

May 05 | Sunday

Lessons for a Better Life: What is the Good News?

Read [Luke 15:11-32](#)



06 | Mon – Good news for a rebel | Read [Luke 15:11-32](#)

This impatient young man was eager to throw off authority and take charge of his own life. The series of bad choices left him destitute. Ever been in a similar position? Eventually he returned home, ready to face the consequences he knew he deserved. Take a careful look at his dad's words and actions. These reflect what your heavenly Father is like when you find your way back home. He is watching and waiting, ready to pull out the party decorations, because He loves you that much! Can you share that same grace with others?

07 | Tue – Good news for Gideon | Read [Judges 6:1-16, 34](#)

Gideon was asked to do the impossible. He had been looking for someone else to deliver his people from their oppressors and was shocked when God called *him*. Every excuse was swept away because Gideon would have all the help he needed. God is not asking you to do difficult things by yourself either. Are fear or reluctance robbing you of the opportunity to accomplish something significant for God's kingdom?

08 | Wed – Good news for Elijah | Read [1 Kings 19:1-9, 13-14, 18](#)

Elijah was being honest with God- 'I have worked and sacrificed and endured hardship as I have faithfully obeyed you, Lord, and now look at me. I am the only one left and they are trying to kill me!' Have you ever felt like he did, that you were the only one in your family or group of friends still trying to live with integrity and obedience? Do you ever wonder if God still cares or listens to you? May you discover as Elijah did the amazing things God still has in store for you.

09 | Thu – Good news for a widow | Read [Luke 7:11-17](#)

In the New Testament times, a woman was totally dependent on her husband to provide for her needs. If she lost her husband, their sons would continue to take care of her. In this story, the woman had not only lost her husband but now her only son had also died. What would happen to her now? It seemed a hopeless situation until then Jesus stepped into the picture. What are some things you need God to bring back to life that you think are dead?

10 | Fri – Good news for the crowd | Read [Luke 9:12-17](#)

So hungry for the truth Jesus was giving, they followed him out into the countryside, forgetting to bring food for their bellies. That was the bad news until Jesus demonstrated the good news that God cares as much for physical needs as spiritual ones. When worry knocks at *your* door, pull out the list of times and places where God has provided for you in the past. Based on that, can you trust God will continue to provide for you in the future?

11 | Sat – Good news for you | Read [Luke 22:54-62 and 24:33-35](#)

Peter was deep in the throes of his worst failure. He had deserted his best friend, who was also the Son of God. Unforgivable...or at least that is what he thought so. He couldn't forgive himself so how could God or anyone else forgive him? Have you ever been in Peter's situation? Have you believed the lie that God must hate you for your failures? Plant the truth of Romans 8:38-39 deep in your heart. *Nothing* can separate you from the love of God!