GOD IS STILL WRITING YOUR STORY

60 Biblical Lives That Reveal
His Mercy Power and Purpose

Faith for the life you're living

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Before You Turn the Page

YOU DON'T HAVE to have everything figured out to open this book. Maybe you need encouragement. Maybe you've been the strong one for everybody else and you're ready for someone to speak a little hope into your life. Or perhaps you're curious about what these people in the Bible can teach you about a week that hasn't gone the way you planned.

Whatever brought you here, you can start with the life you have today.

Most of us met Bible characters at their biggest moments. Noah built an ark. David faced a giant. Daniel survived the lions. But before those moments, there were ordinary days, difficult decisions, and questions they couldn't answer. Moses wondered whether he could speak. Hannah prayed through tears. Peter made a promise he couldn't keep. Their lives have more in common with ours than we sometimes realize.

They waited. They worried. They had relationships that hurt and responsibilities that felt too heavy. Some made serious mistakes. Some suffered because of someone else's choices. GOD met them in the middle of those real circumstances, calling them toward faith and helping them do what they couldn't do alone.

That's the thought at the heart of this book. GOD used people whose lives were still being worked on. You don't have to hide the unfinished parts of yours when you come to Him.

As you read, you'll find encouragement, and you'll find something to do with it. A question to sit with. A small step to try. A prayer you can make your own. Faith becomes part of daily life when it helps you answer the message, make the apology, ask for help, or face a responsibility you've been avoiding.

We'll pay attention to what Scripture says, including the parts that don't end as we'd hoped. Some people were rescued from danger. Others remained faithful through suffering and death. Their different

outcomes don't make one person's faith more valuable than another's. Hebrews 11 gives us both kinds of testimony.

You won't find a promise here that every problem will be solved by the last page. You'll find reasons to draw closer to GOD and take a next step you can actually take. Sometimes that's a small decision made with a little more courage than yesterday. Sometimes it's admitting you need support and letting someone walk beside you.

Jesus is at the center of this hope. His mercy gives us somewhere to turn when we've done wrong. His teaching helps us recognize what needs to change. His resurrection gives us hope that reaches beyond the circumstances we can see. You don't have to arrive with a polished prayer. You can begin with, Lord, I need YOUR help.

The chapters are grouped around experiences you may recognize, and they don't follow strict Bible order. Read one a day, work through a section with a group, or stay with a chapter that's helping you. The suggested passages point you back to your Bible. Scripture is the foundation, and the reflections help you decide how to respond.

The encouragements set apart in each chapter are original lines written for this book. They're separate from Scripture. The prayers are starting points for your own conversation with GOD, and the practical steps are invitations you can adapt to your circumstances.

If something in these pages stirs up pain that feels too heavy to carry alone, please talk with a pastor, a counselor, or someone you trust. If you ever feel like ending your life, call or text 988 right away. In the U.S., that line is open any hour of the day or night.

You don't need to borrow someone else's calling to have a meaningful life. You can learn from Hannah without claiming her particular promise. You can learn from Joseph without becoming a ruler. Look for what their stories teach you about GOD, and then ask how you'll respond in the life He's given you.

There's still room to learn. There's room to heal, to ask a better question, and to do the next right thing. Open your Bible and bring your real life with you. That's where we'll begin.

Make This Book Your Own

YOU CAN READ these chapters one a day, or you can stay with a section for a while. There's no prize for finishing fast. Let the book give you something to think about, and then give yourself time to respond.

Start with the suggested Bible passage whenever you can. Read the verses around it, too. A person's story is bigger than the moment a chapter highlights. If a detail surprises you, look it up, and don't let the reflection stand in for Scripture.

As you read, ask two questions: What does this story help me understand about GOD, and what could a faithful next step look like in my own life? Keep those questions apart from any guess that your life will unfold just like someone else's did.

Each chapter has an original encouragement, a practical next step, a question, and a short prayer. Take what helps. You can adjust any step to fit your energy, your responsibilities, and your safety. If a situation is complicated, a suggested conversation can wait until you've gotten wise guidance.

Pay attention to what already helps you. When have you felt a little steadier? Who makes it easier for you to be honest? What have you tried before that worked with a similar responsibility? Those answers can help you build a plan, and you won't have to start from the idea that nothing is working.

If you're reading with a group, give people room to pass on a question. Nobody needs to share private details to participate. Ask what the passage says before applying it, and offer encouragement without trying to diagnose or solve another person's life.

Bring a pen if you like. Write a word in the margin, note a question, or record a small step you want to try. Make the book part of a conversation with GOD and with people who help you grow.

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