Week 6

God’s Redeems us by His Loving-Kindness and Mercy

Lesson Day (Saturday): Read the Blog Post for that week that teaches the concept we are learning and the tool we are learning to use. Read through the entire chapter of Isaiah 54, then focus on reading, copying, meditating and memorizing the verse for that week. During your journal time, add any additional scriptures that have encouraged you or deepened your study.

Try to devote 5 days a week to the study. Don’t worry if you fall behind or you miss a day, all the materials will be available on Journeys In Grace in the download section.

Add any comments, scriptures and thoughts to the comments section of the post, The Soli Deo Gloria Sisterhood FB page, or the Journeys In Grace FB page.

- Read the Word

Isaiah 54:6-8 (amp) – Study and Reflect

For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken, grieved in spirit, and heartsore - even a wife [wooed and won] in youth, when she is [later] refused and scorned, says your God. For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion and mercy I will gather you [to Me] again. In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love and kindness I will have compassion and mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

- Find the following scriptures to add to your Isaiah 54 notebook/journal.
  - God’s salvation is a complete process which reveals a renewing in the heart of the woman of God, just like a city that is rebuilt from ancient ruins. - Isaiah 62:4, Isaiah 60:10-11
  - God’s faithfulness is limitless and timeless. It is eternal. - Psalm 71, Proverbs 5:18-19
  - The Deep love of God combined with the infinite nature of God make Him trustworthy to make promises to us; it testifies of his commitment to His oath. - Malachi 2:14-16, Isaiah 26:4, Micah 7:19-20, Psalm 103
  - The covenant of God is sure and everlasting towards you. - Isaiah 55:3, Jeremiah 31:3, Deut 7:8, 2 Samuel 7:8-16, Hebrews 13:20
Word Study:

Look up the following words and add them to your notebook/journal: forsaken, mercy, loyal, everlasting, redeemer, hope

Additional word study to add to your journal are the Hebrew words: racham, olam, chesed

Answer the heart questions

What is the context of the 3 verses we are studying this week?

- Look for the following truths deep in them:
  - What are the promises you read?
  - Who is meant to receive it?
  - How can God be both husband and redeemer?
  - How have you experienced His mercy and redemption
  - What does the word loving-kindness mean to you?

The key phrase introduced in this scripture, which I believe is the heart of the whole chapter, is 'olam chesed'. This literally means the eternal love of God, indicative of His binding oath to never fully leave nor forsake us, but He will be one who gathers us up and binds up our broken hearts with the gentle loving kindness of a God who is both our husband and our Father and whose LOVE is so deep that it transcends our ability to fully understand.

Isaiah 55:3 – Incline your ear and come to Me, hear and your soul will revive and I will make an everlasting covenant or league with you, even the sure mercy promised to David.

Jeremiah 31:3 – The Lord appeared from of old to me (Israel, saying, yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness (chesed) have I drawn you and continued My faithfulness to you.

The KEY to this verse is found in two words: olam chesed – the eternal everlasting loving kindness of God towards those He has established relationship with.

The Word of God will stand forever and His love is age-enduring. Think upon those Truths as you study His Promises this week!!!

God’s Word is inviolable, meaning it cannot be trespassed upon nor does it change, so He is trustworthy. (Psalm 89:34, Genesis 9:11) The Bible says that not one of His promises have failed. (1 Kings 8:56, Joshua 21:45) As we are growing in our knowledge of His heart towards us we can trust more fully that He will complete them in His time.

What are some promises that you have been trusting God for? Take time to write them out and begin singing their hope into your life.
Write out the truth
  o  Copy the verses, meditate on the wisdom inherent within, and commit them to memory.

Find the Truth for your situation.
  o  Where do you feel forsaken and empty? Put a name to it and give it to god. Remember that His name is above every other name (Philippians 2:9)
  o  What does God’s Word say about your standing in Christ?
    ▶  How has He redeemed your life? List the many ways He has redeemed and restored your life to freedom in your journal.
  o  Is there a verse that substantiates God’s covenant of mercy and kindness towards you? Write down that verse that He is speaking into your heart from the abundance of His Word and keep it close for those days when you forget.
  o  Find scriptures that specifically speak of the forgiveness, mercy, redemption and eternal love (olam hesed) of God and add them to your journal.

Pray the truth
  ◈  Romans 15:13 tells us of overflowing hope that continues to bubble up and over into our circumstances when we fully rely God’s fullness to be our sufficiency. You can go directly to His Word to find the hope for every situation set before you based on your covenant relationship with a faithful redeeming God whose love and compassion is limitless towards you.

  Matthew 7:7-12 remind us how we are to bring our petitions to the Lord. Ask Him based on His fullness. Seek Him in the beauty of His Word. Knock on the door which leads to Truth so that you can receive the favor and blessing that He longs to bestow upon you.

  Bring the Word before him in remembrance as you pray, Isaiah 55:11 says it will not return to Him void. Go to Him in full confidence that you will be received as a precious jewel with a tenderness that your heart longs and you will know the depth of his hesed-love towards you!
My Prayer for you...

Heavenly Father,

We are so grateful for the depth of your love towards us, it is a chasm which we cannot fully measure or reach the end of. You have exemplified the true nature of covenant by your faithfulness to the faithless by your continued compassion and mercy. We are thankful for this mercy that directs us towards the Savior, Jesus. Thank you for the connection to You through the promises He fulfilled. Thank you for the redemptive power of a wholly pure and undefiled love that flows from the throne of grace right into the ocean we are submerged into. Find those places in our hearts where we have abandoned hope for despair and restore us in the deep places that we may be made fully whole before you. Manifest your mercy in such a way that we are forever hanged for the ordinary, completely ruined for this world but fully alive unto that which we are called to. Help us to shed the layers of destructive thinking, giving up the idea of being forsaken for that of being the favored of the Most High God. Bind the brokenness in our hearts and begin planting seeds of faith in the cultivated places that are prepared for your gentle hands. Redeem that which was lost, leading us to the restoration that You alone have in mind for us. All of this so that we may be changed from glory to glory, bringing Honor to You alone, filling us with the eternal hope that is overflowing and the answered prayer that we are meant to testify of.

We are grateful. Praise you God!

In Jesus Name,

Amen.

How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding ... Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ~ Psalm 119:103-105
A place for you to write out a prayer of your own.....

The heart of a woman is the Garden of God

Isaiah 54