



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 37	Title:	Carrying His Presence
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Summary of Chapter	Chapter 37 is an account of the making of the Ark of the Covenant, the table of the bread of the presence, the lampstand, the altar of incense, the anointing oil and the Incense. These physical items are symbols of the presence and worship of God.		
Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?		
<i>5 He inserted the poles into the rings at the sides of the Ark to carry it. (NLT)</i>	<p>The ark of the covenant was meant to be carried by the priests, by bearing the poles on their shoulders. The ark of the covenant represents the presence of God. Whenever the Ark of the covenant is brought into battle, Israel would win the battle against their enemies. Why? Because the presence of the Lord is powerful to prevail over God's enemies. As believers in Jesus Christ we too ought to carry the presence of the Lord wherever we go, by spending time in His presence.</p> <p>During this pandemic season I felt led to fast and pray, to love Him and worship Him with songs of praise. I felt weak and hungry, but my soul was refreshed. I became empowered to carry this same presence to those who too need a touch from God. During my time of fasting and prayer, I received calls for help, from both Gracians and the public. As I prayed for them, I could feel the strength and the anointing from the Holy Spirit flowing and ministering to the person. Lives were saved, broken hearts were restored, prodigals returned to the Lord Jesus! I saw God move in our small groups, softening and humbling leaders, causing them to be desperate for the Holy Spirit to revive and renew them. We need the presence of the Lord daily and every moment of our life. Without Him, we can do nothing. In this pandemic season, let us take time to pray and worship Him. As we spend time in God's presence, we are empowered to carry His presence and strengthen someone's faith, or even bring someone back to Christ by praying for them!</p>		
APPLICATION REFLECTIONS			
Adult:	How do you carry God's presence daily and fulfill the Great Commission?		
Youth:	If the Holy Spirit can empower you to change a certain situation, what would that be?		
Child:	How do you talk to God throughout the day? Do you hear Him telling you what to do and what not to do?		
PRAYER			
Praying Scripture:	Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for dying on the cross and cleansing us of our sins. By your blood, we are made righteous to enter your holy presence. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Teach us to pray daily and to carry your presence wherever we go. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can reach out to the broken-hearted and set the captives free.		
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.		