

Restoring to Produce abundant Fruit: A Woman's Heart

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

This week I want to encourage you to read through Mark 5 and John 4.

Specifically focus on the verses that relate to the restoration of each woman from brokenness to fruitfulness. We need to readjust our vision so that we learn to EXPECT a harvest rather than just hope for one. What He shows us with the lives of the women we read about is an example of what He can and will do in our own. God is no respecter of persons, Hebrews 13:8 tells us that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. So trust, receive and believe that He is working out beauty in the middle of your brokenness.

🔗 Take time to focus on these ladies this week:

The Woman from Mark 5:25-34 with the Issue of Blood:

And a certain woman, which had a issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And

Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press and said, *Who touched my clothes?* -Mark 5:25-30

And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. -Mark 5:32-34

The Woman at the Well from John 4.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus said unto her, "Give me to drink." (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then she said to him, 'How is it that you, being a Jew, asked me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.' Jesus answered, "If you had only known and had recognized God's gift and Who this is that is saying to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked him [instead] and He would have given you living water." - John 4:6-10

Jesus said, "I Who now speak with you am He." Just then His disciples came and they wondered to find Him talking with a woman. However not one of them asked Him, What are you inquiring about? Or what do You want? Or Why do you speak with her. Then the woman left her water jar and went away to the town and she began telling the people, 'Come see a Man Who has told me everything that I ever did! Can this be [is not this] the Christ?' - John 4:26-29

❑ Study and Reflect

- Find the following scriptures to add to your Isaiah 54 notebook/journal.
 - This week I want to encourage you to revisit Hannah in 1 Samuel and Ruth as you reflect on the significance of how God is using the concept of Rescue, Redeem, and Restore through the women we meet in Scripture.
 - Add any special lady you love to your study. A few of my favorites are:
 - Lydia from Acts: 16:9-15 and Mary Magdalene's story found in each of the gospels, Mary and Martha, (Lazarus' sisters) from Luke 10:38-42 are also a

fantastic representation of how God shows us the depth and the devotion of those women whose lives He changed.

- Don't forget to take time to re-read Isaiah 54 this week, noticing how differently you see the words before you.

➤ Word Study:

Look up the following words and add them to your notebook/journal: virtue, faith, hope, fruit, harvest.

Redefine: Barrenness, Rescue, Redemption and Restoration in light of what you learned in the study.

☐ *Answer the heart questions*

🔗 What does it mean to be restored?

- What character traits do you see in the women we have read about?
- What is your favorite part of their stories?
- What can you see in your own life that identifies with theirs?
- How much do you think shame played a part in their barren places?
- What is an area where you need to experience healing in your own life?

Both of these women made an intentional choice in their stories. One of them chooses to seek Christ for her healing while the other chose to seek others and tell them about who He was.

- Think about the importance of what he did for their social standing in their community. How did it change?

🔗 Write out the truth

- Choose a verse, or verses, that really spoke to you in these passages and add them to your journal. Take time to meditate on them this week and try to commit them to memory.

🔗 Find the Truth for your situation.

- Both women dealt with abundant shame in their lives. What are some areas of shame and hurt you have experienced?
 - List out any issues that you have in your life that need healing or need to be restored lives.
- Find scriptures that meet the need you have taken to the Lord and begin filling your spiritual faith tank, so-to-speak.

Take time this week to seek His will and delight in Him. Psalm 37:4-5 remind us to make Him our delight.

Delight yourselves also in the Lord, and he will give you the desires and the secret petitions of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord [roll each care of your load upon Him]; trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass.

Tertullian II said that the Christian is made not born suddenly. We need to come to Christ daily and be formed and fashioned by His will patiently waiting for him to complete this restoration process that he started.

Philippians 1:6 is a great reminder of that process. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

🔍 Pray the truth

- This week concentrate on the promises that we started with in Isaiah 54 and make them a focus of your prayer time. Ask the Lord to place a song in your heart and teach you every step of this dance that He is taking you on. Trust him to guide you as you continue to enlarge this habitation that He is building within you, and don't fear the attack of the enemy because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. (1John 4:4)

Sing out, O barren one, you who did not bear: break forth into singing, and cry aloud, though that did not travail with child: For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, says the Lord. **Enlarge** the place of they tend and let them stretch for the curtains of your habitations; spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes: **Fear Not**; For you shall not be ashamed: neither be confounded; for you shall not be put to shame: for you shall forget the same of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. - Isaiah 54:1-4

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My Prayer for you...

Heavenly Father,

We are grateful for this chance to meet with you today as we seek your heart towards our own. Thank you, Father that you are diligently working in our lives and are faithful to perform that which you alone have started. Thank you for ever example you have given in scripture as a lesson and an encouragement for us to draw out promises of hope into our own lives. Lead us, Lord, consistently to the Cross, teaching, guiding, rescuing, redeeming and restoring us to bring us closer and closer to that place of abundance in You. Fill us with the peace and the wisdom of women who are confident in their standing before you. Show us where what we need to give to you, those areas we are holding back that are keeping us from being healed fully. Fill us with the virtue, they miraculous dynamis power that flows from the depths of heaven into our lives. Speak truth into our hearts, revealing our pasts and future in you so that we would be captivated by your tender spirit and your gracious love. Ignite a fire in our hearts that we would be bold as we share the hope of heaven with others. Anoint us to be women who speak hope and love and bring others to the promises of redemption through the examples our lives portray.

We are so grateful for your love and that you care so much about the state of our hearts. Thank you that as your daughters we are called by your name and covered by the blood of Jesus.

In Jesus Name,

Amen.

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