



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 11	Title:	Are You the Messiah?
Author	Sis Sim Soo Wei		
Summary of Chapter	In this chapter, John who was in prison sent his disciples to Jesus and asked if He was the Messiah.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
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<i>³"Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"</i>	<p>Many of us have expectations of what a Messiah should do. When we meet with the toughness in life, with pain and sufferings, do we also ask, "Are you really the Messiah?" When my son had to go through six surgeries within the first two years of his life, I faced many disappointing answers to my prayers. I asked Jesus, Are you are truly the Messiah, the Savior who will come and save my son? My faith was confronted as I found myself confronting Jesus if He is truly God. Why is my son not healed?</p> <p>I went back to the Word of God to listen to what God had to say to me. I traced back my faith history and recalled the faithfulness of God in my life. The many breakthroughs and answered prayers that pointed me to Him, my Messiah. I held on to my faith and trudged on and that was when I began the to see breakthroughs. Breakthroughs not in my situation being lifted off totally but breakthroughs in my faith in Him.</p> <p>In our times of trials, are we expecting the Messiah to save us in the way that we think we should be saved? Or are we trusting in Him to know what is best and not fall away just because our own expectations are not met.</p>
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APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	Have you ever gone through a time when you felt disappointed with God? What did you confront God with? How was your faith shaped during that period of time?
Youth:	Have you ever told God what to do through the way you prayed to Him? What does it mean to you when Jesus said that He is the Messiah and He is here to bring God's redemptive plan to past?
Child:	Share a time when you struggled to say God is real and why. Try this activity: Stand still and experience the wind rustling through your hair and gently dancing across your face. How does this help you know that God though unseen, He is real and He is there?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear Jesus, thank You for being our Messiah. Today, I pray that when we face the 'imprisonments' in our lives, the entanglements and chains of doubt and fear, You will loosen their grip on us as we hold on to our faith, Your Word and Your faithfulness.
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.