



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Exodus 38	Title: Follow Instructions Closely
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Summary of Chapter	This chapter includes the final segment of instructions to Bezalel, the chief artisan of the Tabernacle and its furnishings. It provides the details for the altar of burnt offering and the bronze laver (verses 1-8), then moves to a description of the courtyard (verses 9-20). The chapter concludes with an inventory of the bronze, silver, and gold that were used (verses 21-31).	

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>22 Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made everything just as the Lord had commanded Moses.</i>	<p>This key verse showed us that Belzalel took God's instructions seriously. First, he did not question them even when he did not fully understand the plan. Second, he paid close attention to every detail and that required great patience. Thirdly, he followed every instruction single-mindedly even when there could possibly be many distractions to deter him. Just as God expected the craftsmen of Israel to follow His instructions God expects us to trust His every Word and follow His every step. He also promised His people that He would dwell among them, and we can expect God's promise of His presence in our lives. Following God's instructions requires us to trust Him, to be patient and to be single-minded.</p> <p>I learnt a life lesson recently. All of you know that our pastors started recording these five-minute devotionals through Zoom to continue to minister to Gracians amid our on-site church shut down. Training was done, step-by-step instructions were given, how difficult can it be? Well, I was wrong; my first recording took me more than 5 hours. Why? I realized I failed to follow simple instructions! Today, let's remember that God has given us specific instructions in His Word to follow. No compromises. No short cuts. No questions. Be trusting. Be patient. Be single-minded. When we can do that, we can be assured of His presence and His success in all our endeavors.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What were the reasons when you failed to follow God's instruction in a particular situation? In applying today's lesson, what would you do differently?
Youth:	<p>What are your struggles in following God's instructions for your life?</p> <p>What does it take to follow every part of His Word for your life?</p>
Child:	Imagine that you are designing a toy. Think of the steps and instructions you would give to the toy maker. What happens if the toy maker decides to ignore some of your instructions?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Thank You, God for giving us your instructional book – the Bible. May we always learn to follow every word. 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.