

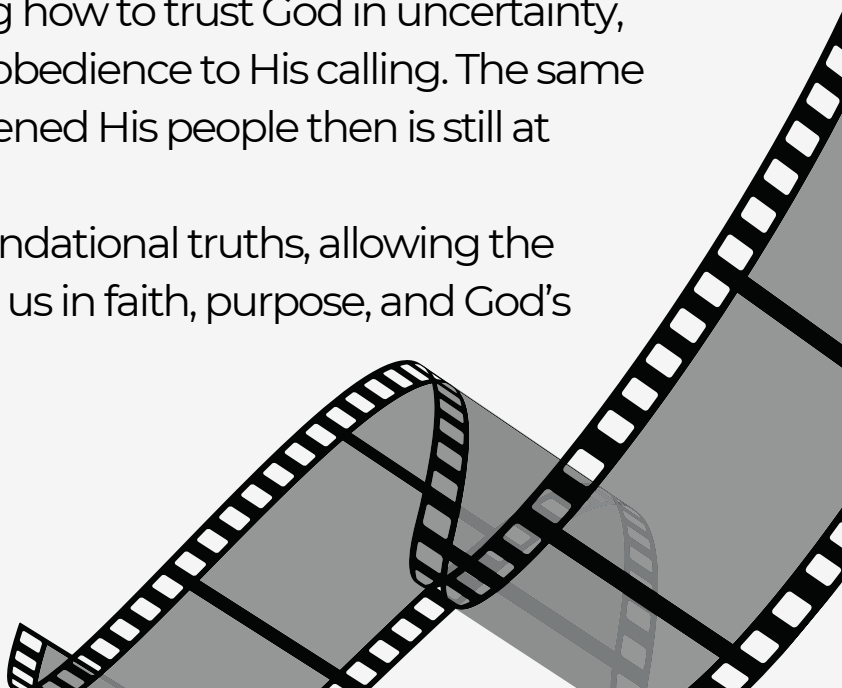


ESTABLISHED IN THE CLASSICS

The Old Testament is more than just ancient history—it's the foundation of our faith. In *Established in the Classics*, we journey through timeless stories of courage, faith, obedience, and redemption, discovering how these classic accounts still shape our lives today. From the unwavering faith of Abraham to the perseverance of Joseph, the leadership of Moses to the boldness of Esther, these stories reveal God's character and His plan for His people.

Each week, we will uncover the life-changing lessons hidden within these narratives, learning how to trust God in uncertainty, stand firm in trials, and walk in obedience to His calling. The same God who guided and strengthened His people then is still at work in our lives today.

Join us as we dig into these foundational truths, allowing the wisdom of the past to establish us in faith, purpose, and God's unchanging promises.



DAY 1

HEALING THROUGH OBEDIENCE

Daily reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman's story reminds us that sometimes God's instructions for our healing and transformation can seem simple or even foolish to our human understanding. Yet it's in our obedience to His word that we find true restoration.

Today, reflect on areas in your life where you may be resisting God's simple instructions. Are there "rivers" God is asking you to step into that you're hesitant about? Remember, it's not the grandeur of the act, but the faith and obedience behind it that leads to transformation.

Ask God to give you the humility and trust to follow His guidance, even when it doesn't align with your expectations.

DAY 2

LOVE AS THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S LAW

Daily reading: Matthew 22:34-40, Romans 13:8-10

Jesus summarized all of God's commandments into two: love God and love your neighbor. This simplification doesn't make the task easier, but rather more profound. Loving God with all our being and loving others as ourselves encompasses every aspect of our lives.

Today, examine your actions and thoughts. How well do they align with these two great commandments? Consider one practical way you can demonstrate love for God more fully, and one way you can show love to a neighbor (remember, everyone is our neighbor).

Pray for God's help in living out these commandments more faithfully.

DAY 3 THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD IN TRANSFORMATION

Daily reading: Ephesians 5:25-27, James 1:22-25

Just as Naaman was cleansed by dipping in the Jordan seven times, we too are cleansed and transformed by immersing ourselves in God's Word daily. The sermon mentioned "dipping" in God's Word every day of the week. How consistent is your engagement with Scripture?

Today, commit to a specific time and place for daily Bible reading. As you read, don't just seek information, but invite God to use His Word to cleanse and renew your mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you not just be a hearer of the Word, but a doer, applying what you learn to your daily life.

DAY 4

UNEXPECTED MESSENGERS OF HOPE

Daily reading: 2 Kings 5:2-3, Acts 8:26-40

God often uses unexpected people to bring His message of hope and healing. In Naaman's story, it was a young servant girl. In Acts, it was Philip speaking to the Ethiopian eunuch. These examples remind us that God can use anyone, regardless of their status or background, to further His kingdom.

Today, be open to God speaking through unexpected sources. Also, consider how God might want to use you to bring hope to others. Pray for opportunities to share God's love and truth, even in small, seemingly insignificant ways.

DAY 5

GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR SUFFERING

Daily reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Romans 8:18-39

Naaman's leprosy represents the various forms of suffering we may endure - physical, emotional, or spiritual. Yet, like Naaman, our afflictions can lead us to encounter God's power and love. Paul's thorn in the flesh taught him to rely on God's grace. Today, reflect on your own struggles. How might God be using them to draw you closer to Him or to demonstrate His power in your weakness?

Rather than asking for immediate relief, pray for God's presence to be manifest in your difficulties. Ask for the strength to trust His purposes and the courage to seek Him even in your pain.