

# *That I May Know Him*

## Leader's Guide and Answer Key

Welcome to the study of *That I May Know Him*. Although this Bible study begins by introducing the lives of three Bible women, it is ultimately a study of Who God is. The Lord will bless you as you seek to know Him better.

If you are a small-group leader, you will want to acquaint yourself with the overall structure of the Bible study. Each member of your group should have her own book and should complete each lesson on her own before it is discussed in the group.

Discussion is effective in helping your group members think through the personal applications of a lesson. Try to keep the discussion focused on the lesson, and encourage all members of the group to participate.

As the leader, you need to do little more than ask the questions and allow class members to share their answers. The following answers are provided to help you give details that will allow group members to realize what God reveals about Himself in the Scriptures.

To draw the discussion to a close, ask class members to summarize the conclusions that have been reached or to share something from the final application section “*That I May Know Him*.”

### LESSON ONE

#### Pages 2–3

##### *Genesis 16: 1–4*

She convinced Abram to take Hagar and through her bear a child that could be the heir Abram longed to have.

##### *Genesis 16:5–6*

Hagar conceived a child for Abram to provide the heir that Sarah had not been able to provide.

##### *Genesis 16:7–16*

The Angel of the Lord came to her and talked with her. He promised her His blessing and revealed Himself to her through the name “God Who Sees.”

##### *Genesis 21:1–14*

Isaac received all of the attention after he was born. Sarah did not want Ishmael and Hagar around. Sarah asked Abraham to send Hagar and her son away.

##### *Genesis 21:14–21*

God spoke to Hagar again. God promised a great nation from Ishmael's lineage. God provided a well of water to meet their immediate needs.

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As you expand the details of the passages and the circumstances, emphasize that God works in ways that do not immediately reveal the outcome. Spend some time considering the importance of the person's response. Note the similarities in these responses. When we respond to the circumstances of our lives in a godly way, we will glorify God. He can use the outcome to further His glory and give us true encouragement.

Passage	Circumstances	Person's Response	Outcome
<i>Genesis 22:11–17</i>	<i>Abraham instructed by God to kill Isaac About to slay him</i>	<i>v. 11 "Here am I"</i>	<i>God provided a lamb for sacrifice, Jehovah-jireh—God will provide; God's blessings on family</i>
<i>Judges 6:11–16, 22–24; 7:14–15</i>	Gideon threshing wheat Hiding from Midianites	"O my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel?"	Led Israel to victory over Midianites— Jehovah-Shalom— God is peace
<i>Judges 13:3–11, 17:24; 16:30</i>	Samson's parents told of his coming birth and that he would deliver Israel from Philistines	Fell on their faces	Lord blessed Samson Slew Philistines in life and death

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We often look to others or to things to give us hope. True hope is found only in God. Each of the following statements and passages can be developed into a separate lesson. You may want to expand your study of these passages and apply them to what you are facing today.

*1 Samuel 30:6*—the Lord his God

*Psalms 39:7*—waiting

*Psalms 42:5, 11*—discouraging times

*Psalms 119: 81*—God's Word

*Colossians 1:24–27*—heaven/glory

*1 Timothy 1:1*—the Lord Jesus

## Pages 6–7

There is much in this world to rob us of our peace. Here we see four times God promises His peace if we will obey. Your study might benefit from including the daily activities in which you demonstrate your part in claiming these promises. (i.e., Scripture memory, thankful heart evidenced by words and attitudes, etc.).

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Promise of God</b>	<b>My Part</b>
<i>Isaiah 26:3</i>	Peace	Mind stayed on God—trust
<i>John 14:27</i>	Peace	Heart not afraid or troubled
<i>Philippians 4:6–7</i>	Peace	Not worrying about anything, prayer and thanks
<i>Philippians 4:8–9</i>	Peace	Occupy mind with right things

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The “That I May Know Him” sections are designed for personal application and evaluation. If you are doing this study in a group setting, ask that the participants share only what they are comfortable with. Be careful to be discrete and not to allow too much detail on personal sins. The universal struggle with sin can be encouraging if we take it in light of I Corinthians 10:13.

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1. Answers will vary.
  2. The details of discouragement may vary, but the secret to focusing on God is the same—daily, moment by moment walk with God through reading His Word, meditating on it, and memorizing it.
  3. Be sure the verses chosen to memorize match the needs that were listed in #1.

## LESSON TWO

### Page 10

*Genesis 16:10–11*

1. Multiply thy seed—Family
2. Not be able to count family
3. Son—Ishmael

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God promised Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. It would be such a great nation that it could not be counted. Abraham would have an heir that would be the son of Sarah and him. These promises were fulfilled in Ishmael’s lineage as well as Isaac’s.

### Pages 11–12

God shows His concern for the individual by showing His dealings with Bible characters. These characters can be studied in greater detail to trace the eye of God upon their lives. Expanding their stories will make the care of God even more phenomenal.

*Leah*

1. Her sister married this man also.
2. God allowed her to have four sons and her sister had none.

*Jacob*

1. Jacob said he had given Laban twenty years of faithful service in spite of loss and ill treatment.
2. God rewarded Jacob with prosperity. Laban was rebuked by God for his treatment of Jacob.

*Nathanael*

1. Jesus knew that Nathanael was an honest Israelite. He had seen Nathanael as he sat under a fig tree
2. Nathanael declared Jesus to be the Son of God and the King of Israel.

**Pages 12–13**

It is important to emphasize that God sees us as individuals. He sees me! He sees you! He sees us not as one of the masses but as a person He loves and died for.

*Psalm 34:15a*

God's eyes are over the righteous.

*Proverbs 15:3*

God sees the evil and the good.

*Psalm 121:3–4*

God watches over us all of the time.

*Proverbs 15:3*

God sees us in every place.

*II Chronicles 16:9*

God watches over us to show Himself strong.

*Job 31:4*

God sees our ways and counts all of our steps.

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This section should be answered with personal evaluation. If you are studying this as a group, do not insist that the details be shared. The point to emphasize is that nothing in our lives surprises God. All that touches us is with His permission and plan. He may use the good things we face to reveal Himself to us, but He often works through our most difficult circumstances to allow us to see Him most clearly. Challenge yourself to honestly consider if you “desire” to see God or do you not have time to give Him the heartfelt attention He deserves.

1. Answers will vary.
2. Since all things come to me with His permission and purpose, I should receive each event in my life with thanksgiving.
3. Answers will vary.

### LESSON THREE

#### Page 15

Isaac took all the attention from Ishmael. No longer was Ishmael the only son of Abraham. Jealousy was evident in Ishmael's actions and in Sarah's response.

#### Pages 16–17

This section should give encouragement as we consider the privilege and promises that we have in prayer. These verses give guidelines for having an effective prayer life. Each verse gives a promise from God but also a challenge for us to follow in order to know God's blessings in answered prayer.

1. I call unto Him.
2. humble.
3. have sin in my heart.
4. secret/publicly or openly.
5. anything according to His will.

#### Pages 18–19

After considering the biblical examples, take time to think of personal illustrations for each. Discussing examples of these three kinds of prayers will make them more meaningful.

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Person/Group</b>	<b>Specific Need/Request</b>
<i>Judges 6:36–40</i>	Gideon	Proof of his calling
<i>Jonah 2:1–10</i>	Jonah	Deliverance from fish
<i>Acts 9:40</i>	Peter	Raising Dorcas from the dead
<i>Acts 12:5–12</i>	Church	Peter released from prison
<i>James 5:17–18</i>	Elijah	Drought and rain

Passage	God's Help in Prayer
<i>Psalm 139:1, 23</i>	Searches, knows me, knows thoughts of heart
<i>Romans 8:26</i>	Puts into words the burdens of our heart that we can't express
<i>Hebrews 4:12–13</i>	Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart

*Psalm 56:8*

God puts our tears into His bottle.

*Psalm 56:8; Malachi 3:16*

God puts our tears in His book of remembrance.

### Pages 20–21

This section on prayer should make us look closely at the role prayer has in our lives. We are often quick to take our requests to the Lord but fail to praise Him for the answers He gives. Emphasizing the answered prayers will encourage fervent praying. Praying involves discipline. We need to have times of uninterrupted communication with God. We also need to pray without ceasing as we go about our daily tasks. A discussion of the two will be helpful.

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1. God will listen to my prayers as long as I live.
  2. Answers will vary.
  3. Answers will vary.
  4. We need to pray every day for God to search our heart and show us the sins we need to confess and forsake. We must deal honestly with our sins.

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If you are studying this as a group, take time to pray and thank God for His promise to answer. Praise Him for the answers to prayer that you and others have seen in recent days.

## LESSON FOUR

### Pages 24–25

Sometimes we forget that the God of the Bible is our God! As He met the needs of Hagar, He fulfilled the promises of His Word. The details of our needs may be much different from Hagar's, but the promises that God kept in meeting her needs are the same promises He gives to us. Read these passages together to identify Hagar's needs. Then share your current needs that apply to these promises. Ask the Lord to give you an understanding of His promises.

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Hagar's Need</b>	<b>My Need</b>
<i>Psalms 23:1</i>	Not lack what needed	Answers will vary.
<i>Psalms 23:2–3</i>	Guidance	
<i>Psalms 27:1–3</i>	Encouragement	
<i>Psalms 32:8</i>	Instruction	
<i>Matthew 6:33</i>	Daily provisions	
<i>II Corinthians 1:3–4</i>	Comfort	
<i>Ephesians 6:5–8</i>	Her master/employer	
<i>Philippians 4:19</i>	All she needed	
<i>II Peter 1:3–4</i>	Promises of God	

### Pages 25–26

Sometimes it seems easier to trust God for the big needs and not to rely on Him for the daily requirements we may lack. This next section should challenge us to trust God for the daily things, the little things, of this life. Make two lists of needs. Have one list be the things that are needed occasionally and the other list be daily necessities.

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1. We try to serve both God and money.
  2. We are to not worry about life, food, and clothing.
  3. Our life consists of our eternal soul, stability from a personal relationship with God, and spiritual blessings from God.
  4. Birds—God's provision of food
  5. Lilies/Grass—God's provision of clothing
  6. Our heavenly Father knows we have need of all these things.
  7. I am to seek God's kingdom, and He will give me all I need for this life.

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If this section is done with a group, ask for the needs to be shared briefly. But as you are doing the exercises individually, answer the questions candidly. We must each be honest with what we are worrying about and what we are trusting God for.

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1. Answers will vary. Encourage specific answers to be written. You may want the discussion to be more in general terms depending on your group.
  2. Faith and worry do not go together. We will not be worrying if we are trusting God.

3. I need to recognize my worrying to be sin (Matthew 6:25).
4. I need to confess my worry as sin and ask God's forgiveness (I John 1:9).
5. I need to seek God first and trust Him to give me all I need (Matthew 6:33).

## LESSON FIVE

### Pages 30–31

The encounter Jesus had with this Samaritan woman gives us a vivid illustration of the caring heart of God. The customs of the day should be explained and emphasized (see page 32) to understand the significance of Jesus talking to her.

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#### *John 4:1–9*

Jesus sat down by the well because He was tired from traveling.

He asked the woman for a drink of water from the well.

Jews would have nothing to do with the Samaritans—especially a Jewish man with a Samaritan woman.

#### *John 4:10–15*

Jesus offered her living water that would quench her thirst forever. (Continue to read to find the answer to the next question.)

Jesus asked her to go and call her husband to join them.

#### *John 4:19–26*

She thought Jesus was a prophet or the Messiah, the Christ.

He said, “I am he,” the Messiah.

#### *John 4:27–30*

She told them to come and see the man who told her all the things that she had done. He was the Christ.

Her testimony of Who Jesus is made many believe in Jesus.

#### *John 4:31–38*

Jesus wanted the disciples to see the people of Samaria who were coming to Him. He wanted them to see the Samaritans not as the outcasts of Israel but as people who needed Him.

#### *John 4:39–42*

1. The sayings of the woman led some to believe.
2. Hearing Jesus for themselves led others to believe.

### Pages 32–34

Jesus' example should be a challenge to us to reach out to individuals with great needs. It would be good to emphasize the candor with which Jesus revealed Himself to this Samaritan woman.

The highly regarded religious leaders of the day could not persuade Jesus to clearly declare Who He is. But Jesus knows the heart. He knew this woman would receive this knowledge with an openness that others did not possess.

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<b>Passage</b>	<b>Jesus' Answer</b>
<i>Matthew 27:11–14</i>	It is as you say. He answered not a word.
<i>Luke 9:18–21</i>	Who say ye that I am?
<i>John 19:7–9</i>	Jesus gave him no answer.

Take time to expand each account given in this exercise if the stories of these people are unfamiliar. Each one could be a lesson in itself; go into as much detail as would be appropriate for those studying together. If you are doing this with a group that includes a range of Bible knowledge, let some of those familiar with these accounts summarize them for the others.

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1. Luke 8:40–48 Jairus' daughter, woman with issue of blood, multitude
  2. Luke 14:1–6 Healed man with dropsy in small group
  3. John 3:1–16 Nicodemus, one-on-one
  4. John 9:1–7 Blind man healed, disciples and Jesus

### Pages 34–35

So much of our spiritual success is measured in numbers. We tend to lose sight of the ministries God uses that touch only a few lives at a time. It's easy to forget that these settings are also very much a part of God's will and plan. God is looking for obedient servants that will follow Him even when it does not seem logical.

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1. Philip preached to a whole city in Samaria. Many turned to Christ as a result of his preaching. A great joy was in the city as a result.
  2. The Ethiopian asked Philip to come up into his chariot to explain what he was reading.
  3. Philip preached Jesus. He explained how Jesus was like a lamb who without protest gave His life.
  4. He received the message that Jesus is the Son of God, his Savior. The Ethiopian man wanted to be baptized immediately.

## Page 36

Many Christians will say that they don't know anyone who is not saved. Ask yourself, or those you study with, the following questions to help them realize they truly do know people who need to know Christ.

*Where do you buy groceries? Where do you bank? Mail your packages? Live? Have your hair cut? Have your car serviced?*

Now consider the answers you gave to the following questions.

1. Answers will vary.
2. Spend some time in prayer with your group. Praying together in pairs for the people listed will be a opportunity to share the burden of lost souls.

## LESSON SIX

## Page 38

Although Jesus ministered to individuals everywhere He went, He also preached to the multitudes and met their needs as well. We need to remind ourselves constantly that our responsibilities to share the gospel go around the world—to individuals and to multitudes.

He was moved with compassion. He saw that the multitude fainted, as sheep with no shepherd. He healed the sick from a heart that was touched with their infirmities.

## Pages 39–40

*Matthew 13:1–2*

taught

*Matthew 14:15–21*

fed

*Luke 6:17–19*

healed

The response of the multitude is similar to individual responses. Ask the question “Should the responses we get to sharing the gospel change our efforts or attitudes in sharing it?” Guide the women to see that our responsibility is to share God's love from a heart of compassion. God must do the work in the heart.

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*Matthew 9:8, 33*

They marveled and glorified God.

They thought that God had given power to men.

*Matthew 21:1–11, 45–46*

The multitude put their garments and branches along the road as Jesus entered Jerusalem.

They shouted praises to Him as the son of David.

The multitude thought Jesus was a prophet.

*Matthew 27:20–25*

The multitude called for Jesus to be crucified.

The multitude was persuaded by the chief priests and elders to demand this horrible death.

No, Jesus' compassion for the multitude did not change. The first words He spoke from the cross were asking God the Father to forgive those who had conspired and put Him there.

### Pages 40–41

Take time to think of places in your area where large groups of people gather. What attitudes do we need to change in order to have the compassion Christ had? Stress the importance of seeing the masses as individuals that need a Savior.

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. I will have compassion for the multitudes.

## LESSON SEVEN

### Pages 44–45

Take the opportunity to review the passages from Acts of the events of the early church being established. This will lead to the explanations of the importance of preaching, missions, and godly leadership within local churches.

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Person(s) God Used</b>	<b>Number Who Believed</b>
<i>Acts 2:14–42</i>	Peter	3,000
<i>Acts 4:1–4</i>	Peter, John	5,000
<i>Acts 5:12–16</i>	Peter	Multitudes
<i>Acts 9:36–42</i>	Peter	Many
<i>Acts 11:22–25</i>	Barnabas	Much
<i>Acts 17:1–4</i>	Paul, Silas	Multitude, not a few

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Person(s) God Used</b>	<b>Number Who Believed</b>
<i>Acts 17:10–12</i>	Paul, Silas	Many, not a few
<i>Acts 21:18–20</i>	Paul	Many thousands

### Pages 45–46

A compassion for inner-city ministries is often neglected or missing entirely in our churches. Challenge your group and yourself to pray for the large United States cities and their need of churches that preach the gospel. If you are familiar with some ministries, share the information about them with your group.

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1. Answers will vary.
  2. Answers will vary.
  3. Answers will vary.

## LESSON EIGHT

### Pages 47–51

This may be the most important section of this study. If you or someone in your group does not know Christ as Savior, this exercise will introduce the greatest gift she could ever receive—the Lord Jesus as Savior. If you have already trusted Christ as Savior, ask the Lord to burden your heart to be more effectively and more frequently sharing the gospel with those around you.

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1. Jesus was moved with compassion. He saw the people as sheep without a shepherd. Christ's love should compel us to love and minister to the lost. We should follow the example that He gave us throughout His earthly ministry.
  2. Jesus welcomed publicans and sinners to sit down with Him. Those who needed salvation were the ones He wanted to be with and minister to. Jesus' enemies accused Him of being gluttonous, a winebibber, and a friend of publicans (tax collectors) and sinners.
  3. We are to be a light that all men can see. That light is our good works that men can observe and that glorifies God. Answers will vary. Anywhere and everywhere we go (i.e., grocery stores, restaurants, banks, hairdressers, mall, doctor's offices).
  4. Answers may again vary, but here are a few ideas.
    - Look people in the eye as they talk to you.
    - Keep your focus on what others are saying.
    - Acknowledge what has been said.
    - Respond appropriately to what has been said.

*II Corinthians 5:20*

representatives

*Philippians 1:21*

live/die

*Philippians 2:5*

think/thinks

*Philippians 3:10*

Him

power

fellowship

suffering

death

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### Salvation

*Romans 3:10*—All have sinned.

*Romans 3:23*—All have come short of God's glory.

*Romans 6:23a*—Payment of sin is death.

*Romans 5:8*—God proved His love by Jesus death for us.

*Romans 6:23b*—Eternal life is a gift from God through Jesus.

*Romans 10:9–10*—Belief is shown by our words.

*Romans 10:13*—Call on His name—prayer—be saved.

### Assurance

*John 1:12*—We receive Him and become His sons by His power.

*John 10:29*—No one can take us from God's hand.

*I John 1:9*—When we confess our sins, He is faithful and forgives us of those sins.

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1. Answers will vary. If no one comes to mind, confess this as sin and begin today to befriend someone who may not be saved.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Take a few minutes to brainstorm for other people that you know and should be reaching out to. Some steps to take might include the following. Go to the same person for services each time, not to others with shorter lines and less waiting time. Invite him or her to join you in an activity with Christian friends and/or family. When appropriate, offer to pray for her and then do pray and follow up on the request after a reasonable time. Invite her to special church services or times of church fellowships.
4. Take time to pray this passage individually or as a group.

## LESSON NINE

## Pages 56–57

Being a mother is not an easy task. The demands and burdens can be almost overwhelming at times. Many today find this daunting responsibility left completely up to them without the help of a godly husband. Emphasizing Hannah's sacrifice, courage, and faithful praying, can give hope to those struggling with difficult family circumstances.

*I Samuel 1:1–8*

1. Shared her husband with another woman
2. Suffered ill treatment from this other wife
3. Had no children

*I Samuel 1:9–18*

Hannah promised that she would give the son back to God for all the days of his life.

*I Samuel 1:17–20*

Eli promised that God would answer her request.

Hannah went away rejoicing and eating.

Hannah's situation was unchanged. She did not have the promised child.

Hannah and her husband had a son, Samuel.

*I Samuel 1:21–28*

Hannah gave Samuel to the Lord. When he was very young, Samuel went to live at the temple with the priest, Eli.

*I Samuel 2:19–21*

God gave Hannah three sons and two daughters.

God gave these children to Hannah after she obeyed her promise to give Samuel back to God.

## Pages 57-58

1. Separated lives lived unto the Lord
2. Drink nothing from fruit of the vine
3. No razor to come to their hair
4. Not touch dead body

It is better to not make a vow than to make one and break it.

The vow showed Hannah's desire for Samuel to please and serve God—not her. She truly was giving him to God.

## Page 59

Hannah knew her need could be satisfied only in God. She had to turn to Him as her refuge and strength if she was to know the peace her heart longed for. The same is true in our lives. Considering God in this light should give hope and encouragement.

1. Psalm 33:20—D
2. Psalm 41:1—A
3. Psalm 60:11—E
4. Psalm 63:7—B
5. Psalm 72:12—C

## Pages 60–61

Hannah teaches us that we too must go to God for the solution to the needs we face. David's fears and enemies were different from Hannah's, but the prayer of David here in Psalm 56 clearly depicts our God and the enemies that only He can defeat. This exercise will directly lead into the "That I May Know Him" section and the opportunity to identify our enemies and fears, and how God can be our deliverer.

<b>Psalm 56</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>David's Enemies/Fears</b>
<i>Verse 1</i>	<i>Merciful unto me</i>	<i>Man would swallow me up</i>
<i>Verse 2</i>	O thou most High	Enemies swallow and fight
<i>Verse 3</i>	<i>Trustworthy</i>	Fear
<i>Verse 4</i>	His Word, trustworthy	<i>What flesh can do</i>
<i>Verse 5</i>	_____	Wrest my words, evil thoughts
<i>Verse 6</i>	_____	Gather me, hide, mark steps, wait for my soul
<i>Verse 7</i>	<i>God cast down in anger</i>	Enemies escape
<i>Verse 8</i>	Tells wanderings, tears in bottle	_____
<i>Verse 9</i>	God is for me	Turn back
<i>Verse 10</i>	<i>Praise His Word</i>	_____
<i>Verse 11</i>	Trustworthy	Man

Psalm 56	God	David's Enemies/Fears
Verse 12	Promises to me	_____
Verse 13	Delivered soul, feet	_____

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1. Answers will vary. Our fears and enemies come in many forms. Ask several to share theirs briefly. Their transparency will help the others to see they are not alone. Keep this time brief. The emphasis should be on God being our help, which the next question will develop.
2. God desires to walk with us and help us no matter who we are. As He was to David so He will be to us if walk with Him in obedience.
3. Answers will vary depending on the problems. List how you are dealing with the problem. Then ask yourself if your actions are your own efforts or God's working in your life?

## LESSON TEN

## Page 64

Although God gives the primary responsibility for training children to the parents, He also holds each person responsible for the influence she has on others. Whether a parent or adult whom children observe, all will be held accountable for the example set. Emphasize this important truth as you study God's honoring of biblical child training.

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1. *Deuteronomy 4:10*—E
  2. *Deuteronomy 6:5*—A
  3. *Deuteronomy 6:6–7*—C
  4. *Deuteronomy 6:13*—B
  5. *Deuteronomy 11:16*—F
  6. *Deuteronomy 13:4*—D
  7. *Proverbs 22:6*—H
  8. *Ephesians 6:1–4*—G

## Page 65

*1 Samuel 2:12, 17; 3:11–14*

Eli's sons were ungodly. Eli did not restrain them.

*1 Samuel 8:1–3*

Samuel's sons were ungodly. They did not walk as Samuel had.

*I Samuel 17:12–20*

David was obedient and his parents were godly.

*II Timothy 3:1–6, 13–14*

Timothy was godly and followed the teaching of Lois and Eunice, his godly grandmother and mother.

**Pages 66–67**

Encourage honesty. Do we follow the advice of man and worldly philosophies or truths from God's Word and the godly people in our lives? We all have areas to work on, and God desires to give us the guidance and grace to do what He commands.

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1. Answers will vary.
  2. Answers will vary.
  3. Answers will vary
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Encourage the women to pray for each other until you meet again. Suggest that they check with each other throughout the time to see if there are any changes in the requests and what prayers have been answered.

**LESSON ELEVEN****Pages 70–71**

Sacrificing is not a common attitude or action in our society. The emphasis is on looking out for yourself. God clearly promises that to serve Him we will be called to sacrifice. That surrender may take on different forms and different levels of self-denial, but God promises to reward it at whatever level it comes. While you go over the following exercise, other areas of sacrifice may come to mind. Include them in your list as well. Be careful to look at the entire picture of biblical sacrifice. As self-denying as our sacrifices may be, our greatest yielding must be considered in light of what Jesus did for us. The next exercise will bring this out.

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<b>Passage</b>	<b>Gift to Sacrifice</b>
<i>I Samuel 15:22</i>	Obedience
<i>II Samuel 24:24</i>	Money
<i>Luke 14:26</i>	Family
<i>Luke 14:33</i>	Possessions

<b>Passage</b>	<b>Gift to Sacrifice</b>
<i>Romans 12:1–2</i>	Ourselves
<i>II Corinthians 11:24–31</i>	Sufferings
<i>II Corinthians 12:7</i>	Thorn, burden
<i>Ephesians 5:16</i>	Time
<i>Philippians 1:21</i>	Life
<i>Hebrews 13:15</i>	Praise
<i>I Peter 4:11</i>	Abilities, talents

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*Isaiah 53:1–2, 6*

Jesus was despised and rejected by the people.

*Isaiah 53:3–5, 7*

Jesus was despised, rejected of men, sorrowful, grieving, disrespected, stricken, smitten of God, afflicted, wounded for our sins, bruised, chastised, oppressed, afflicted, and undefended, and carried our sorrow.

*Isaiah 53:5*

Jesus' suffering brought us spiritual healing and forgiveness.

*Isaiah 53:7*

He opened not His mouth.

*Isaiah 53:10–12*

Christ will justify many, be among the great, and be our intercessor.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross there is no need for the daily sacrifices that they had offered in Old Testament times. He made His enemies His footstool and sat down at the right hand of God. God chooses to remember sin no more.

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It is easy to overlook the many gifts that God gives to us. We tend to take credit for more than we should. Encourage the women to list as many gifts as they can possibly think of. Those that know each other well may even be able to work together to think of thing about each other.

My Gifts	I give them to God as I . . .
Answers will vary	Answers will vary.
e.g., money	Give to my church, missions
life	Strive to live each moment for His glory

LESSON TWELVE

Pages 76–77

It is easy to see our trials. The areas of blessings in the midst of those trials seem lost in the chaos that we are facing. God still gives many blessings in the greatest tests we have. He always deserves our focus and praise. Take some time at the beginning of your study time to thank and praise God for all He has done on your behalf.

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*1 Samuel 2:1*—The Lord is a God of Salvation

*Psalms 9:14*—I will rejoice in thy salvation.

*2:2*—The Lord is a God of Holiness.

*Exodus 15:11*—Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders

*2:2*—The Lord is a God of Strength.

*Psalms 18:2*—My Rock, Deliverer, God, Strength, Trust, Buckler, Salvation, Hightower.

*2:3*—The Lord is a God of Knowledge.

*1 Samuel 16:7*—God knows the heart of man.

*2:4–8*—The Lord is a God of Power.

*Psalms 21:13*—We are to sing and praise His power

*2:9–10*—The Lord is a God of Judgment.

*Psalms 96:13*—God will judge the earth and the world with righteousness and people with truth.

## Pages 77–78

The psalmist gives us words of rejoicing, glorifying God for all He is. If time allows, read these psalms or portions of them together and then ask the women to share their answers. Challenge them to be very specific with the answers. The long lists give testimony to God's greatness!

*Psalm 146*

He has made heaven and earth, seas. He keeps truth, executes judgment for oppressed, gives food to the hungry and freedom to prisoner.

*Psalm 147*

His understanding is infinite. It covers heaven with clouds, prepares rain, makes grass to grow. He will abundantly pardon.

*Psalm 148*

Dragon, fire, hail, snow, and vapor should give His praise. His praise should come from all creatures. He abundantly cares for His people.

*Psalm 149*

Music plays a big part in praising God as we sing unto the Lord, praise Him in dance, in song, and with instruments.

*Psalm 150*

We are to praise God for His mighty acts and His excellent goodness.

We are to praise Him with trumpet, psaltery, harp, timbrel, stringed instruments, organs, cymbals, and all our breath.

## Pages 79–80

Sharing praises can be contagious! Take time to share what God has done in your life and what you should be praising Him for. One praise should lead to another. Even when our circumstances are difficult, we are always to praise Him for Who He is. Take time to share what you have learned about God through this study.

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1. Answers will vary.
  2. Answers will vary.
  3. Answers will vary, but after going through this study there should be at least twelve truths about God that should make you rejoice in Who He is!