

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Scripture Writing Project for March - Click [HERE](#)

Some of us are doing this daily Bible writing together in a Facebook group called Scripture Writing Friends. Join us won't you?

From Ann Voskamp's blog, aholyexperience.com:



Today's a fresh mercy and you're being remade & made new, and He's cupping your chin right now & turning your face toward His and the sun: "My loyal love for you can't run out, My merciful love for you could never dry up. They're created new for you every single morning. My faithfulness to you is great." [Lamentations 3:22 MSG]

Yesterday's packed away with grace, and today's a fresh day with fresh hope, fresh possibilities... Because the thing is? What looks like it's falling apart — may actually be falling together.

When morning breaks, it breaks all of the mistakes of yesterday, breaks right through our dome of dark --- so all His fresh mercies can flood in.

Dayspring Devotionals:

- ✚ **Experiencing God's Peace** - Click [HERE](#)
- ✚ **Kind Words are Like Honey** - Click [HERE](#)
- ✚ **Be Who God Created You to Be** - Click [HERE](#)

Proverbs 31 Ministries Devotionals:

- ✚ **When I Forget to Be Grateful** - Click [HERE](#)
- ✚ **But Lord, I Can't Do That** - Click [HERE](#)
- ✚ **How to Leave a Legacy of Love** - Click [HERE](#)

Illustrated Faith

by Lesa Brassette

Anyone who knows me even a little has probably noticed a new form of worship and ministry I recently began. Illustrating my faith. What does that mean? What vision or thought does that bring to mind? Illustrated Faith is practically a movement that's sweeping through the creative followers of Jesus.

Please do not be alarmed, but, we color in our Bibles. YIKES! I know! But ladies, I have to tell you, this form of Bible study and time of worship with God has spoken to my heart in a way that has shocked me and changed me. We read Scripture (from a reading plan, a daily devotional, or simply letting our Bible fall open to a passage) and *respond* to that Scripture.

There's a book I'm reading called, Writing in the Margins, by Lisa Nichols Hickman. She addresses the initial "weirdness" some may feel about even simply writing in their Bibles let alone adding art and color! She suggests a question for us, "Is marginalia desecration or a sacred conversation? Is writing in the margins an act of graffiti, or an offering of gratitude?"

She concludes that, "the scribbles are, perhaps, an act of deep internalization."

She goes on to quote Mortimer Adler, "I contend, quite bluntly, that marking up a book is not an act of mutilation but of love."

Her point is that you making notes and writing thoughts and feelings is a conversation, not desecration. The margins offer a place to document time and devotion you spend with the author falling in love over and over again.



Many of us have embraced this idea of writing in the margins and taken it a step further. We highlight words and phrases that speak to us. We use creative lettering and doodles to accent our thoughts. We add pictures or paint or stickers to demonstrate ideas and we listen to the voice of our Shepherd as He guides our creativity and thoughts.

If this idea appeals to you at all, I encourage you to search online for journaling Bibles. They are readily available with extra wide margins for journaling space. This process is lovingly referred to as Bible Journaling or Bible Art Journaling. Here are a few links you can check out by clicking on them to get your creative juices flowing:

-  [Illustrated Faith](#)
-  [Rebekah R. Jones - Bible Art Journaling Challenge](#)
-  [Tai Bender - Growing Meadows](#)

On Facebook there are several groups you can join to see how God is working in the lives of many others through this movement. Search for Bible Journaling Community, Illustrated Faith, Bible Art Journaling Challenge, as well as Shanna Noel, Tai Bender, and Rebekah R. Jones. I've also set up a photo album in my Facebook account called Bible Art Journaling.

From the IFGathering blog:

-  [The Roles That Divide Us](#)
-  [A World Where No Child Goes to Bed Hungry](#)

Jen Hatmaker

-  [Belong Tour](#)

One Thousand Gifts

"So teach us to number our days,
that we may present to You a heart of wisdom."

-Psalm 90:12

"The way to learn to number our days
is to count the moments of His grace."

- Ann Voskamp

Breath of Heaven

by Amy Grant

Breath of Heaven

hold me together

be forever near me

Breath of Heaven

lighten my darkness

pour over me Your holiness, for You are Holy

You and You alone are Holy

Breath of Heaven.

"Trusting God means trusting His timing."

- Ann Voskamp

"No one is as capable of gratitude as one who has emerged from the kingdom of night."

- Elie Wiese

"God's way of reaching the big, needy world
is to enlist every one of us to do our parts in
love and humility, variety and diversity."

- Beth Moore

"Instead, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet
spirit, which is of great worth in God's
sight."

- 1 Peter 3:4

"Daily love the unlovely into loveliness." - Ann Voskamp

From Ann Voskamp:

God's *line of work* is *transformations* -- so hold on to Him as your *lifeline.* *You can't be undone.*

No matter what went down yesterday, today's your very own fresh canvas and there really is hope: *The future is as bright as the faithfulness of God.*

He says to you Himself: "...don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand new... There it is! I'm making a road through the desert." (Isa. 43:18 MSG)



Right now through your most unlikely desert places, God is making unbelievable roads.

*Whatever goes bad today, God will work it for good.
It's what God does.*

See below for a word search puzzle and then a trivia game. (Answers to trivia will appear in April Ladies' Pages.)

Women of the Bible

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Y M T K C C Q N Y E A B R
H D O I R E T S E H C E P
A T M A B R L G P S R K M
N W L B N L D G D H O A A
N T H Z A E L E N T D H R
A M H D B H L E J A E C T
H Y A O A I A M A B V P H
C M R R L L N R T H E D A
R A A A Y L K D H A G A R
H S H H T U R D N X Y T V

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Bathsheba

Leah

Deborah

Martha

Delilah

Mary

Dorcas

Micah

Elizabeth

Naomi

Ester

Rahab

Eve

Rebekah

Hagar

Ruth

Hannah

Sarah

Bible Numbers Quiz:

1. How many books are in the Bible? 66 76 58
2. How many books are in the New Testament? 66 27 39
3. How many books are in the Old Testament? 39 29 27
4. What age did Methuselah live to be? 869 552 969
5. How many days and nights did it rain during the Flood?
 34 Days and Nights
 40 Days and 40 Nights
 44 Days and 44 Nights
6. What did Jesus have His disciples feed the 5000?
 5 Loaves and 2 Fishes
 2 Loaves and 5 Fishes
 12 Baskets of Bread
7. On what day of creation did God rest?
 6th Day
 7th Day
 1st Day
8. How many books of Gospels are there? 4 5 12
9. How many disciples were there? 10 13 12
10. What is the longest chapter in the Bible?
 Mark 14
 Psalm 199
 Psalm 119

Have a beautiful month, y'all. Welcome in Spring by your own renewal, refreshing, revival. Look for other souls you can help renew, refresh, and revive. Share God's love in some small way and make a BIG, lasting impact. Love, Lesa