



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 27	Title:	For The Generations To Come
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Summary of Chapter	Exodus 27 records a conversation between God and Moses. After describing instructions for building the Tabernacle (Ex 25-26), God now details construction plans for its altar and courtyard. Now, this may look like a building blueprint to many of us, but if we read between the lines, some of us might catch how powerful passing down a spiritual heritage could potentially be for the next generation.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
²⁰ Command the people of Israel to bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to keep the lamps burning continually...	Once the Tabernacle was built, it had to be illuminated 24/7, and that requires hard work not just from Aaron and his sons, but also from God's people. God's final instructions regarding the Tabernacle wasn't about constructing the Tabernacle per se, but getting His people to bring pure olive oil to Aaron, so that the high priest and his sons could "keep the lamps burning continually... from generation to generation"?		
²¹ Aaron and his sons must keep the lamps burning in the LORD's presence all night. This is a permanent law for the people of Israel, and it must be observed from generation to generation.	<p>Many years ago, during my National Service, I stayed in camp on weekdays, and sometimes only booked out on Saturday afternoon, only to book in by Sunday evening. And honestly on Sunday mornings, sleeping in sometimes felt more appealing than going to church. So I decided to do just that one Sunday.</p> <p>"Joe! Get up! Go to church!" I was shocked out of my wonderful sleep-in.</p> <p>So I pleaded with my mum, "Just one Sunday." There were no online services then. As a single parent, she replied, "Cannot! You're the spiritual leader of our family! Go for service!" Honestly, on my bed, I felt neither spiritual nor leader at that point in time.</p> <p>When I became a father in 2014, I remember replaying that same scene in my head as I brought my wife and daughter to church despite how logistically challenging and physically tiring it was for all of us. Now as the real spiritual leader of my own family, churchgoing is a spiritual discipline that I am determined to pass down to the next generation, just as I inherited it from the generation before me.</p> <p>So Gracian, what will you pass down to the next generation? And how will you keep the light in your lamp always burning for God?</p>		
APPLICATION REFLECTIONS			
Adult:	What is a spiritual discipline you've established that's strengthened your relationship with God? (Hint: Grace EM, J333, GMG, online services, podcasts, books etc... So many ways!) Why and how can you pass it down to someone in the next generation?		
Youth:	The last words of this chapter read " from generation to generation ". Consult your parents/spiritual leaders for the one thing they did consistently to stay close to God. Ask them what advice they would give to themselves if they were your age again.		
Child:	If you know the words to the song Give Me Oil In My Lamp , sing it with or for your family. (If not, ask someone older to teach you the song, along with its actions!) Why do you think the lamp should keep burning "til the break of day"?		
PRAYER			
Praying Scripture:	Heavenly Father, I praise You for the opportunity I get to pass down my faith to the generations after me. Thank You for helping me keep spiritual disciplines and enabling me to pass these down to the next generation. In Jesus' name, amen!		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.		