
October 2025 Ministry Update

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Happy Canadian Thanksgiving

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalms 100:4-5

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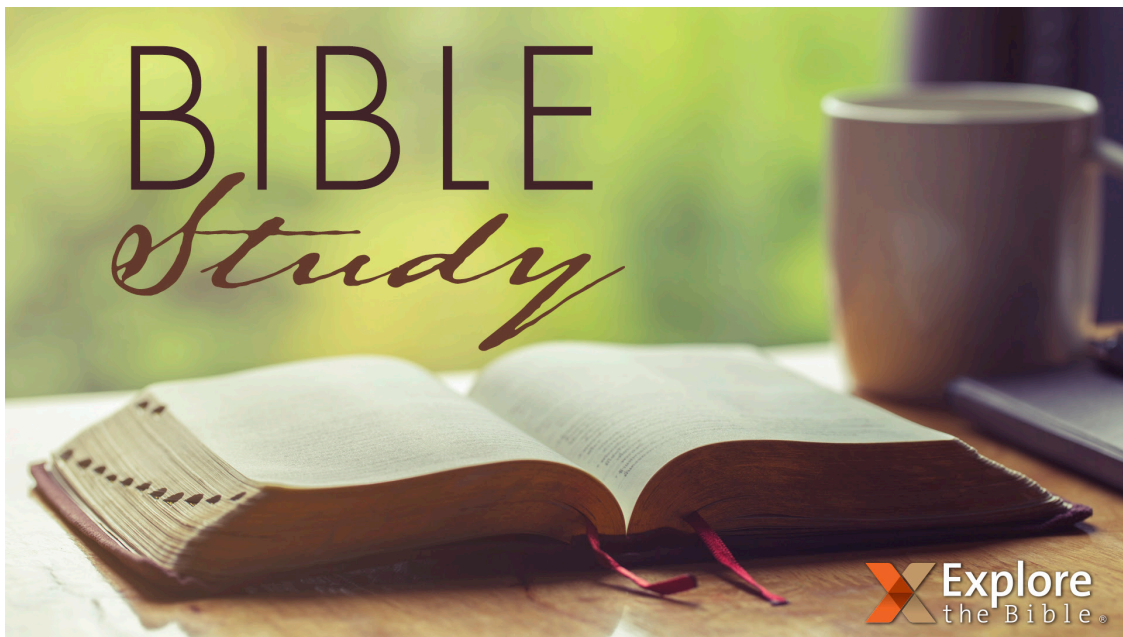


It has been a couple of months since we sent out a ministry update. At the end of August, we had the opportunity to travel to the Netherlands to be with Jannie's family. Her eldest brother Mart was in his final weeks, and we were grateful to visit, share Scripture, and pray with him. He was ushered into the presence of Jesus on September 27th. ***"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety."*** Psalm 4:8

Howard's Journey Through Illness

Howard has been receiving ongoing medical attention from multiple doctors as they work to determine the underlying cause of his persistent skin condition. While answers are coming closer, the journey has not been straightforward. Despite our prayers, God has not removed this "thorn in the flesh." Instead, we find encouragement in the words of Paul: ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."*** (2 Corinthians 12:9)

This experience has become a powerful reminder of our dependence on God. It has shown us how much we need to rely on Him for everything—the very breath we take, is given by the Creator Himself. Through this hardship, we have come to know God as our Good Shepherd, faithfully guiding us not only through green pastures but also through the darkest valleys. His presence sustains us in every circumstance, and we continue to trust in His leading each day.



A Story of God's Grace

I have been meeting regularly with a woman for Bible study. Because she lives several hours away, we meet online. Our meetings have become something sacred – two people opening God's Word together and finding His presence in the middle of life's struggles.

She faces many health challenges. Some days, even the simplest tasks feel heavy. She needs help around the house, and often her strength fades before the day is done. But what weighs most heavily is not her physical weakness – it is the deep ache of loss. Several years ago, she lost her grown daughter. Even now, that pain lives close to the surface, a tender place that never fully heals.

As we read Scripture together, her past often finds its way into our conversations. She tells stories of growing up in abusive homes, where fear was a constant companion. She describes how, as a little girl, she and her siblings would hide when the adults were drunk – waiting for the shouting to stop, for the house to grow quiet again. There were occasions when she intervened to safeguard younger ones from being abused. These memories continue to surface unexpectedly.

Listening to her, I am often left in awe. Because even after everything she has been through, her faith in God has not wavered. If anything, it has deepened. Through tears she will say things like, "God kept me. When no one else did, He did." She has walked through many difficult situations and has discovered that God was there all along. She does not deny her pain – she brings it to the Lord. And in doing so, she becomes a living testimony of His sustaining grace. Through her brokenness, the beauty of God's mercy shines all the brighter.

She reminds me that faith is not neat or easy – it is often messy, full of questions and tears. Yet it is real. It is the kind of faith that clings to God when everything else falls apart.

Every time, when we close our study in prayer, she smiles and will say “God’s not finished with me yet.” And I know that she is right. God is still writing her story – one of courage, redemption, and unshakable faith.

God is using her life to write something in mine too, a deeper trust in His goodness, even in the hardest places.

Jannie

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