JULY 11, 2026

BY MY SPIRIT

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

NEW TESTAMENT PLAN

Matthew 21-22

1 YEAR PLAN

Proverbs 18-19

Text: ZECHARIAH 4:6

Sometime ago, I considered the scripture where the Lord said, “If someone slaps you, turn the other cheek.” It felt impossible to allow, even till now, it still does. I was made to see our Lord Jesus, who allowed this and much more. They did not just slap Him; they spat on Him and beat Him and crucified Him, and yet He said, “Father, forgive them.”

Many of us lose sight of Jesus in our journey of faith, and even more so when we are commanded. Rarely do we sit to observe His life from the scriptures; to observe Him and behold Him to the point that, from the scriptures, we see how He overcame the adversary, and how He also wants to show us how He did it.

A few Sundays ago, Pastor shared the story of someone who was worried about the commandments the Lord had given and wondered how to obey them, and was immediately reminded that it is the Lord who will give grace to carry them out. All we need to do is settle in our hearts to obey. Many of us are like this: we get overwhelmed by the commandments of the Lord to the point that we forget that He, through the Spirit, is the one who will work in us both to will and to do according to His pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

It is not only when we need a job or a miracle that we start meditating on all scriptures that remind us that there is nothing too hard for God to do, or we start quoting, “Nothing is impossible for God to do,” or “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Much more, the Lord wants us to believe Him and in these words for the instructions that are hard on our flesh.

Today, look at all of the commandments in scripture, and say to yourself, “I can obey all of them.” Jesus already gave us the key; the Spirit of Truth who carefully guides us into all truth and supplies the grace for every commandment. If you have been commanded, know there is already grace made available, because the Spirit of God continually works in us both to will and to do. The problem is many of us are still so full of self, of beholding ourselves, that we miss the supply of the Spirit and the grace He has made available.

When next you are commanded, always remember there is grace available. And like our Lord Jesus, He had the understanding to always go back to the One who had commanded Him, to stay in the place of prayer to receive the grace and strength to align Himself to obey that which the God had commanded (Luke 22:43-44). He was a man of prayer and reminds us that even though we are willing, the flesh is weak. So pray, and remember: you can do all He commands by His Spirit.

Further reading: Luke 22:43-44 Rom. 8:13 Gal. 5:16 Gal. 5:25 (NLT)

Prayers:

I say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord this day for opening my eyes again to see that I am not alone in this journey of faith. There is already a provision of grace and strength made available to obey all He commands me to do. Thank You, Jesus.

Confession:

If I can believe God for my needs, I can also believe that He has made grace available for that instruction that feels hard to do. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength, and through our beautiful Holy Spirit, within whom lies the power to do all I have been commanded

Song suggestion: Tasha Cobbs Leonard - Your Spirit