Dwelling Richly

Introduction

Epistle of Paul to the

# Galatians

Free & Filled

Christ-reedom set us Free

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY

# A Dwelling Richly Bible Study

# Welcome & Introduction

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.



"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Colossians 3:16

#### ...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...

Welcome to a new journey, a study that I believe will deeply resonate with your heart and soul:

Perhaps you're already somewhat familiar with Paul's passionate letter to the Galatians. Maybe you've heard a sermon or two on the fruit of the Spirit, or you've reflected on that powerful declaration, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1). These verses often stand out in our memory, but Galatians is so much more. It's a powerful reminder of the gospel's truth and the freedom we have in Christ.

In this study, we'll dive into Paul's words to the Galatian churches, exploring each chapter and verse together. Galatians isn't just about understanding freedom; it's about experiencing it fully in our lives. It's about being filled with the Spirit, walking in the freedom Christ has given us, and allowing that freedom to transform every area of our lives. We'll confront the challenges of legalism, the temptation to rely on our own efforts instead of God's grace, and the subtle ways our world tries to pull us away from the truth of the gospel.

Paul's message to the Galatians is as relevant today as it was in the first century. We, too, are bombarded with messages that try to add to the gospel, telling us that we need more than faith in Christ to be truly accepted by God. We face pressures to conform, to perform, and to measure our worth by worldly standards. But Galatians calls us back to the simplicity and power of the gospel – to the truth that we are justified by faith alone, in Christ alone, by grace alone.

As we study Galatians together, my prayer is that you will be both challenged and encouraged. I want you to see yourself in the struggles of the Galatians and to find hope in the freedom that Paul proclaims. This study will help you grow in your faith, deepen your understanding of God's grace, and empower you to live out your freedom in Christ.



Just as my father once challenged me to test everything against Scripture, I challenge you now to do the same.

I pray that you will, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Allow them to shape your thoughts, your decisions, and your view of the world.

I hope you'll find yourself not just learning about freedom, but truly living it – filled with the Spirit, guided by His truth, and confident in the love and grace of our Savior. Together, let's discover what it means to be "Free and Filled" in Christ.



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### ... Dwelling Richly Bible Study ...



We are...

women who enthusiastically and intentionally dwell in the Word and let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.

(from Colossians chapter 3)

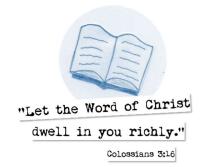
#### We...

- point one another toward God for wisdom and hope
- **support** one another in life's challenges and blessings
- **share** our strengths and weaknesses
- provide encouragement, fun, & friendship that grow out of God's Word

#### We Expect...

- **Bible-based** studies & teaching.
- Faith-building Bible study not worldly solutions and motivational quotes.
- to Have Fun God's Word brings us true joy and we have fun dwelling in it!
- to Learn a Ton! We are ready to learn!
- to Get Stuck We are ok to work a and not always understand right away
- **to Grow** from who we are today to who we can become empowered by the Holy Spirit





### ... Dwelling Richly Bible Study ...

#### How do we study?

**Read & Take Notes.** For study, get in the habit of using a printed Bible. A computer Bible or app are helpful, but should support your time in the Word – your physical Bible.

#### Translation not a paraphrase.

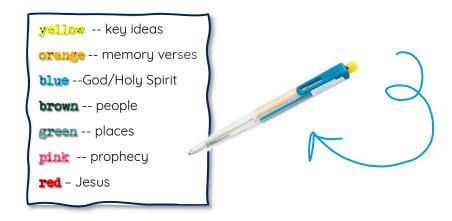
Here are some trustworthy translations:

#### \*English Standard Version (ESV) – We'll be using the ESV in this study

Also consider...

New American Standard (NASB Christian Standard Bible (CSB) New Living Translation (NLT) New International Version (NIV) New English Translation (NET) Common English Bible (CEB)

Use colored pencils to mark in your Bible. I use a Pentel 8 colored pencil.



**Pray.** Before you read, ask God to help you understand what you are reading. It's amazing what happens when we just do that...pray. God is faithful...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...



- Expect Growth which takes time
- Expect Challenge growth will stretch you. This is good.
- Enjoy the process and have fun
- Give yourself grace to learn
- Engage with the Scriptures don't just read
- Connect with others



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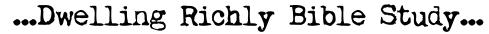
#### Grace Groups

Connecting, sharing, praying with, and encouraging one another. Meet in between sessions to discuss the study or simply to hang out for coffee, at a park, and just for fun!

During Grace Group time we will be mindful of the following...

- 1. God's Word is our standard. We'll use the Bible not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition as our guide for everything. Questions will generally reference the English Standard Version (ESV), but you can use any trustworthy Bible translation (not a paraphrase) to study from.
- 2. We Remember: 'In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity.'
- 3. O Do your own thinking. Avoid commentaries and the study notes in your Bible —. Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.
- 4. Se gracious and patient with yourself and with others. We're all learning. No one has it all figured out.
- 5. This is a Bible study not a personal-opinion group. So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers in keeping with the truth of God's Word.
- 6. Share or Listen. You don't have to share, but if you did the reading and responded to that prompt, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share!
- 7. Done or Not Done...Come. Didn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay, you! This will be a good week for you to listen and be encouraged by others.
- 8. Re considerate. ... of time and tone. Share your thoughts and allow time for others to do the same limit yourself to about 2 minutes maximum. Some have strong opinions, others are shaping theirs. Avoid pressing your point of personal opinion.
- 9. Pray. ...when you arrive, while you're in Grace Groups, during teaching time. Pray for your understanding to grow. Pray for your Grace Group leaders. Pray for one another. Let's be women who go to the Father for one another and seek His face together.







**Maybe you decided** this study is going to be your best yet...you made sure to set aside time in your busy schedule so you won't get swamped and let the lesson go to the last moment. Maybe it's your first time doing a Bible study and you have no idea what to expect. Wherever you are, whatever your expectations, here's what you can count on...I'm praying for you and God is ready to bless you amazingly!

A Simple Plan! Each lesson is laid out to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." I designed this routine to give you comfort in the pattern and predictability. Also, every step is a thoughtful way to approach study so you become equipped to know the Word and deepen your faith. Look for these steps on the next page.

#### Know Two Things...

- 1) You have an advocate! You! Jesus himself is praying for you! Imagine that! It's pretty amazing, don't you think? It's true. You are doing a good thing by getting into God's Word. Staying faithful and focused isn't always going to be easy, so right here and now think about how cool it is that Jesus is advocating for you, cheering you on, making a way for you to do well in this venture!
- 2) You have an enemy! Yikes! Satan, the Bible says, is like a roaring lion "seeking whom he may devour"...that's you! It's true, but it's only discouraging if you forget #1! You may find that more than any other time in your life you have scheduling challenges, emotional weakness, mental fatigue, relationship issues...you name it...anything at all to get in the way of you getting into the Word.

#### The Four P's...

**Pray.** Get armored up and tell God that you want His blessing as you schedule, study, think, and get into His Word. God will always answer that kind of prayer with a big, fat, awesome, "Yes!"

**Partner.** Connect with someone in your group so you can share encouragement and accountability. Send texts, make calls, meet-up with your "study buddy" and encourage one another!

**Plan.** You didn't just show up unannounced to your last dentist appointment. You didn't just miraculously find time for that date with a friend, your car didn't just magically repair itself while you were sleeping...you saw a need and made time to make sure it all happened. Plan now for the time you'll spend in Bible study. It won't just happen.

**Prioritize.** I bet you brushed your teeth today. Maybe you even flossed. You probably went to the dentist too at some point in the last year...why? You value your teeth and you want them to look nice and not fall out of your head. You made dental health a priority because you know the consequences are pretty ugly if you don't. Guess what? Your spiritual health is even more valuable.



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### ... Dwelling Richly Bible Study ...

#### The Dwelling Richly Way

It's not about "doing" Bible study.

The Dwelling Richly approach is about fulfilling Colossians 3:16, "Let the Word of Christ DWELL in you richly..." So we don't "do" Bible study we let it dwell in us and we return the favor dwell in the Word – we read, write, think, ask, engage, and create. We connect with others and share. We memorize and meditate. We are prayerful and hopeful and expectant the Holy spirit will teach us.

#### ... Week by Week ...

We meet every two weeks. In those 14 days, 10 of them are designed to give you time...
...together:

Day 1 - Review previous lesson/passages - Fellowship & Teaching

#### ...on your own:

Day 2 – Overview of the passages for the lesson ahead Days 3-9 – Dwell in and through the Word more deeply

Day 10 - Create & Share

☐ 1. APrayfor your Grace Group	☐ 4  Write the Word (begins Lesson Two)
□ 2. <a href="Memorize/Meditate">Memorize/Meditate</a> Gal. 5:1	☐ 5.
□ 3. □Simply Read Galatians 1:1-14	□ 6.

#### ... Day by Day ...

Each day moves you through <u>spiritual disciplines</u> and <u>habits</u> to help you grow. Here's what a day looks like...

**Pray First.** Ask God for understanding and pray for others in the study as well. Think about a focus word to help you pray like "clarity" or "peace" or "wisdom." Ask God to give you understanding in a specific way during your study. Having a focus word will help with that...

...then Memorize & Meditate. Write the memory verse in the text box at the top of the page...

...next **Write**. Write the memory verse each day and "Write the Word" We're writing all of Galatians in this study!

After that...Simply Read. Read the passages for that day. At the end of this study you'll be very familiar with Galatians. You'll have read Galatians at least three times start to finish!

Then, **Engage**. Respond to the prompts, answer questions, think, and get stuck – yes, "get stuck" – you won't always feel like you understand or have the "right" answer. That's OK. Just let the Word of God "dwell in you richly"...

...and **Reflect**. I'll share some of my thoughts, and we'll think together about what we've read and what we're understanding.

Finally, **Create & Share.** Express and share your thoughts, feelings, and ideas about what you've learned



### ...Dwelling Richly Bible Study...



#### Resources

- Lessons
  - o Printed and available each time we meet
  - Download to view or print at home here:
     jennifergrichmond.com/galatians-free-and-filled-lessons/
  - o and in our Church Center group: <u>Imcc.churchcenter.com/my/groups/dwelling-richly</u>
  - o Find a typo? Thank you! Look for the "Typo Alert" thread in the group. Double check with your GG Leader then share in the group.
- Messages
  - o jennifergrichmond.com/teaching/
  - o YouTube
  - Spotify
  - o Anywhere you enjoy listening to podcasts
- Attend Bible Study
  - o In person La Mirada Church, 12104 Los Coyotes Ave., La Mirada
  - o Online Zoom the link is the same every session.
- Contact Jennifer
  - o DwellingRichly@gmail.com
  - o La Mirada Church
  - o Text: 562.524.1119 (church)



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Colossians 3:16



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Galatians 1:1-6:18

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# Lesson One Day One



#### Grace Group

Let's get to know one another. Pray, then begin...

- 1. "My name is \_\_\_\_\_ the fruit that best describes me is (apple, lemon, peach, etc.) because....
- 2. What's new with you? Birth in the family? A fun adventure? A great book you recommend?
- 3. What are you hoping to gain from this Bible study? (could be spiritually, emotionally, socially, etc.)
- 4. Does personal Bible study come easily for you or is it something you've had to work on? How so?
- 5. How has having personal time studying the Bible helped you in difficult seasons in your life?
- 6. Imagine you're having a lunch date with a good friend. She's dealing with various challenges in her life and you realize that she would be so blessed if she would join you at Bible study. How would you encourage her if these were some concerns she brought up? What other concerns have you heard from people before? How did you respond?
  - Super busy with work and life
  - Has never been to a Bible study
  - Had a bad experience at her last Bible study
- Is shy around new people
- Afraid she won't be able to finish
- Has young children
  - Doesn't want "homework"
- 7. Through this study we will understand the great grace and freedom that Christians have because of God's love and mercy. How do you think the Christians view of grace and freedom is different than the "world's" view?

Pass ground the Prayer and Connections Journal. If you have a prayer request that is more private, you can share with your group leader or our teaching leader, Jennifer after the study.

Next up...teaching time with Jennifer...take notes on the next page.

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An Invitation to Dwell in the Word



Watch/Listen to this message on the "Dwelling Richly" podcast - YouTube, Spotify, Audible, or any platform/app you enjoy.

# Lesson One Day One

#### Day by Day

An overview of this lesson. Use the checklist to help you plan your time with God "TWiG Time"

My Dates  September 9/10	<u>Day</u> 1	Content  Grace Groups & Te  READ the Word	aching WRITE the Word
<b></b>	2	Galatians 1:1-14	
<b></b>	3	Galatians 1:15-2:6	
<b></b>	4	Galatians 2:7-21	
<b></b>	5	Galatians 3:1-20	
<b></b>	6	Galatians 3:21-4:7	(begins Lesson Two)
<b></b>	7	Galatians 4:8-5:6	
<b></b>	8	Galatians 5:7-26	
	9	Galatians 6:1-18	
	10	Create & Share	
September 24/25	14	Grace Groups & Teaching Review Lesson 1	7



#### ...Memorize & Meditate...

Galatians 5:1 (ESV)
For freedom Christ has set us free; stand
firm therefore, and do not submit again
to a yoke of slavery.

(Memorize from any translation.)

...Write the Word...

(Begins Lesson Two)

# Lesson One Day One

Imagine a beautiful clay jar, cracked and fragile. Over time, dust and debris have filled it, weighing it down and dulling its beauty. No matter how hard we try to patch those cracks, the jar never seems whole, and the debris only continues to accumulate.

But then imagine that instead of us trying to fix it, someone comes and cleans it out completely. They fill the jar with something precious, something that will not only make it whole but will overflow with new life.

We are like that jar. No amount of striving can fill the emptiness or mend the cracks within us. Only Christ can restore us, filling our hearts with the grace and freedom He offers.

This is the message of Galatians: it's not about what we do, but about what He has already done. This is the message we need today. This is the truth we need every day.

My prayer is that this study helps you release the weight of your own striving and allows you to be filled with His love, His grace, and His fullness. Are you like me? Cracked? Burdened? Weighed down and sometimes trying to feel like you've earned a place in God's family? Reflect on the cracks and burdens you might be carrying. Know that you don't have to carry them alone and you certainly do not have to add your works to somehow please God. You are forgiven...free and filled.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
(CityAlight, Yet Not I)

Let Christ fill those broken places and transform your heart. Let Him be the one who mends and restores.

And as we close each lesson, may we be reminded that we don't walk away empty or striving—we walk away *free and filled.* 

Oh, what grace, what freedom, what jou!





# Lesson One 🙉 Day Two

Memorize & Meditate
□ 1. APrayfor your Grace Group □ 2. Memorize/Meditate Gal. 5:1 □ 3. □Simply Read Galatians 1:1-14 □ 6. Write the Word (begins Lesson Two) □ 5. Community Share answer to Q1 in the group. □ 6. Worship
Each day of the lesson opens with the same flow → Pray, Memorize, Read, Write, Community, Worship.  Before beginning, be sure you have done #s 1-3.
Thinking Back
Remember & Relate: Write 1-2 points from the message or encouragement from Grace Groups you want to remember. Why was this helpful or encouraging to you? How will this help you going forward? We will share these in the next Grace Group.
2)
Mossing Connections
Making Connections  What IfJesus miraculously walked in and sat down next to you right now! After you recovered, what are two
ways you'd ask Him for help as you begin this Bible study?  1)  2)
Picture It. How does the cover art for this Bible study help you picture the meaning of our memory verse for this lesson?
God's Gift. Think about the many ways God has given us to relate to, understand, apply, experience, and enjoy Him through His Word. When we read it or hear it read, it's more than words going in. Describe some ways you have experienced dwelling in the Word that are beyond reading or hearing it
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#### Lesson One Day Two

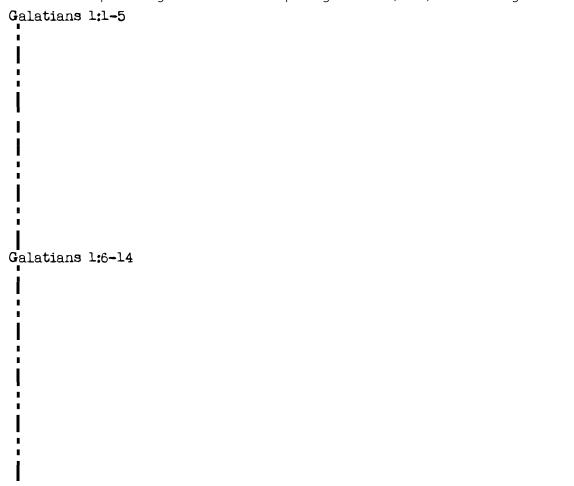
#### Dwelling in the Word...

As you read each passage look for the following and highlight them in your Bible.

yellow or orange -Wow! Big Idea! So Important! / blue -Truth about God/Holy Spirit

brown - people / green - places / pink -- cross reference to OT or NT / red - Jesus

ALSO: Write questions you have about that passage - a word, idea, or reference you want to understand better.



**Hey, Paul!** Imagine you meet Paul the day after he wrote the words you just read. He hasn't finished writing the rest of this letter, but you happened to bump into him and he shares this opening with you! Wow! What would you say or ask him?

Worship. What worship song comes to mind as you reflect on this passage? Why that song?

Write the name of the song on the "Worship" line at the top of today's lesson.

Each day of this lesson I encourage you to write the name of a worship song that comes to your mind as you read the Word. Let His Word dwell in you richly "...teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, <u>singing psalms</u> and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" Colossians 3:16

# Lesson One Day Three

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·	→ Pray, Memorize, Read, then Write, Community, Worship. ts below, be sure you have done #s 1-3.	
Thinking Back		
<ul> <li>Remember &amp; Relate: What are two key word without looking backthen, if you need to, go ahout</li> <li>1)</li> </ul>	ds or ideas you recall from yesterday's reading? Try to think lead and look!	
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Making Connections		
Getting the PointIf you could give two pieces study the Bible, what would you say?  1)	of advice for someone wanting to learn how to read and	
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Relating to the Word Read Psalm 111:2. What Why?	t part of this truth do you relate to the most today?	
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Write the verse here:		
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# Lesson One Day Three

#### Dwelling in the Word...

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ALSO: Write questions you have about that passage – a word, idea, or reference you want to understand better.

# Galatians 1:15-24 Galatians 2:1-6 A Simple Title. Give each passage from today's reading a simple title. Galatians 1:15-24 Galatians 2:2-6

# Lesson One 👛 Day Four

Memori	ze & Meditate
☐ 1. ⚠ Prayfor your family. ☐ 2. ⚠ Memorize/Meditate Gal. 5:1 ☐ 3. ☐ Simply Read Galatians 2:7-21	□ 4. Write the Word (begins Lesson Two) □ 5. Community □ 6. Worship
Thinking Back	
<ul> <li>Remember &amp; Relate: Imagine you are read Bible or even been to church. What questions d</li> <li>1)</li> </ul>	ling yesterday's passage with a friend who has never read the do you think they would have?
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Making Connections	
Missing the PointWhat are ways you have se understanding the Bible?  1)	een in your own life or maybe in others' that cause problems in
2)	
Relating to the Word Read Psalm 19:14. Which	n part of this verse is more challenging for you? Why?
Write the verse here:	

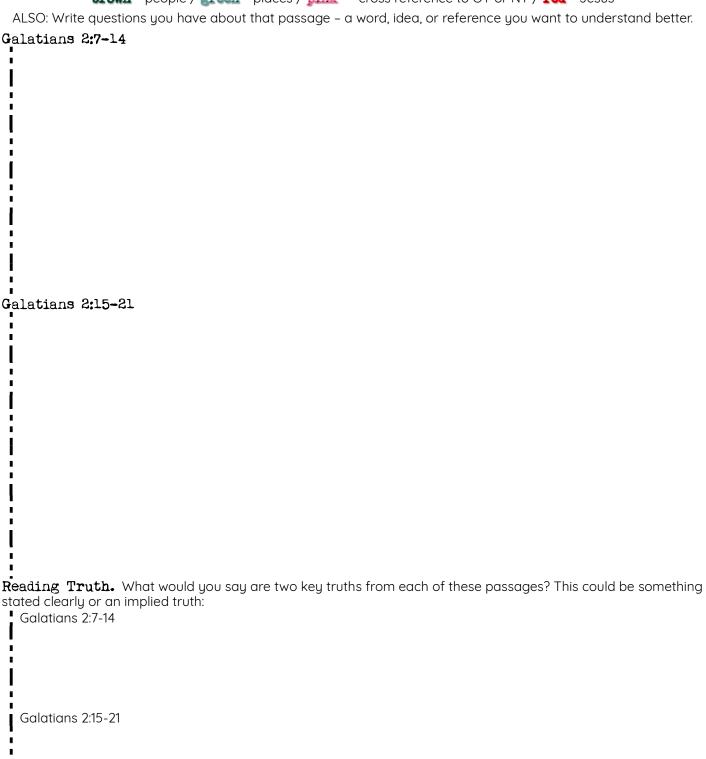
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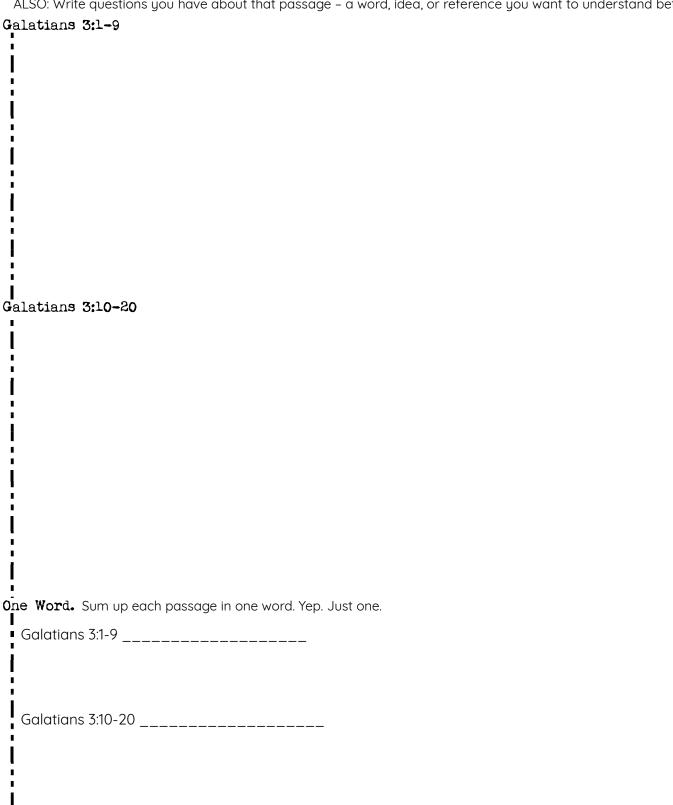
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Thinking Back	
stands out to you:	rday's passage, recall one name, idea, phrase, truth, etc., that
Making Connections	
We arewomen who enthusiastically and intention richly." What does this look like in your life that you at 1) Enthusiastically:	nally dwell in the Word and let the word of Christ dwell in us dwell in the Word in these ways?
2) Intentionally:	
Relating to the Word Read Psalm 119:40. What (and meant!) these words?	t would it be like to go to Bible study with someone who wrote
Write the verse here:	

# Lesson One Day Five

#### Dwelling in the Word...

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ALSO: Write questions you have about that passage – a word, idea, or reference you want to understand better.



# Lesson One 🚐 Day Six

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#### Dwelling in the Word...

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ALSO: Write questions you have about that passage – a word, idea, or reference you want to understand better.



# Lesson One 👛 Day Seven

Memoria	ze & Meditate
☐ 1. ⚠ Prayfor personal diligence☐ 2. ⚠ Memorize/Meditate Gal. 5:1☐ 3. ☐ Simply Read Galatians 4:8-5:6	☐ 4. Write the Word (begins Lesson Two) ☐ 5. Community ☐ 6. Worship
Thinking Back	
Remember & Relate: What was your favorit  Remember & Relate: What was your favorit	e verse or passage from yesterday's reading? Why?
Making Connections	
Pray-Partner-Plan-Prioritize. These are "partner" fit into your time in the Word?	the 4-P's of the Dwelling Richly approach. (page 9). How does
Relating to the Word Read Psalm 107 focusing this Psalm - for telling of the goodness of God and s	g especially on verses 1-3. What is the purpose – especially in haring in community?
Select a verse(s) from psalm 107 that helps you th	nink about being a good "partner" in our Dwelling Richly study.

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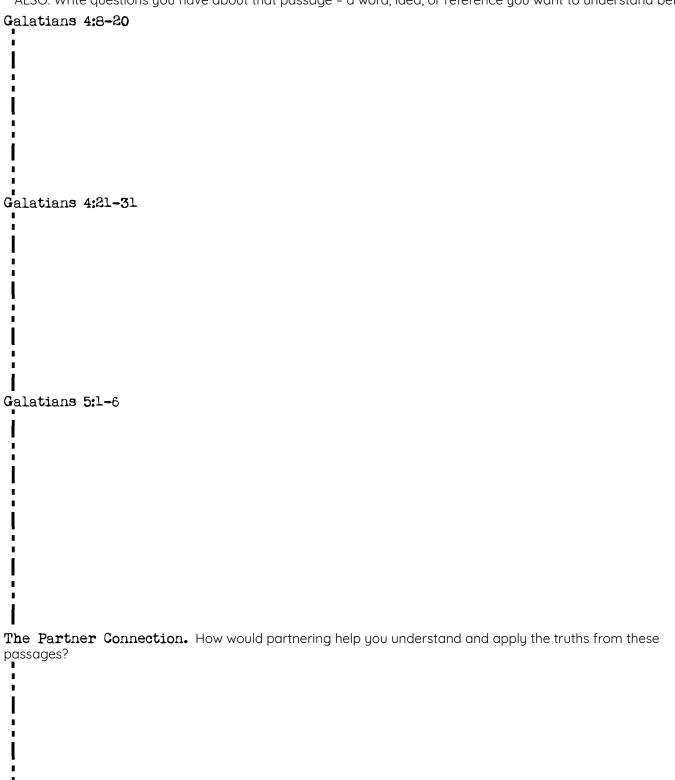
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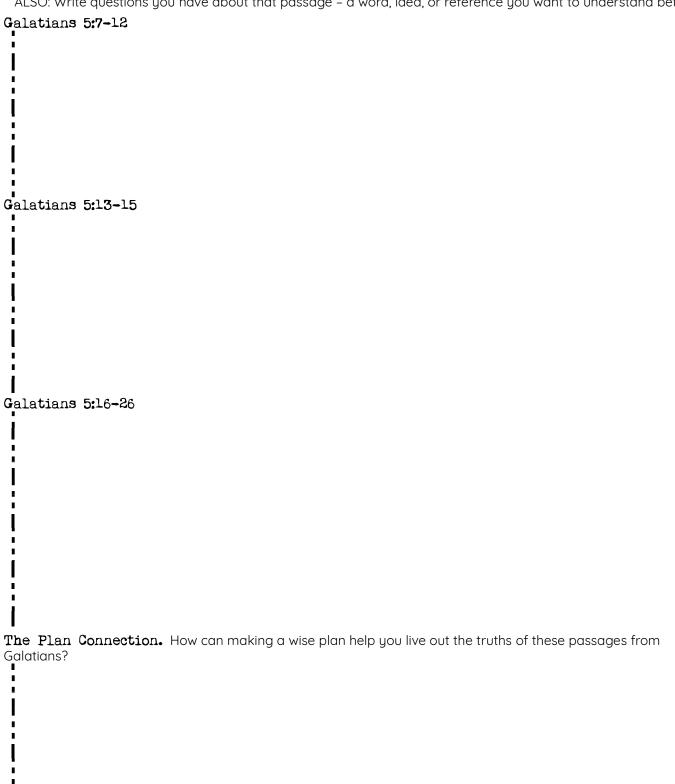
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Thinking Back	
<ul> <li>Remember &amp; Relate: If you taught yesterday's p easiest part? What would be the hardest?</li> <li>I</li> <li>I<td>bassage to a group of 5-year-olds, what would be the</td></li></ul>	bassage to a group of 5-year-olds, what would be the
Making Connections	
Pray-Partner-Plan-Prioritize. These are the 4 "plan" part come easy for you or is it challengingor is it	
Relating to the Word Read Proverbs 16:1-9. What is Why?	the most encouraging truth to you from this passage?
Write your favorite verse(s) from Proverbs 16:1-9	

## Lesson One Day Eight

#### Dwelling in the Word...

As you read each passage look for the following and highlight them in your Bible. yellow or orange -Wow! Big Idea! So Important! / blue -Truth about God/Holy Spirit **brown** - people / green - places / pink -- cross reference to OT or NT / red - Jesus

ALSO: Write questions you have about that passage – a word, idea, or reference you want to understand better.



# Lesson One 👛 Day Nine

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☐ 4. Write the Word (begins Lesson Two) ☐ 5. Community ☐ 6. Worship
ts of the Spirit can you write from memory? See how you do
e is the final of the "4 P's". How does prioritize connect to each
nat connection do you see with priorities and God's blessings?

# Lesson One Day Nine

#### Dwelling in the Word...

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#### Lesson One Day Ten

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□ 1. APrayto know God's grace	□ 4.
🗆 🏖 <u>《 Memorize/Meditate</u> Gal. 5:1	□ 5.
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#### ... Create and Share ...

Day Ten is set aside to take what we've been reading and learning and dwelling upon...
...bring it all together, create something new and personal, then share it to bless someone. I developed this part of the Dwelling Richly study because I wanted to see women not just study and bring the Word in, but to let it move around inside of them and then come back out in a way that would bless others.

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Jesus was the ultimate example to us of exactly what this day is set aside for...creating and sharing. Everywhere Jesus Christ went he created. He is the epitome of all of creation and is one with God as the Creator. He is our beautiful example to follow as he shared not only in the simple acts of kindness but in the stunning and miraculous acts of sharing his healing power.

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We were made in His image – to do and be and live like Him – not just because that's what a good Christian "should" do, but because we are most like Jesus when we imitate Him and live up to His image within us. So, our **Create & Share** time is not just another "step" in our Bible study – it is literally fulfilling what we have been called to do, "be imitators of God as dearly loved children."

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I encourage you to embrace this time in each lesson. To challenge yourself to reach a bit even if it's out of your comfort zone to "create." So many women don't think of themselves as creative and feel awkward trying to express themselves artistically. But, I hope you'll grow in this area and really embrace the spirit of creating and of sharing.

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The theme for this study through Galatians was inspired by Paul's teaching that Christ followers are no longer slaves to sin and no longer under the burden of the Law but have been freed to be filled by the Holy Spirit: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery... If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit." (Gal. 5:1, 25)

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I created the cover art for this study to reflect my heart when I considered the incredible truth of being free and filled. The cross and the Holy Spirit - represented by the dove - remind me of God's great gift to me – to all of us who accept Christ!

What images come to your mind? What do you think of when you consider being "Free and Filled?"

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On the next page, or a page of your own: Draw or use images from magazines, clip art, internet, etc. and create a collage or drawing that illustrates the theme of Galatians to you.

Finally, share what you created. You have a study buddy. You have a friend, your husband, even one of your children...share what you created. Explain what you've learned. They may love it and really get it...they may smile and not really grasp it. That's not important. You create. You share.

The important part is that you spent time dwelling in the Word...and you "let the Word of God dwell in you...richly."

# Lesson One Day Ten

