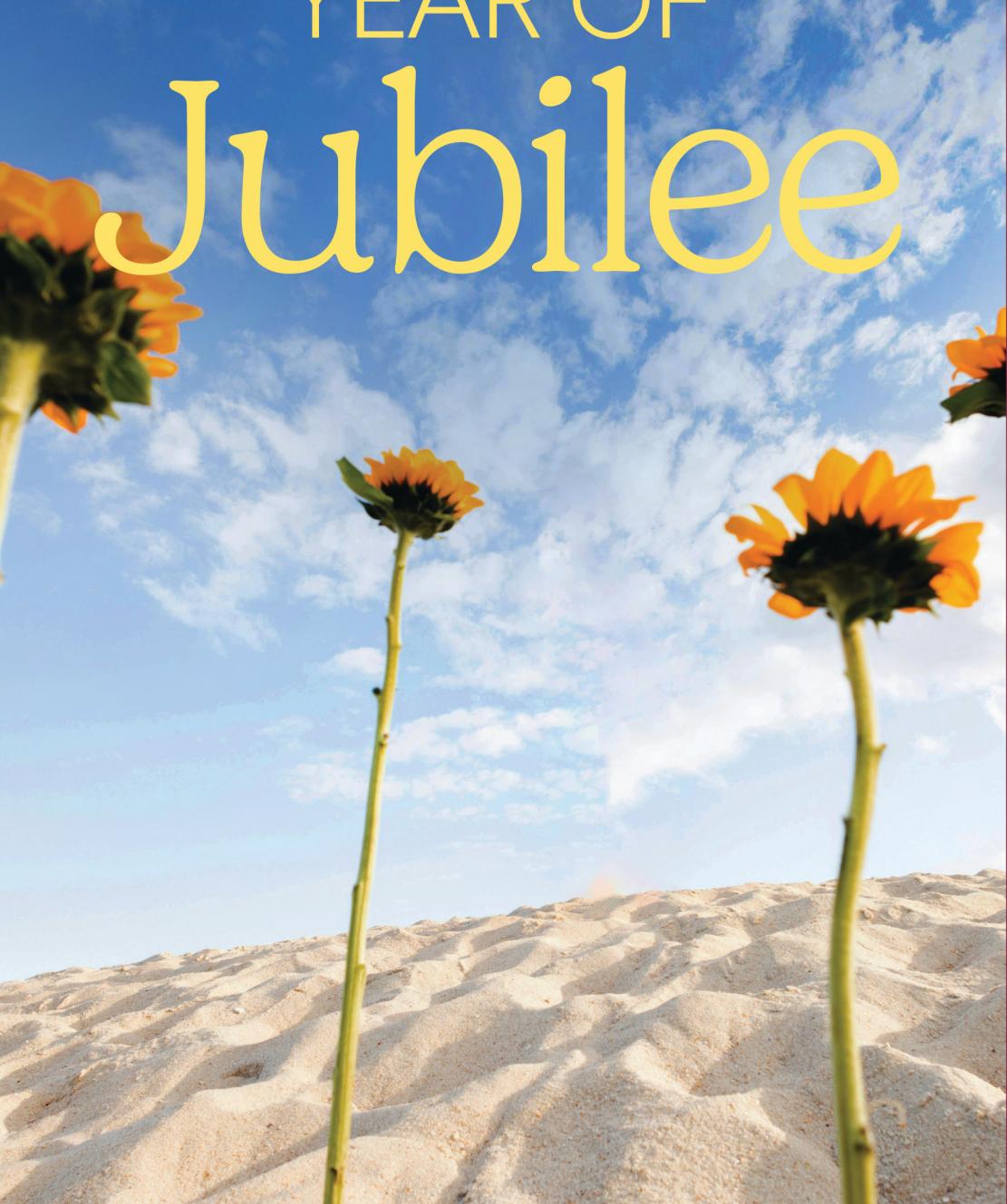


YEAR OF Jubilee



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NINE WEEK STUDY GUIDE

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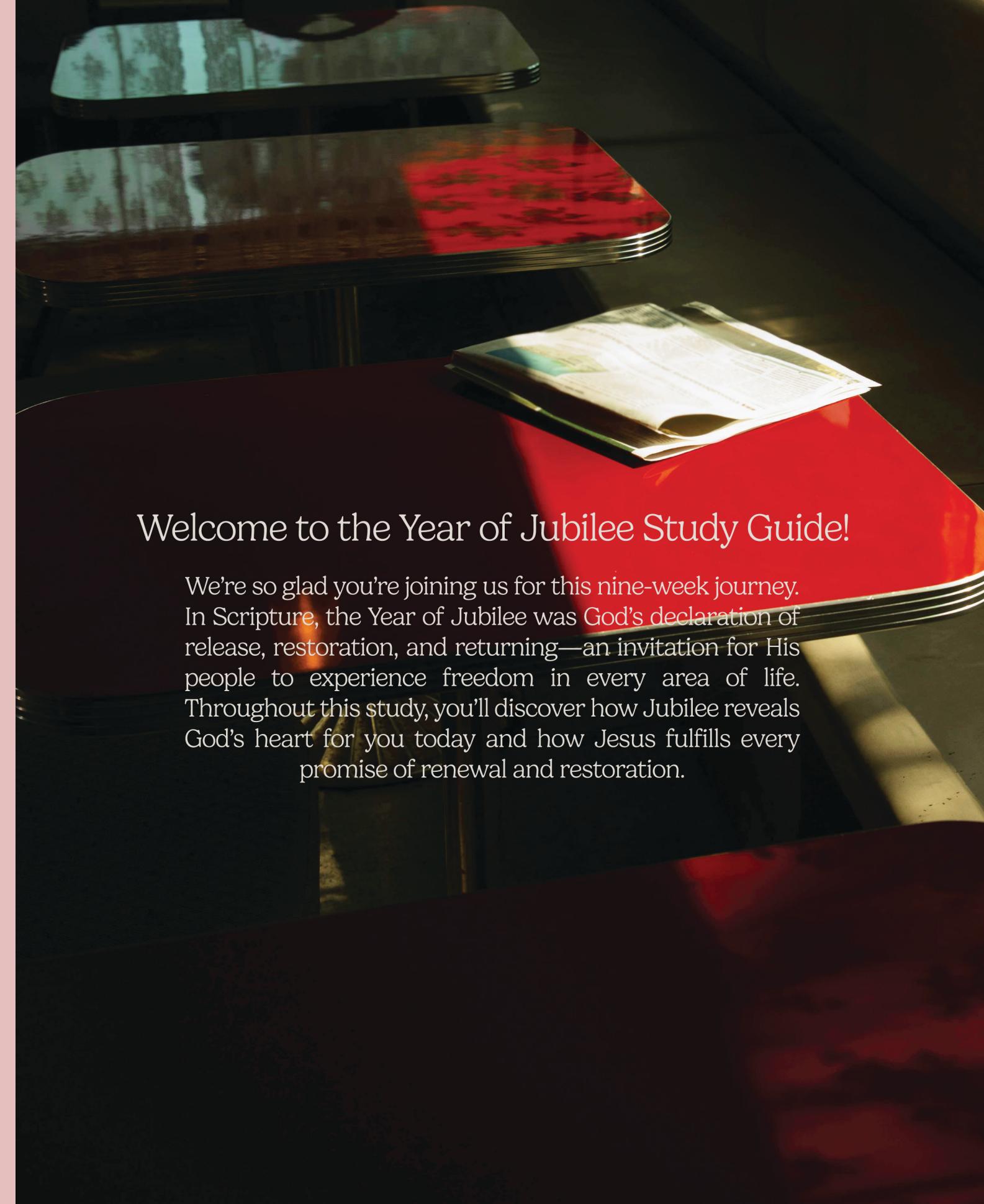
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Welcome to the Year of Jubilee Study Guide!

We're so glad you're joining us for this nine-week journey. In Scripture, the Year of Jubilee was God's declaration of release, restoration, and returning—an invitation for His people to experience freedom in every area of life. Throughout this study, you'll discover how Jubilee reveals God's heart for you today and how Jesus fulfills every promise of renewal and restoration.



Session ONE

THE HEART OF Jubilee



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Leader GUIDE

WELCOME & ICEBREAKER

Introduce yourself and then go around the room and ask everyone to share their name and a little about themselves. Pray and invite the Holy Spirit to today's session.

VIDEO

In this week's video, we'll discover the heart of Jubilee and learn how to walk in the true freedom Christ offers us.

DISCUSSION

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2. Why do you think God connected Jubilee to the Day of Atonement? What does it mean that freedom comes after forgiveness?
3. Of the five ways to walk in Jubilee, which one resonates most with you right now? Why?
4. Becoming Jubilee for Others: The message challenged us to "become Jubilee for others" by forgiving freely, giving generously, and restoring dignity. Who in your life needs you to be Jubilee for them this week? What specific action can you take?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Jubilee isn't coming. Jubilee has already come. And His name is Jesus."

Remember: You don't have to wait 50 years for freedom. You don't have to earn restoration.

Through Jesus, Jubilee is yours right now.

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly.

HOMEWORK

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Jubilee is not a year—Jubilee is a Person, and His name is Jesus.
- Restoration is not just possible—it's promised. God specializes in returning what was lost and rebuilding what was broken.
- You are not your past. You are not your failures. You are not your lowest moment. You are God's family, and He always brings His family home.
- Freedom comes after forgiveness. We can't experience true Jubilee release until we accept the atonement Jesus made for us.
- Jubilee isn't coming—Jubilee has already come. We don't wait for it; we live in it daily through Christ.

Session NOTES

Session ONE

HOMEWORK

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Release Something Heavy: Identify one thing you've been carrying (shame, guilt, unforgiveness, worry) and intentionally give it to Jesus in prayer. Write it down, pray over it, and physically tear up the paper as a symbol of release.

Expect Restoration: Make a list of 3 things you've lost or that feel broken. Pray specifically each day this week, asking God to restore them or to give you peace about them. Journal any shifts you notice in your heart.

Be Jubilee for Someone: Identify one person you can bring "Jubilee" to: forgive someone who hurt you, cancel a debt someone owes you, encourage someone who's discouraged, or restore a broken relationship.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19 NASB

JOURNAL

What would my life look like if I truly believed Jubilee has already come?

Devotional DAY ONE

The Sound of Freedom | Leviticus 25:8-12

The blast of the ram's horn announced something revolutionary—a divine reset where everything broken could be made whole again. That sound wasn't just noise; it was a declaration that God refuses to let His people stay stuck. In your life today, what would change if you truly believed God has built restoration into your story? The same God who scheduled freedom for ancient Israel has sent Jesus as your permanent Jubilee. You don't have to wait for a special year or a perfect moment. The horn has already sounded through the resurrection. Freedom is available right now. Listen closely—can you hear it? God is announcing over your life: *"A new beginning is here. What was lost will be returned."*

Devotional DAY TWO

Atonement Before Freedom | Leviticus 16:29-34; Hebrews 9:11-14

Jubilee could only begin after the Day of Atonement—after sin had been dealt with. This reveals a profound truth: lasting freedom requires forgiveness first. You cannot experience true release while carrying unresolved guilt or shame. The good news? Jesus has become both your atonement and your Jubilee. He entered the Holy of Holies once and for all, carrying not the blood of goats, but His own precious blood. The barrier between you and God has been permanently removed. You don't need another sacrifice or another priest. Stand on this foundation today: you are forgiven, cleansed, and qualified for every blessing of Jubilee. Forgiveness isn't just the beginning—it's the doorway to everything God wants to restore in your life.

Devotional

DAY THREE

Release What Binds You | Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 4:16-21

When Jesus declared “*today this Scripture is fulfilled*,” He was announcing that He IS your Jubilee. Every chain that holds you—shame, regret, addiction, fear, past mistakes—was broken at the cross. Jubilee released people from debts they could never repay and slavery they couldn’t escape. Jesus does the same for you spiritually. What are you still carrying that He already paid for? What burden are you dragging that He’s already lifted? The spirit of release isn’t just theological—it’s intensely practical. Today, identify one thing you’ve been carrying that Jesus has already freed you from. Speak it out loud: “*I am released from _____*.” Then live like someone who’s been set free, because you have been.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

God Restores What Was Lost | Joel 2:25-27; 1 Peter 5:10

Jubilee returned land, identity, and inheritance to families who had lost everything. It declared that loss doesn't get the final word. God is still in the restoration business—lost years, broken relationships, shattered dreams, stolen joy. Nothing is beyond His ability to rebuild. Perhaps you've experienced seasons that felt wasted or opportunities that slipped away. Jubilee says God can restore even the years the locusts have eaten. He specializes in redeeming what seems irredeemable. Your story isn't over, and your best days aren't behind you. The God of Jubilee is working right now to return what belongs to you. Expect restoration. Watch for it. Thank Him in advance for it. What He promised to Israel, He promises to you: *"You will know that I am in Israel."*

Devotional

DAY FIVE

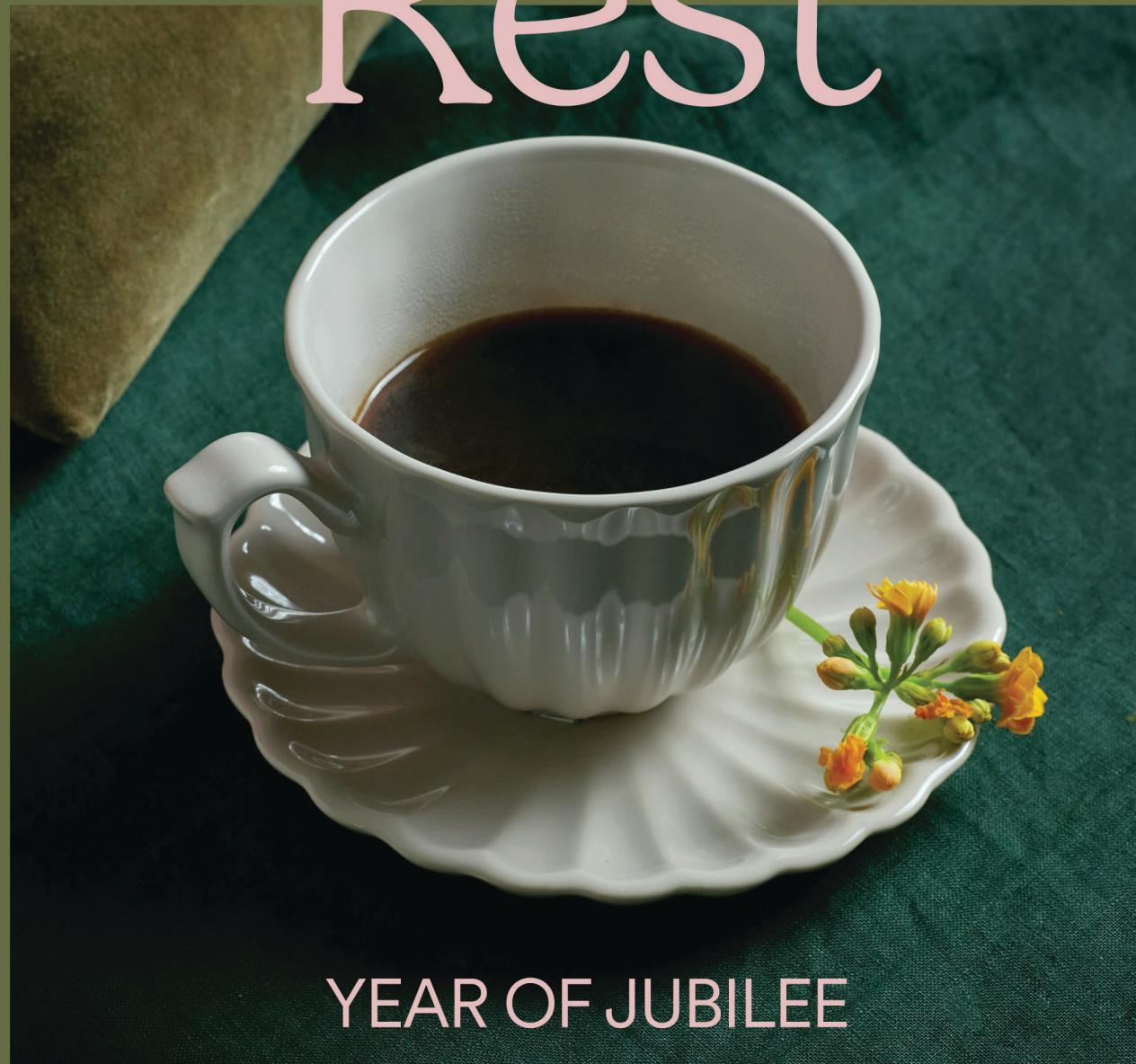
Living as Jubilee People | Matthew 18:21-35; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Jubilee transformed entire communities because people chose to forgive debts, release captives, and restore dignity to others. As recipients of Jesus' Jubilee, we're called to become Jubilee for those around us. Who needs you to release them from a debt—emotional, relational, or otherwise? Who needs restoration that you could help facilitate? Jubilee people create Jubilee environments through radical forgiveness, generous giving, and dignified restoration. This isn't optional Christianity; it's the overflow of experiencing Jesus' freedom yourself. You cannot hoard Jubilee—it multiplies when you give it away. Today, ask God to show you one person who needs to experience Jubilee through you. Then step into that calling with courage, knowing you're reflecting the very heart of Christ to a world desperate for freedom.

REFLECTION

Session TWO

THE RHYTHM OF Rest



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WELCOME

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ICEBREAKER

When was the last time you felt truly rested? What were you doing (or not doing)?

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4. Jesus said, "Come to me...and I will give you rest." How is rest in Jesus different from simply stopping work or taking a vacation?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"The Sabbath is not a reward for finishing; it's the fuel for beginning again."

How might your life look different six months from now if you faithfully practiced weekly Sabbath rest?

HOMEWORK

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Choose Your Sabbath Day: Identify which 24-hour period will be your Sabbath this week.

Plan Ahead: What work needs to be completed before your Sabbath begins? (Remember the manna principle!)

Create Your Sabbath Rhythm: Write down 3-5 activities that will help you rest, worship, and delight in God's presence.

Eliminate Barriers: What will you need to say "no" to in order to say "yes" to Sabbath?

Invite Jesus In: Begin and end your Sabbath with prayer, accepting Jesus' invitation: "Come to Me...and I will give you rest."

KEY SCRIPTURE:

Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt 11:28 NAS

JOURNAL

What would need to change in your weekly schedule to practice a 24-hour Sabbath?
How might regular Sabbath rest change your relationships with family, friends, or coworkers?

Devotional DAY ONE

Built for Rest | Genesis 2:1-3; Psalm 127:1-2

The very first full day of human existence was not a day of labor but a day of rest. Before Adam ever worked, he rested in God's presence. This reveals a profound truth: our identity is not rooted in productivity but in being God's beloved creation. We live in a culture that equates busyness with importance, yet God designed rest into the fabric of creation itself. When we embrace Sabbath, we acknowledge that our worth comes from whose we are, not what we do. God blessed the seventh day, making rest holy and sacred. Today, consider how you've allowed productivity to define you. What would change if you believed rest was as spiritual as work?

Devotional DAY TWO

The Fuel for Beginning Again | Exodus 16:13-30; Mark 6:30-32

When God provided manna in the wilderness, He established a rhythm: gather for six days, rest on the seventh. Those who tried to gather on the Sabbath found nothing but rot. This teaches us that working when God calls us to rest spoils what we've gathered. Jesus understood this principle. After sending the disciples out to minister, He called them away to rest. Sabbath isn't a reward we earn after finishing our work—it's the fuel that empowers us to begin again. Medical science confirms what Scripture teaches: rest reduces stress, restores creativity, and deepens relationships. God's prescription for soul fatigue is weekly recalibration through rest. Sabbath reminds us that the world doesn't depend on our constant effort.

Devotional

DAY THREE

Remember and Resist | Exodus 20:8-11; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"Remember the Sabbath" isn't merely a suggestion—it's a command that invites us to resist the tyranny of busyness. The Hebrew word "remember" means more than mental recall; it means to actively observe and practice. In a world that glorifies hustle culture, Sabbath is revolutionary. It declares that we are human beings, not human doings. When we check our phones in bed, multitask through meals, and wear exhaustion as a badge of honor, we've forgotten our humanity. God established Sabbath as liberation, not legalism. It's permission to turn off devices, eat slowly, take walks, and nap without guilt. Sabbath creates space for gratitude, wonder, and presence—qualities crushed by constant productivity.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

The Lord of the Sabbath | Matthew 11:28-30; Mark 2:23-28

Jesus declared Himself "Lord of the Sabbath," revealing that true rest isn't found in a day but in a Person. The Pharisees had transformed Sabbath into a burden of rules, but Jesus restored it as a gift of relationship. His invitation—"Come to me, and I will give you rest"—offers something deeper than physical relaxation. He offers soul rest. When we stop striving and simply abide in His presence, we discover that He is enough (El Shaddai). Honoring the Sabbath means orienting our lives around worship, delighting in God's presence through Scripture, prayer, fellowship, and beauty. Sabbath isn't about what we stop doing; it's about Whom we start beholding. In Christ's presence, our weary souls find the rest no vacation can provide.

Devotional

DAY FIVE

Stopping as Trust | Leviticus 25:1-7; Philippians 4:6-7

God commanded Israel to let the land rest every seventh year—a radical act of trust. Imagine farmers watching fields lie fallow, trusting God would provide. This Sabbath principle extends beyond agriculture to our souls. Stopping is an act of trust, declaring that God remains sovereign even when we're asleep. The Year of Jubilee reminds us that God's economy operates differently than the world's. We don't have to strive endlessly; God invites us into rhythms of work and rest that reflect His character. What if the most spiritual thing you could do this week is take a nap—because you trust God is still God when you're not working? Sabbath proclaims that the world keeps spinning without our constant effort. This is liberation.

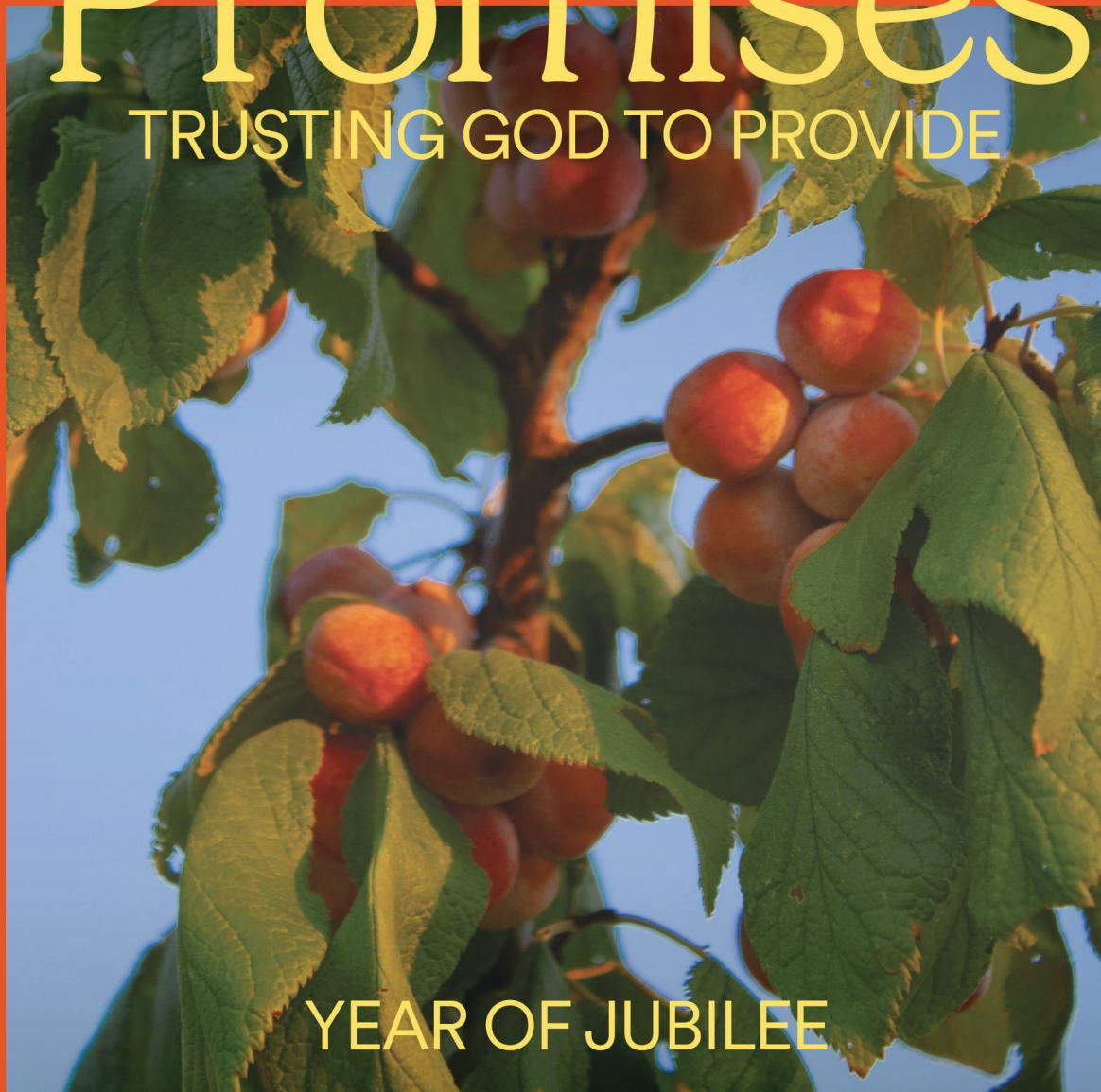
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RESTING IN HIS

Promises

TRUSTING GOD TO PROVIDE



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ICEBREAKER

Share about a time when you stayed up worrying about something, only to have it work out differently than you expected. What did you learn from that experience?

VIDEO

This week's video invites us to explore what it truly means to trust God as our provider—learning to rest confidently in His unfailing promises.

DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think God commanded the land to rest every seventh year? What was He trying to teach the Israelites?
2. The Israelites asked, "What will we eat in the seventh year?" What areas of your life cause you to ask similar "What will I do if..." questions?
3. We read about God providing manna in Exodus 16:22-30. Why did the manna spoil when people tried to hoard it? What was God teaching them about trust?
4. In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus tells us to look at birds and flowers as examples. What specifically can we learn from them about trust and provision?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Your faith today is the seed of the miracle you'll testify about tomorrow."

As we step away from this message on God's provision, let this truth settle deep into your heart: God is always ahead of you, working in what you cannot yet see.

Let this be the week you practice trusting Him—not because the future is certain, but because He is.

HOMEWORK

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Practice Gratitude in Advance: Each morning this week, write down one thing you're thanking God for in advance—something you're trusting Him to provide or work out. At the end of the week, review your list and notice how your perspective shifted.

Take It One Day at a Time: Choose one area of worry or anxiety in your life. Each time you catch yourself worrying about tomorrow, pause and ask: "What does God want me to do TODAY about this?" Focus only on today's obedience, not tomorrow's outcomes.

The Principle of Firsts: Identify one area where you can apply the "principle of firsts" this week:

- o Time: Give God the first 15 minutes of your day before checking your phone
- o Money: If you don't currently tithe, take a step of faith with your finances
- o Attention: Before making decisions or plans, seek God's kingdom first through prayer

KEY SCRIPTURE

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33 NIV

JOURNAL

What is one area where I need to stop trying to control outcomes and instead trust God's provision?

Devotional DAY ONE

God Prepares the Way Before You | Leviticus 25:18-22

God doesn't just meet our needs in the moment—He prepares for them in advance. When He commanded Israel to rest the land every seventh year, He promised abundance in the sixth year that would carry them through. This wasn't about their effort; it was about His faithfulness. Today, consider where you're trying to control outcomes instead of trusting God's timing. What if God is already working behind the scenes, preparing provision you cannot yet see? Your faith today plants seeds for tomorrow's testimony. Practice thanking God in advance for what He's already preparing. Remember: the confident expectation of future blessings from God is hope. God can, and you can expect that He will.

Devotional DAY TWO

The Gift of Daily Dependence | Exodus 16:22-30

The Israelites received manna daily—just enough for each day, with double portions before the Sabbath. Those who hoarded found it spoiled; those who searched on the Sabbath found nothing. God was teaching radical dependence. We live in a culture that values self-sufficiency, but God invites us into daily trust. Like rowers who face backward while moving forward, we're called to pull rather than push—recalling God's past faithfulness while He steers our future. What are you anxiously trying to secure for tomorrow? God's grace is sufficient for today. Take it one day at a time. Worry paralyzes, but faith mobilizes. Let today's provision be enough.

Devotional

DAY THREE

Seeking First Things First | Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus redirects our worry toward wonder: Look at the birds. Consider the lilies. If God clothes the grass and feeds the sparrows, how much more will He care for you? The antidote to anxiety isn't trying harder—it's seeking His kingdom first. God cares about order and priority. When we give Him our firsts—our time, resources, worship—everything else falls into alignment. This principle requires faith: giving from one instead of ten honors God differently. What would change if you truly believed you are more valuable to God than the birds He faithfully feeds? Today, practice seeking His kingdom first in one specific area. Trust that all these things will be added unto you.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

Rest as an Act of Faith | Exodus 20:8-11; Hebrews 4:9-11

Rest isn't laziness—it's trust. When God commanded Sabbath, He was establishing a rhythm that declares, "I am your Provider, not your productivity." The Israelites rested while God provided. Jesus offers us rest for our souls. Yet we resist, believing everything depends on us. True rest requires releasing control and believing God holds what we cannot. It's the spiritual equivalent of a trust fall—scary at first, but with repetition, we learn He catches us every time. Where are you exhausted from striving? What would it look like to rest in God's provision this week? Remember: obedience to rest isn't irresponsible; it's an act of worship that says, "I trust You more than my effort."

Devotional

DAY FIVE

The Thread of Provision Through Scripture | Psalm 23; Philippians 4:19

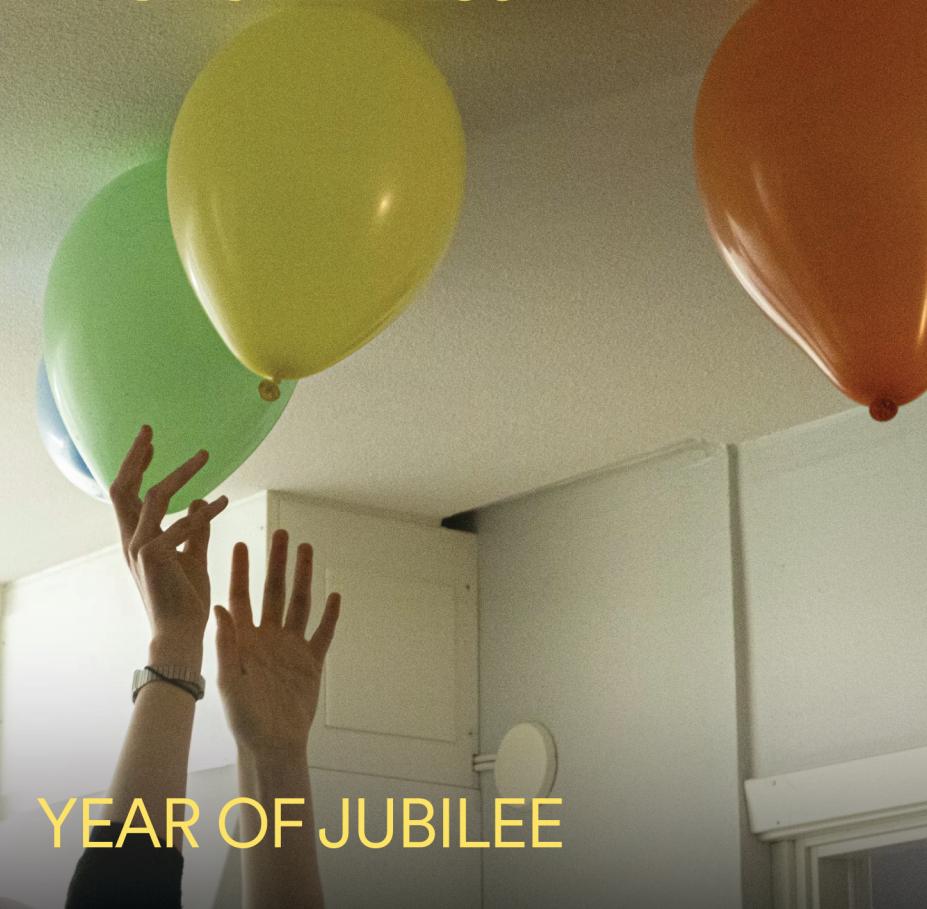
From Leviticus to Exodus to Matthew, God's message remains consistent: "I will provide." This thread weaves through all of Scripture, culminating in Jesus—our ultimate provision for rest, restoration, and eternal life. The Good Shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls. God supplies all our needs according to His riches in glory. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills; everything we have comes from Him. As you reflect on this week's readings, recall the times God has provided—in advance, daily, and personally. Let those memories build your faith for what's ahead. God loves keeping promises, answering prayers, and fulfilling dreams. That is who He is. That is what He does. Today, rest in that truth. This is liberation.

REFLECTION

Session FOUR

RELEASED FROM Debt

FORGIVENESS



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ICEBREAKER

When you hear the word "debt," what's the first thing that comes to mind? (Financial, emotional, relational, etc.)

VIDEO

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DISCUSSION

1. How does understanding that your sin-debt is "paid in full" change your identity and daily walk with Christ?
2. Read or summarize the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35). Why is it impossible to experience grace and withhold grace at the same time?
3. Does someone come to mind when you think about someone who owes you an "emotional or relational debt"? What makes releasing them from their debt to us so difficult? What fears or concerns arise when we consider forgiving?
4. How does unforgiveness impact our spiritual lives, relationships, and overall flourishing?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"You cannot experience grace and withhold grace at the same time."

As we end today, let this truth rest in your spirit: the freedom Jesus gave you wasn't meant to stop with you. Grace is not a emotional and relational debts they owe us, we step fully into the freedom Jesus purchased.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Jubilee is God's movement of grace that brings freedom, rest, and restoration
- Jesus paid our sin-debt in full at the cross—we cannot and do not need to earn it back
- Forgiven people must become forgiving people—we cannot withhold what we've freely received
- Forgiveness is a release, not necessarily a restoration of relationship without boundaries
- When we forgive, we look like Jesus and become a testimony to the world

Session NOTES

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Release One Person in Prayer: Take a moment to release someone from an emotional or relational debt. Say: "Lord, because You forgave me, I release them. I cancel the debt."

Write Down the Debt Jesus Canceled for You: Spend time journaling the ways Jesus has forgiven you—name them. Let remembering His grace soften your heart toward others.

Practice a Daily "Grace Check": At the end of each day, ask: Was I holding anyone emotionally hostage today? Did I respond with grace or resentment?

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14 NLT

JOURNAL

What debt—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—do I still feel tied to? How does knowing my sin-debt is paid in full allow me to live free?

Who do I need to release from emotional or relational debt?

Devotional DAY ONE

God's Blueprint for Freedom | Deuteronomy 15:1-11

God never intended for His people to live in perpetual bondage—whether to debt, shame, or oppression. The Jubilee principle reveals God's heart: people matter more than profit. When God commanded debt cancellation every seven years, He was establishing a rhythm of grace that prevented inequality from becoming permanent. This wasn't just economic policy; it was a reflection of His character. God wanted Israel to experience and extend the same generosity they received from Him. Today, ask yourself: Am I holding onto what God freely gave me, or am I extending His grace to others? Where has accumulation replaced compassion in my life? God's blueprint always prioritizes human dignity over material gain.

Devotional DAY TWO

The Debt We Could Never Pay | Colossians 2:13-15

Our sin created an impossible debt. Every broken promise, selfish choice, and rebellious act added to a balance we could never settle. We tried good works, religious activity, and self-improvement—but the debt remained. Then Jesus stepped in. He didn't negotiate terms or create a payment plan. He canceled the entire debt, nailing it to the cross and declaring, "Paid in full." This is the gospel of Jubilee. Stop trying to earn what's already been given. Stop performing to prove your worth. Your debt is gone—completely, permanently, eternally. The question isn't whether you're forgiven; it's whether you'll believe it enough to walk in freedom. Receive today what Jesus already purchased yesterday.

Devotional

DAY THREE

The Unforgiving Servant | Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus' parable cuts to the heart of hypocrisy: receiving grace while withholding it from others. The servant forgiven millions turned around and choked someone over thousands. It's absurd—yet we do this constantly. We celebrate our canceled sin-debt while clutching the emotional debts others owe us. We demand justice for their wrongs while claiming mercy for ours. Jesus makes it clear: you cannot hoard grace. Forgiveness received must become forgiveness extended. This doesn't mean boundaries disappear or trust is automatic. It means releasing people from the emotional prison of your bitterness. Who are you strangling over pocket change while Jesus forgave you billions? Forgiven people forgive people. It's not optional—it's evidence the gospel has truly transformed you.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

The Freedom of Release | Luke 4:16-21

When Jesus announced His ministry, He quoted Isaiah's Jubilee prophecy: *"to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and release from darkness for the oppressed."* Jubilee wasn't just His message—it was His mission. Jesus came to release what binds us: sin's guilt, shame's weight, fear's grip, and unforgiveness's poison. But here's the challenge: freedom requires release on both sides. You must receive your release from sin's debt, and you must release others from relational debt. Holding onto bitterness while claiming freedom is like a prisoner refusing to leave an open cell. Who has Jesus released you from hating? What grudge is He asking you to surrender? True freedom comes when you stop being someone's judge and jury. Release them. Not for their sake—for yours.

Devotional

DAY FIVE

Living the Jubilee Lifestyle | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Jubilee isn't just a moment—it's a lifestyle. Paul says we're given the "*ministry of reconciliation*," meaning we carry Jubilee everywhere we go. We become agents of release in a world imprisoned by debt, shame, and unforgiveness. This week, living Jubilee means identifying one person who owes you emotionally and releasing them in prayer. It means choosing generosity over scarcity, grace over grudges, and freedom over control. It means reflecting the seven values of a Jubilee community: pursuing Jesus, obeying Scripture, relying on the Spirit, loving people, serving humbly, giving generously, and helping others flourish. Forgiven people don't just receive freedom—they become freedom-givers. Who needs you to declare their Jubilee today? Speak release over them. Cancel their debt. Live free.

REFLECTION

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Restored

GOD BRINGS BACK WHAT WAS LOST



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CLOSING THOUGHT

"Loss doesn't get the last word."

Let that truth settle over your heart this week. Whatever has been taken, broken, or delayed—God's story for you is not finished. Each day this week, declare out loud: "God has the final word over my life."

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- God is a God of restoration—it's not just what He does; it's who He is.
- The Year of Jubilee demonstrates that God always makes a way back for His people.
- Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer who paid the price to restore our relationship with God and give us an eternal inheritance.
- Our inheritance in Christ cannot be lost, stolen, sold, or taken—it is eternal and secure.
- Nothing is too lost, too broken, or too far gone for God to restore.

Session NOTES

Session FIVE

HOMEWORK

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Write a Restoration Prayer. Write out a prayer entrusting something specific to God for restoration. Include what you've lost or what's broken. Write your honest feelings about it. Write your declaration of trust in God's power to restore and thank Him for what He will do

Study God's Restoration Promises. Look up and meditate on these restoration scriptures:

- Joel 2:25 (restored years)
- Psalm 147:3 (healed hearts)
- Psalm 23:3 (restored soul)
- Psalm 40:2 (lifted from the pit)
- Romans 11:29 (irrevocable calling)
- Psalm 51:12 (restored joy)

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you, confirm you, strengthen you, and establish you." 1 Peter 5:10

JOURNAL

What have I lost that I need God to restore?

Write it down and ask God to restore it. Date it. Pray over it daily this week.

Devotional DAY ONE

Your Inheritance in Christ | Ephesians 1:3-14

God has given you an inheritance that surpasses anything earthly. Just as the tribes of Israel received their promised land, you have received something far greater through Jesus Christ—an eternal inheritance that cannot be lost, stolen, or diminished. This inheritance includes your identity as God's beloved child, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the promise of eternal life. Today, reflect on what it means to be an heir of God. You are not a spiritual orphan wandering without purpose. You belong to Him. You have a place in His kingdom. Let this truth anchor your identity, especially when circumstances make you feel lost or insignificant. Your inheritance is secure because it rests not on your performance, but on Christ's finished work.

Devotional DAY TWO

When You've Lost Your Way | Joel 2:18-27

Loss is universal. Perhaps you've lost time to regret, peace to anxiety, or hope to disappointment. God's promise through Joel speaks directly to your heart: "I will restore to you the years." The Year of Jubilee was God's declaration that loss doesn't get the final word. What feels permanently broken in your life is not beyond God's redemptive power. He specializes in restoration. Take inventory today of what you believe is lost forever. That dream you abandoned. That relationship that fractured. That part of yourself you think is gone. Bring it before God honestly. He doesn't promise to erase the past, but He does promise to redeem it—to bring beauty from ashes and purpose from pain. Your story of loss can become a testimony of God's restorative grace.

Devotional

DAY THREE

The Redeemer Who Paid the Price | Leviticus 25:23-28, 47-55

In ancient Israel, when someone lost their inheritance, a kinsman-redeemer could step in to buy it back. This beautiful picture points directly to Jesus, our ultimate Redeemer. You were enslaved to sin, separated from God, and unable to restore yourself. But Jesus stepped in as your nearest relative—taking on human flesh—and paid the price to redeem you. The cost was His own blood. Today, remember that your freedom wasn't cheap, but it is complete. You don't have to earn your way back to God or prove you're worthy of restoration. Jesus already paid it all. When guilt whispers that you're too far gone, remember the cross. When shame says you're disqualified, remember the empty tomb. You have been redeemed, restored, and brought back into God's family forever.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

Restored to Wholeness | Psalm 23

"He restores my soul." These four words contain profound hope. God doesn't just restore circumstances; He restores you—your inner life, your emotional health, your spiritual vitality. Like a shepherd who tends wounded sheep, God personally attends to your brokenness. Perhaps your soul feels depleted today. Ministry has drained you. Disappointment has discouraged you. Grief has left you empty. The Good Shepherd sees you and leads you to still waters and green pastures—places of rest and renewal. Restoration is often a process, not an instant fix. It requires you to follow the Shepherd, to trust His pace, to rest when He says rest. What does soul restoration look like for you today? Maybe it's unplugging from noise, confessing hidden burdens, or simply sitting in God's presence without an agenda. Let Him restore you.

Devotional

DAY FIVE

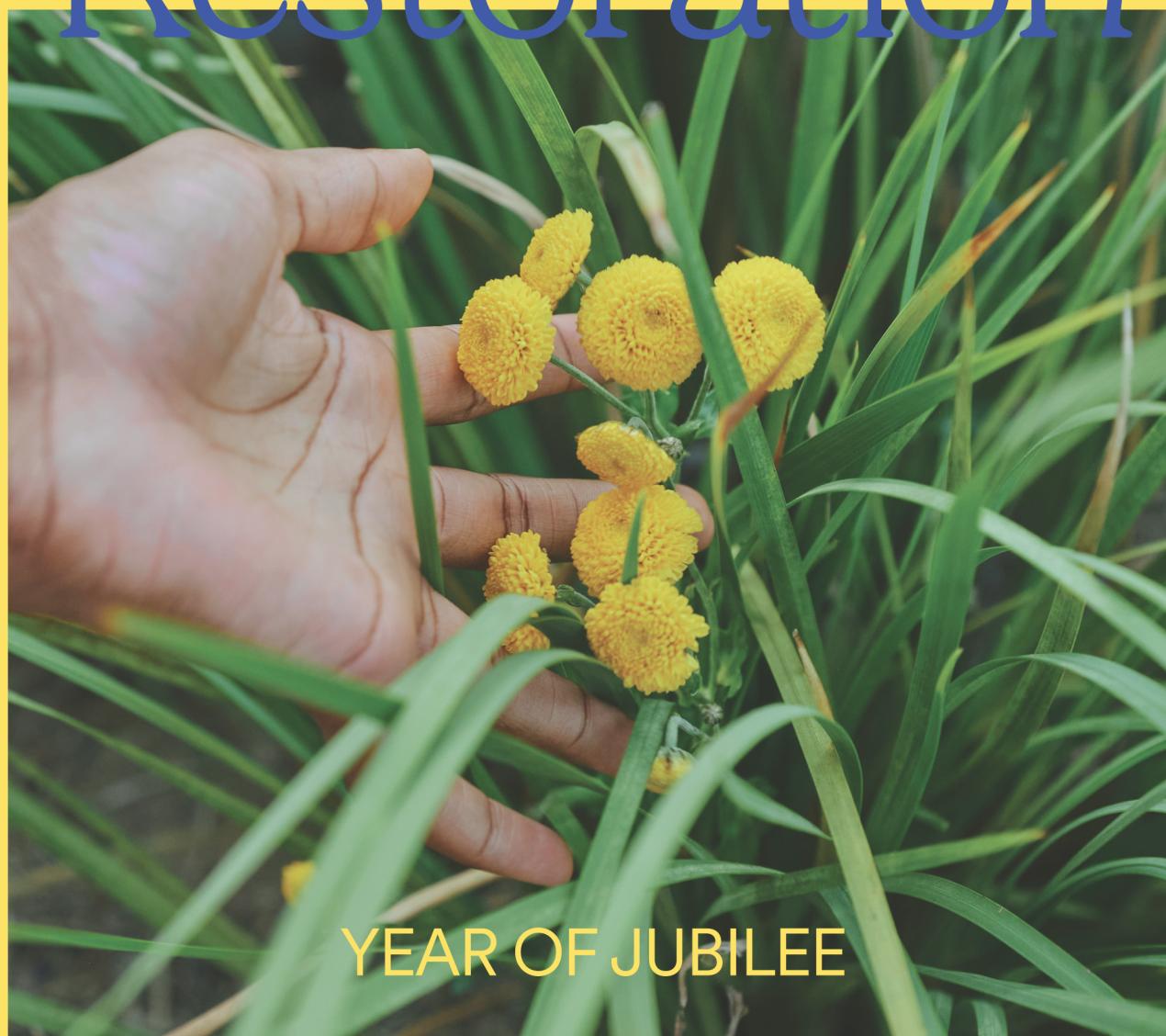
The Promise of Complete Restoration | 1 Peter 5:6-10

Peter writes to suffering believers with this stunning promise: *"The God of all grace... will Himself restore you."* Notice the personal nature—God Himself will do this work. Not partially. Not conditionally. He will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. This promise comes after acknowledging suffering. God doesn't deny your pain, but He does promise purpose beyond it. Your present struggle is not your permanent address. God is actively working restoration in your life, even when you cannot see it. Today, place into God's hands whatever needs restoration—your joy, your confidence, your calling, your relationships. Speak it aloud: "Lord, I entrust this to You." Then rest in this truth: your story does not end in loss. It ends in restoration. The God who began a good work in you will complete it. What feels like an ending is actually God preparing you for a new beginning.

REFLECTION

Session SIX

THE MINISTRY OF Restoration



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3. What does it mean to be an "ambassador for Christ"? How does this identity shape the way we approach broken relationships?
4. The sermon stated: "Restored people become restorers." How has experiencing God's forgiveness in your own life equipped you to extend forgiveness to others?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Restoration isn't passive; we must go first."

As you step into this week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you where He's calling you to take the first step. Maybe it's a conversation you've been avoiding, a person you need to check on, or a relationship where peace has been delayed because both sides are waiting. Your challenge is simple but courageous: go first. Trust that as you move, God moves with you—because restoration begins wherever obedience begins. Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Pray for the Holy Spirit to minister to each group member as they study.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- God is a Restorer - He heals what's damaged and brings people back together
- Restoration begins with compassion - We step toward someone's pain, not away from it
- We must go first - Jesus calls us to initiate reconciliation, not wait for others
- Forgiveness reflects the kingdom - It doesn't minimize the offense, but it opens the door to healing
- We are ambassadors - Restored people become restorers; we represent Christ's heart to the world
- Restoration is our mission - God reconciled us to Himself and now sends us to do the same for others

Session NOTES

Session SIX

HOMEWORK

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Uphold Someone: Identify someone in your life who is struggling. Reach out with a specific offer of help (meal, coffee, prayer, practical support)

Initiate Reconciliation: If God brings someone to mind with whom you have unresolved conflict, pray about taking the first step. Reach out to schedule a conversation (in person is best)

Pray for Your Enemies: Make a list of people who have hurt you or whom you find difficult. Commit to praying for them daily this week, asking God to bless them

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

JOURNAL

Is there someone I need to support or uphold right now?

Is there someone I need to reconcile with?

Devotional DAY ONE

Compassion Over Convenience | Leviticus 25:35-38

God's heart for restoration begins with compassion. When we see a brother or sister struggling, our natural inclination may be to protect ourselves or look away. Yet God calls us to step toward their pain, not away from it. This passage reveals that restoration isn't about what's convenient—it's about choosing to uphold others in their weakness. Today, ask yourself: Who in my life is struggling that I've been avoiding? What would it look like to step toward their need with God's compassion? Remember, when we support others without taking advantage of their vulnerability, we reflect the very heart of our Restorer God. Restoration always begins with seeing others through eyes of mercy.

Devotional DAY TWO

Loving Your Enemies | Luke 6:27-28

Jesus radically redefines restoration by commanding us to love our enemies and bless those who curse us. This isn't natural—it's supernatural. Restoration requires us to move beyond our desire for justice and self-protection, trusting God to be the ultimate judge. When someone has hurt you, your flesh wants revenge, but Christ calls you to prayer and blessing. This doesn't minimize the offense or excuse the pain; rather, it releases you from the prison of bitterness. Today, identify one person who has hurt you. Instead of rehearsing the offense, pray for their blessing. This act of obedience opens the door for God's healing power to flow into your heart and potentially restore what was broken.

Devotional

DAY THREE

Worship Through Reconciliation | Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus places a stunning priority on relational integrity—even above worship. He says if you remember someone has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go make peace first. This reveals that our horizontal relationships directly impact our vertical relationship with God. We cannot compartmentalize our faith, serving God while ignoring brokenness with people. Reconciliation isn't passive; it requires initiative. Don't wait for the other person to make the first move. God is calling you to go first, to pursue peace actively. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any relationship that needs attention. Then take the courageous step to reach out, not to prove you're right, but to pursue restoration that honors God.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

New Creation | 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

In Christ, you are a new creation—the old has gone, the new has come! This transformation isn't just personal; it's missional. God reconciled you to Himself and now commissions you with the ministry of reconciliation. You are His ambassador, carrying His message of restoration to a broken world. This means your identity is no longer defined by past hurts or failures, but by God's redemptive work in you. Restored people become restorers. The forgiveness you've received becomes the forgiveness you extend. Today, reflect on how God has restored you. Let gratitude for your own reconciliation fuel your willingness to be an agent of restoration in others' lives. Your story of transformation is your greatest tool for ministry.

Devotional

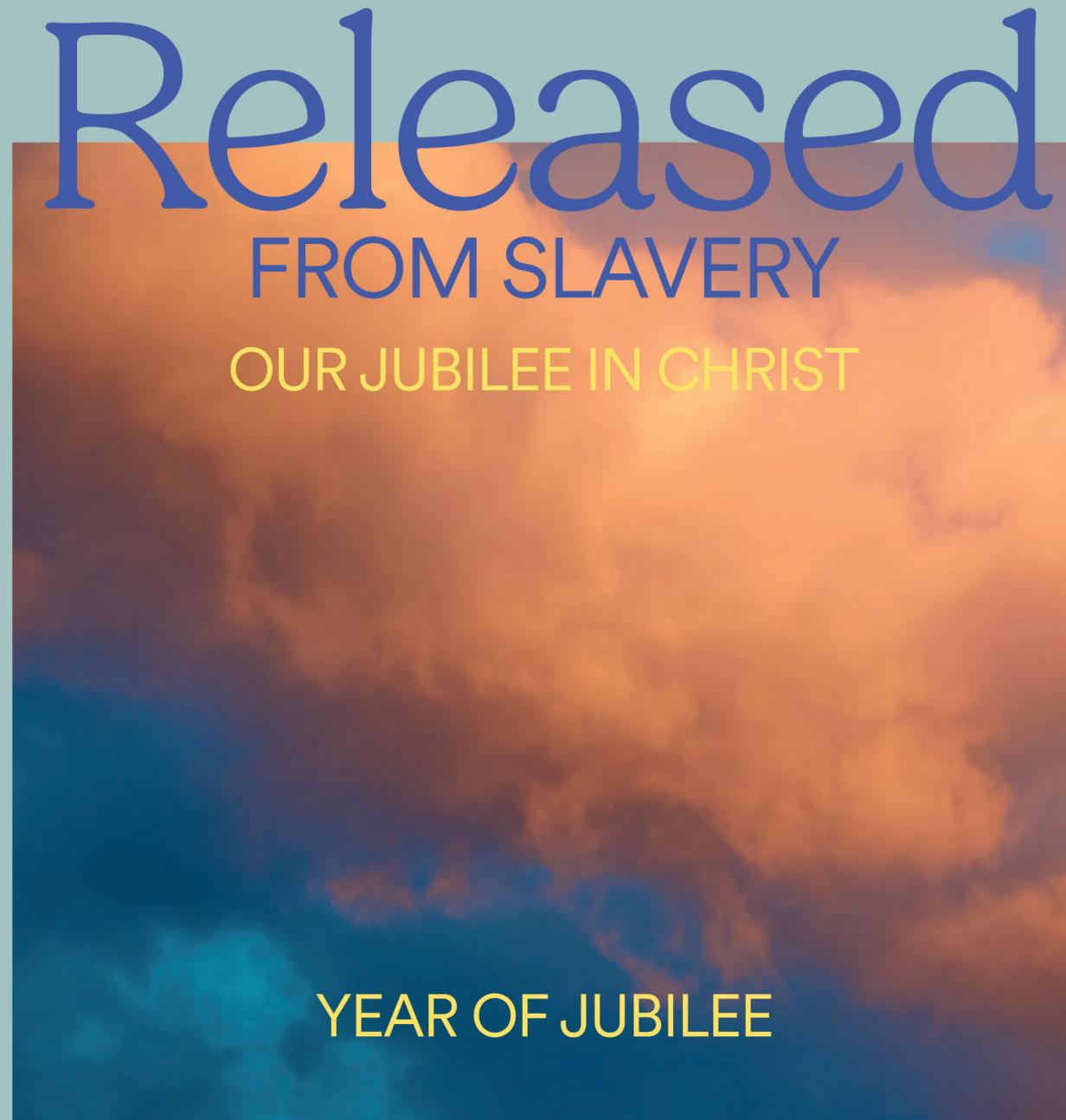
DAY FIVE

Your Year of Jubilee | Leviticus 25:8-13

The Year of Jubilee represented complete restoration—debts canceled, slaves freed, land returned, relationships renewed. God is inviting you into your own season of Jubilee. This is your time to experience the freedom that comes from forgiveness and restoration. Perhaps you've been carrying the weight of unforgiveness, believing that letting go means letting someone "off the hook." But true freedom comes when you release that burden to God, trusting Him as the perfect Judge. Healing doesn't always happen instantly, but restoration begins the moment you choose obedience. Today, declare this your year of Jubilee. Accept God's forgiveness fully. Release those who've hurt you. Step into restored relationships with courage. Allow God to prove Himself as the ultimate Healer and Restorer in your life.

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Session SEVEN



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ICEBREAKER

What's one habit or routine you've tried to change but found yourself going back to the old way? What made it difficult?

VIDEO

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4. Jesus said *'if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'* What would living in complete freedom from sin look like in your life this week?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Gal. 5:1

Because Christ has already set you free, your challenge this week is to stand firm—to refuse to let old patterns, old mindsets, or old sins reclaim what Jesus has already released you from. Walk into the coming days remembering this: freedom is not something you are trying to earn...it's something you are learning to live in.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus is our Jubilee – He cancels our debts, frees us from slavery to sin, and restores us to the family of God.
- We become slaves to whatever we choose to obey – Sin or righteousness; the choice is ours.
- Practice makes permanent – Whatever we practice, we get better at. Stop practicing sin and start practicing righteousness.
- Freedom requires choice – We must choose to leave slavery, choose to return home, and choose to remain free
- You are a child, not a slave – Your identity in Christ is as a son or daughter, not a servant by obligation.

Session NOTES

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Identify and Confess. Spend time in prayer this week identifying one area where you've been "practicing" sin or tolerating spiritual slavery. Confess this to God and, if appropriate, to a trusted friend or accountability partner.

Replace the Practice. Choose one specific spiritual discipline to practice in place of the old pattern (prayer, Scripture reading, worship, service, etc.). Practice this new habit daily.

Accountability Check-In. Exchange phone numbers with at least one person in your group. Text or call each other mid-week to encourage one another in standing firm in freedom.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

JOURNAL

What would change in my life if I truly believed I am "free indeed"?

What specific step is God calling me to take to walk in the freedom Christ has provided?

Devotional DAY ONE

The Promise of Jubilee | Leviticus 25:8-17

The Year of Jubilee was God's radical reset button for His people. Every fifty years, debts were cancelled, land was restored, and slaves were freed. This wasn't just about economics; it was about preventing generational oppression and reminding Israel that God owns everything. We are merely stewards of what He has entrusted to us for a season. But Jubilee pointed forward to something greater—Jesus Christ, our ultimate Jubilee. Through Him, God freed us from the slavery of sin and death. Your spiritual debts have been paid in full. You've been restored to your Heavenly Father and welcomed into His family. Today, reflect on what freedom Christ has purchased for you. What areas of your life still need His liberating touch?

Devotional DAY TWO

A New Identity in Christ | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" This isn't just positive thinking—it's supernatural transformation. When Christ sets you free, you receive a completely new identity. You're no longer defined by your past failures, addictions, or shame. Like a prisoner released after serving their sentence, you walk out into freedom. But freedom requires you to embrace your new identity. You cannot live as a free person while thinking like a slave. God sees you as His beloved child, fully forgiven and completely new. The question is: do you see yourself that way? Today, reject the old labels and embrace who God says you are. Write down three truths about your new identity in Christ.

Devotional

DAY THREE

No Longer Slaves, But Children | Galatians 4:1-9

Paul asks a piercing question: *"Now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces?"* You've been in sin long enough. In rebellion long enough. In slavery long enough. In bondage long enough. In dysfunction long enough. God has equipped you with everything you need for victory, yet how often do we turn away at the time of battle? You are no longer a slave but God's child, and as His child, you are also an heir. You have access to all the resources of your Father's kingdom. Stop living beneath your inheritance. Today, identify one area where you've been living like a slave instead of a son or daughter. Bring it before God and ask Him to renew your mind.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

The Practice of Freedom | Romans 6:15-23

"You become the slave of whatever you choose to obey." This is a sobering truth. Whatever you practice, you get good at. Practice is intentional—we practice because we want to improve. But what are you practicing? Are you practicing lying, lust, or other destructive patterns? Or are you practicing righteousness, truth, and obedience to God? If you stop practicing sin, you will no longer be good at it. But you cannot simply stop—you must replace old patterns with new ones. Like the prodigal son who said, "What I'm doing is not right," you must make a choice. A choice to leave the old way. A choice to return home. A choice to remain. The father welcomed his son not as a slave, but as a beloved child. Today, choose one sinful pattern to stop practicing and one godly habit to start practicing in its place.

Devotional

DAY FIVE

True Freedom in the Son | John 8:31-36

Jesus declared, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." This is the culmination of our journey—true, lasting freedom comes only through Jesus. Christ has set you free for freedom. Stand firm and do not let yourself be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. You were once bound by obligation, fear, and sin. Now you remain in God's family by choice—a choice to accept His grace, a choice to walk in His ways, a choice to live as His beloved child. Freedom in Christ is not permission to sin; it's the power to live righteously. Today, declare your freedom in Christ. Stand firm in it. Live like the free person you truly are. What will you do today to celebrate and protect the freedom Christ has given you?

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DISCUSSION

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2. The sermon states that 'freedom still begins with a sound.' What does this mean for how we communicate hope and truth in our daily conversations with those who are struggling?
3. Isaiah 61 describes binding up the brokenhearted and proclaiming freedom to captives. Who in your life fits this description, and how might God be calling you to be part of their healing journey?
4. The closing of the message states that in heaven's eyes, sharing your story or inviting someone makes you 'a trumpet' proclaiming liberty. How does this perspective shift your understanding of your role in God's mission?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Today, freedom still begins with a sound."

So this week, decide what sound your life will make: a word of encouragement, a prayer whispered for someone hurting, an invitation that opens the door to healing. Use your voice, your presence, and your story as a trumpet, believing God will use it to bring freedom to someone who desperately needs it.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Freedom begins with a sound** - Our words, testimonies, and invitations can announce Jubilee to others
- **Jesus fulfills the Jubilee promise** - He came to set captives free from spiritual bondage
- **We are all called to proclaim** - Proclamation isn't just preaching; it's everyday acts of hope
- **Our lives are living proclamations** - How we live demonstrates the reality of freedom in Christ

Session NOTES

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Share Your Testimony: Write out your testimony in 3-5 minutes (focus on before Jesus, meeting Jesus, after Jesus) Share one thing God has done for you with a coworker, friend, or family member

Invite Someone: Invite one person to church this Sunday. Invite someone to your small group. Bring a friend to a church event (Pursuit Worship night, Special Event)

Speak Life: Identify three people you'll intentionally encourage this week. Pray for someone on the spot instead of just saying "I'll pray for you". Send an encouraging text to someone who's struggling.

KEY SCRIPTURE

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on Me... to proclaim good news to the poor... to bind up the brokenhearted... to proclaim freedom for the captives... to comfort all who mourn." — Isaiah 61:1–3 NIV

JOURNAL

What holds you back from sharing their testimony? What fears or obstacles do you face when it comes to telling your story?

Your testimony doesn't have to be dramatic—it just has to be yours. What is one simple way you could share what God has done in your life this week?

Devotional DAY ONE

The Sound of Freedom | Leviticus 25:8-13; Isaiah 61:1-3

The Jubilee trumpet wasn't just noise—it was an announcement that transformed reality. In ancient Israel, this sound meant debts were cancelled, slaves were freed, and land was restored. Today, you may not hear a literal trumpet, but God's declaration of freedom still echoes. Perhaps you're carrying the weight of past mistakes, financial pressure, or relational brokenness. Jesus came to "proclaim freedom for the captives" and to "bind up the brokenhearted." His mission was—and is—your liberation. Freedom begins when you hear God's voice speaking over your circumstances: "Things don't have to stay this way." Listen today. His word of liberty is sounding over your life right now. What burden are you carrying that God wants to lift today?

Devotional DAY TWO

Your Story is a Trumpet | Psalm 107:1-22; Acts 4:13-20

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Peter and John couldn't contain their testimony because encounter demands expression. Your story—however ordinary it seems—is someone else's hope. When you share how God met you in depression, restored your marriage, or gave you peace in chaos, you become a living trumpet blast. The psalmist commands, "Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story." Notice it doesn't say "let the perfect" or "let the eloquent"—just the redeemed. Your weakness becomes the stage for God's power. Someone in your sphere of influence is waiting to hear that freedom is possible. They need your story, not a perfect sermon. What is one way God has brought freedom or healing into your life that you could share this week?

Devotional

DAY THREE

The Power of Invitation | John 1:43-46; Romans 10:13-17

"Come and see." With these three simple words, Philip extended an invitation that changed Nathanael's life forever. We often overcomplicate evangelism, but proclamation can be as simple as invitation. When you invite someone to church, small group, or a worship night, you're creating an opportunity for encounter. You're not responsible for their salvation—that's God's work—but you are responsible for opening the door. "How can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard?" Many people are one invitation away from meeting Jesus. Your coworker, neighbor, or family member may never walk into a church unless you invite them. Don't underestimate this simple act. Your invitation might be the trumpet blast that announces their freedom. Who is one person God is prompting you to invite into a faith environment?

Devotional

DAY FOUR

Words That Carry Life | Proverbs 18:19-21; Ephesians 4:29-32; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Your words are never neutral—they either build up or tear down, bring hope or despair. In a culture saturated with criticism, comparison, and complaint, your life-giving words become a radical proclamation of Jubilee. When you tell a struggling parent, "You're doing better than you think," you announce freedom from shame. When you pray for someone on the spot instead of offering empty promises, you demonstrate God's immediate presence. Speaking life doesn't require eloquence; it requires intentionality. Today, choose words that encourage, affirm, and point others toward hope. Let your speech become a trumpet that declares, "God sees you, loves you, and hasn't forgotten you." What is one life-giving statement you can speak over someone today?

Devotional

DAY FIVE

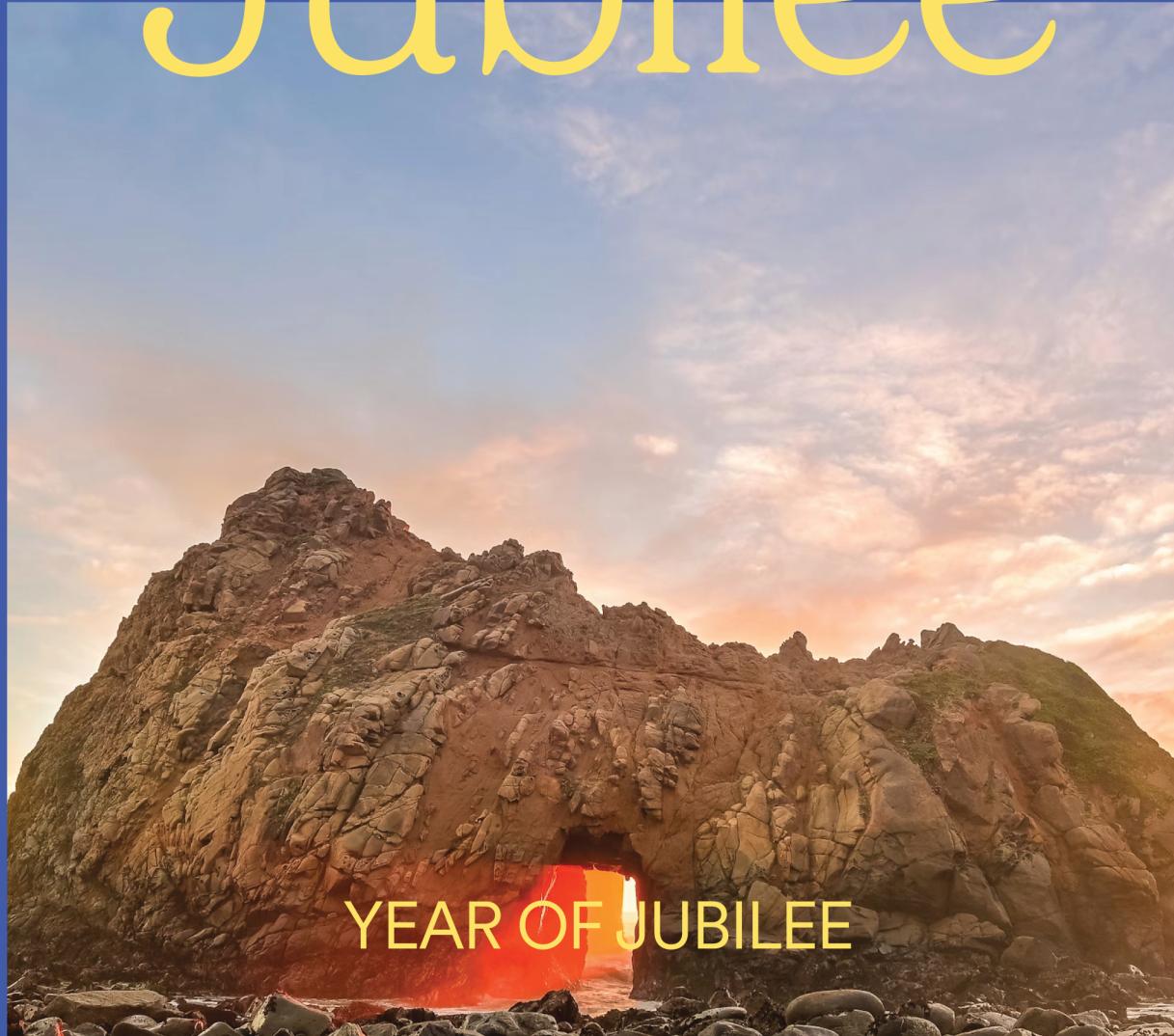
Living Differently | Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9-12; Philippians 4:4-7

Sometimes the loudest proclamation is a life that looks different. When you walk in peace while others panic, rest while others hustle, and forgive while others hold grudges, people notice. Your freedom becomes a question mark in their minds: "How do they have that?" This is the gospel made visible. You're called to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"—not just with words, but with your entire life. Live unburdened by offense. Live generous instead of fearful. Live with joy that doesn't depend on circumstances. Your lifestyle becomes an announcement that another way is possible. You are a walking, breathing trumpet blast declaring that Jesus makes people free indeed. In what specific area of your life can you demonstrate freedom that might raise questions and open gospel conversations?

REFLECTION

Session NINE

JESUS IS Jubilee



Leader GUIDE

WELCOME

Welcome everyone and discuss their engagement with homework this week. Include the following questions:

- What stood out to you in this week's homework?
- Have the members share a scripture that resonated with them from the devotionals this week.

ICEBREAKER

If you could hit a "reset button" on one area of your life right now, what would it be and why?

VIDEO

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DISCUSSION

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3. How does the concept of Jubilee challenge the way we view our material possessions, financial resources, and the idea of ownership?
4. What's the difference between celebrating Jubilee and becoming it?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"They gave to anyone who had need."

Jubilee becomes real when it moves from something we celebrate to something we share. This week, look for one person you can bless—one need you can meet, one table you can open, one prayer you can offer.

When you do, you're not just doing a good deed—you're becoming a living announcement that Jesus, our Jubilee, is still setting people free.

Encourage everyone to participate in homework and devotionals weekly. Pray for the Holy Spirit to minister to each group member as they study.

HOMEWORK

See the HOMEWORK & DEVOTIONS section of the Participant Workbook for this week's assignment and 5 day reading plan.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus IS Jubilee—not just a year, but a person who brings lasting restoration
- In Christ, we receive rest, forgiveness, freedom, and provision
- Jubilee is for everyone, not just people who look, think, or act like us
- Jubilee overflows—what we receive, we are called to give away
- We become Jubilee people through fellowship, hospitality, prayer, and generosity

Session NOTES

Session NINE

HOMEWORK

- Read and apply Practical Applications from this week's lesson
- Journal your answers on questions from this week's lesson
- Meditate this week on the lesson's key verse

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Rest: Identify one burden you've been carrying that you need to give to Jesus. Spend time in prayer releasing it to Him.

Forgiveness: Is there someone you need to forgive? Take a step toward releasing that debt this week.

Fellowship/Hospitality: Invite someone into your home or life who is different from you—different background, age, life stage, or perspective.

Meeting Needs: Ask God to show you one person who has a need you can meet this week—financially, practically, or through prayer.

KEY SCRIPTURE:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

JOURNAL

Which of the four practices in Acts 2:42-47—fellowship, hospitality, prayer, or generosity—do you feel God calling you to grow in? Journal about one practical step you can take in the next seven days.

Devotional DAY ONE

The Fulfillment of Jubilee | Luke 4:14-21

When Jesus stood in the synagogue and declared, *"Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing,"* He wasn't announcing a distant hope—He was proclaiming present reality. Jubilee is no longer a calendar event; it's a Person. In Christ, the year of the Lord's favor has arrived and remains available to us every moment. The rest, freedom, and restoration that ancient Israel anticipated every fifty years is now constantly accessible through relationship with Jesus. What burdens are you carrying that need the touch of Jubilee today? Jesus didn't come to give you a better system; He came to be your rest. Receive Him afresh.

Devotional DAY TWO

Rest for the Weary | Matthew 11:25-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." This invitation from Jesus echoes the Sabbath principle embedded in Jubilee. Our culture glorifies exhaustion, but Jesus offers something countercultural—soul rest. This isn't merely physical relaxation; it's the deep peace that comes from knowing your identity is secure, your sins are forgiven, and your future is certain. The yoke Jesus offers is easy not because life becomes effortless, but because He carries the weight with us. Today, identify one area where you're striving in your own strength. Surrender it to Jesus and practice resting in His sufficiency rather than your own effort.

Devotional

DAY THREE

Freedom and Forgiveness | John 8:31-36

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." True freedom begins with forgiveness. In Jubilee, debts were canceled and captives released—a beautiful picture of what Christ accomplishes in our hearts. Many believers live as though they're still indentured to their past, bound by guilt, shame, or repeated failures. But Jesus declares total liberation. The prison doors are open. The debt is paid. Your past doesn't define your future. Are you living in the freedom Christ purchased, or are you still imprisoned by yesterday's mistakes? Freedom isn't just positional; it's practical. Walk out of the cell. The Son has set you free.

Devotional

DAY FOUR

Provision and Generosity | Acts 2:42-47

The early church understood something revolutionary: Jubilee isn't just about receiving; it's about releasing. Because they experienced God's abundant provision in Christ, they held their possessions loosely and gave to anyone in need. Jubilee creates generous people. When you truly grasp that God has canceled your spiritual debt and given you eternal inheritance, material possessions lose their grip on your heart. The question isn't whether you have enough to share—it's whether you trust God's provision enough to release what you have. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one practical way you can extend Jubilee provision to someone in need. Let generosity flow from gratitude.

Devotional

DAY FIVE

Jubilee for Everyone | Isaiah 61:1-11

Jesus's hometown rejected Him when He suggested that God's favor extended beyond their comfortable boundaries to Gentiles and outsiders. We face the same temptation—to hoard Jubilee for people who look, think, and worship like us. But the good news is for all people. The Spirit anointed Jesus to proclaim freedom to prisoners, sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed—without qualification or restriction. As Jubilee people, we're called to extend fellowship, hospitality, prayer, and provision to everyone, especially those different from us. Who has God placed in your life that needs to experience His Jubilee through you? Don't just celebrate what you've received—become Jubilee for someone else today

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