

Week # 1

JOY OF LOVING JESUS TOGETHER



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust
in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit. —Romans 15:13*

WEEK ONE

THE JOY OF BEING A TITUS WOMAN

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DAY 1

Read Titus 1:1–4 in two different translations.

How does Paul identify himself in the introduction? This is pivotal to our understanding this little book.

Can you write his identity?

His Audience?

His Goal?

His Means of accomplishing the goal?

What does Paul's mission statement tell us about how we are to live in and out of Christ Jesus?

DAY 2

Read Titus 1:5–16.

Describe the culture of Crete?

How is it like our own culture?

Describe the qualities needed for leaders in the church.

Did Paul believe that it was possible to give a witness in this time of culture or to build a church?

DAY 3

Read Titus 2 in the KJV and one other version.

What are the characteristics of the older women?

Why do you think these are important for older women?

Prayerfully ask the Spirit to guide you in your reflections on each one.

- Reverent / as becomes holiness
- Not slanderers / Not false accusers
- Not given to much wine
- Teachers of good things

How is the KJV translation different than other versions?

Why do you think this matters?

What does it mean for a young woman to be sober-minded?

How does this characteristic affect the others?

Prayerfully reflect on each of these characteristics.

- Love Husband and Children – Safe place for our families
- Self-controlled – Emotionally, spiritually and physically
- Pure – whole-hearted and clean
- Working at Home – neither busybodies or gossips – Psalm 31
- Good – Joseph, Stephen, Jesus
- Submissive – willing to not have one's own way

What are practical ways we can share the love of Jesus with others younger in faith?

DAY 4

Read Luke 1:5–24.

What are the characteristics of Zechariah and Elizabeth?

What was Elizabeth's role in the fulfillment of God's plan?

What does verse 24 say about Elizabeth?

DAY 5

Read Luke 1:30–33, 39–45.

What does the angel say to Mary about Elizabeth?

What are the results of his words?

What does Mary do after the angel leaves?

What happens when Mary arrives at Elizabeth's house?

What is the posture of Elizabeth's heart as she meets and shelters Mary?

DAY 6

Read Ruth 1, 3:1–5, 4.

What was Naomi's role in bringing Ruth into God's story?

How can we learn from her example and from her weakness?

How did Naomi's faith enable Ruth to become part of the lineage of Jesus?

What gift was given to Naomi at the end of Ruth? How did God restore what she had lost?

DAY 7

Read 2 Timothy 1:3–8

What is the testimony of Lois and Eunice?

How did God use their faith to make a way for Timothy to step into the purposes of God?

What about women whose husbands do not love the Lord?

Is it possible for the faith of a mother and a grandmother to usher a child into a relationship with Jesus?

How do we become women who invite other women into the purpose of God, the story of God and the mission of God?

JOHN WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things,
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.