

Reflection

Motherhood:
Cultivating Hope in the Story You'll Live

What does God want from you in the times you've been given? These are the times in which you could bring God glory, live a story of faithfulness, love people profoundly, and take them into His presence.

—*Sally Clarkson*

Read

Spend some time reading the passages.

What do the passages reveal about God, His character, His heart, and His relationship to us?

Reflect

Spend some time reflecting on the passages.

What truth or wisdom is contained in this verse that I need to know and understand?

What does this passage tell me to do or to obey?

How can I apply this truth and understanding personally to my own life?

Do you understand the times and know what God wants you to do and how to live valiantly in your puzzle? (I Chronicles)

Are you living in defeat because of failures or living with hope because of redemption through Christ? It is God who will sustain your story and use every part of it.

How could you minister to people if you've never failed? Never been humbled? Are you allowing God to redeem your failures and encourage others in these times?

Where is your hope? In the Lord or in controlling life?

Are there areas in your life where you are living by works and performance?

What are some ways you can practice abiding in Christ?

Pray

Ask God to help you live into your capacity and to see the difficulties as the platform where you will build your influence.

Pray for God to sustain you and be your source of hope.

Ask God to search your heart and reveal areas where He wants to work.

Commit

Commit to practice abiding in Christ.

Commit to memorize at least one of the verses yourself or as a family.

Commit to take action on at least one thing God showed you through your time with Him and His Word.

Scripture Passages

Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command.

I Chronicles 12:32

And they came and appealed to them, and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city.

Acts 16:39

Why are you in despair, O my soul?

And why are you disturbed within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him,

The help of my countenance and my God.

Psalms 43:5

Yet those who wait for the Lord

Will gain new strength;

They will mount up with wings like eagles,

They will run and not get tired,

They will walk and not become weary.

Isaiah 40:31

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:4-7

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

John 15:9-11

1 O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;

Nor do I involve myself in great matters,

Or in things too difficult for me.

2 Surely I have composed and quieted my soul;

Like a weaned child rests against his mother,

My soul is like a weaned child within me.

3 O Israel, hope in the Lord

From this time forth and forever.

Psalms 131

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6