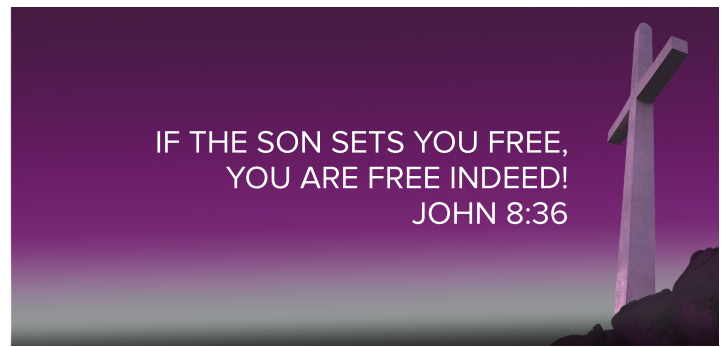


# Jesus IOI

## “Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God.” –Revelation 1:8

It was supposed to be a normal trip, but it wasn't. I made sure my bag had a tag clearly indicating the beginning and the end of my trip: LAX–HSV. We had a weather-related delay on the second leg, which I am quite used to. I arrived in Huntsville close to midnight, only to find that my bag had not made it. I had to conduct my seminars without the props, microphone, and clothes that I had carefully packed. My luggage was delivered to my hotel the day I left. I wondered: what part of “from LAX to HSV” didn't the airport scanners understand?

Maybe it is because of experiences like this, and not only in travel but in relationships, jobs, finances, et cetera that most of us become a bit anxious about the future outcome of our lives and the world. God knows that one of the hardest places for us to be is in-between, a place where we are neither here nor there. Deep within, we all long to know our final destination and to have a certainty that we are going to reach it. The truth is that we all find ourselves living in this space called in-between; between the already and the not yet. Jesus already paid the price and is victorious; but He has not yet come for us to end all pain and to recreate this earth. This is why *I cherish so much* the fact that in the introduction to the book of Revelation, one of the first pictures of Jesus is “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty’” (Revelation 1:8). Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and omega is the last letter. Thus, in our terms, God announces that He is the A and the Z, and whether you look to the past, present, or future, He is there; He is the first and the last (Revelation 1:17; 2:8), and He is the Victor! This portrait is also found in the very last chapter of the Bible: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). Whether you are facing a problem that starts with an A or a Z, or any other *letter in between*, you are covered! He is the beginning, the middle, and the end. He guarantees that there is absolutely no way to get lost in between when you follow Him! Hallelujah!