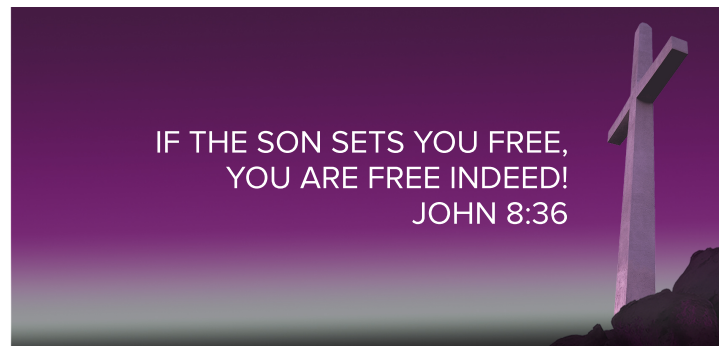


Jesus 101

“Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

Throughout history, there have always been people who considered it their duty to tell others what they could or couldn't do. These opinions have usually originated from a particular culture or tradition or simply a sense of superiority or a need for control. Today, there is no difference. There are times when, because of our age, race, or gender, we are told that we can't do something God has called us to do. However, when it comes to our purpose in life, God breaks all the barriers and calls us to stand in the place He planned for us, even if it's not very popular. Every one of us has a role in redemption history; we all live within the much larger context of the covenant of salvation God made with the human race. When we, like Deborah, take our place that God has for us, we will find a song in our hearts—and who knows, God might make another Bible story out of our lives...

You have a divine calling. Arise and step into your God-given purpose, even when it doesn't conform to other people's opinions...

“Deborah sang concerning the overthrow of Israel's enemies, and the deliverance vouchsafed to the tribes: we have a far richer theme for music; we have been delivered from worse enemies, and saved by a greater salvation. Let our gratitude be deeper; let our song be more jubilant. Glory be unto God, we can say that our sins, which were like mighty hosts, have been swept away, not by that ancient river, the river Kishon, but by streams which flowed from Jesus' side.”— Charles H. Spurgeon

Talbot, Elizabeth *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*, p. 42, 47.