

Tidbits of TRUTH

Daily Quote Cards to Edify & Inspire the
Faith of Busy Parents
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Quote Focus:
Excerpts from "Twelve
Extraordinary Women"
by John MacArthur

JANUARY - VOL 5

MONDAY, JANUARY 3 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

Eve: "The curse against the serpent held a promise for Eve. Her 'Seed' would crush the serpent's head. Her own offspring would destroy the destroyer...How much of this did Eve genuinely understand? Scripture does not say, but it seems clear that Eve clung to the hope that eventually one of her own offspring would wound her mortal enemy...She must have longed for the day when one of her children would smash his head."

- John MacArthur, p. 24

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

Eve: "Heaven will be filled with (Eve's) redeemed offspring, and they will be eternally occupied with a celebration of the work of her Seed."

- John MacArthur, p. 26

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Sarah: "Sarah's faults are obvious enough. She was certainly fallen. Her faith, at times, grew weak. Her own heart sometimes led her astray. Those shortcomings were conspicuous and undeniable. If those things were all we knew about Sarah, we might be tempted to picture her as something of a battle-ax - a harsh, severe woman...Fortunately, there was much more to Sarah than that...Sarah's life on the whole is actually characterized by humility, meekness, hospitality, faithfulness, deep affection for her husband, sincere love toward God, and hope that never died."

- John MacArthur, p. 29

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

Sarah: "In the very same way the New Testament portrays Abraham as the spiritual father of all who believe (Rom. 4:9-11; Gal. 3:7), Sarah is pictured as the spiritual matriarch and the ancient epitome of all faithful women."

- John MacArthur, p. 50

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

Rahab: "Rahab is a beautiful example of the transforming power of faith. Although she had few spiritual advantages and little knowledge of the truth, her heart was drawn to YHWH. She risked her life, turned her back on a way of life that did not honor God, and walked away from everything but her closest family members...From that day on, she lived a completely different kind of life, as a true hero of faith. She has a place of honor in Hebrews 11 alongside some notable names in that 'great cloud of witnesses' who testify to the saving power of faith."

- John MacArthur, p. 64

MONDAY, JANUARY 10 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Rahab: "Remove the stigma of sin, and you remove the need for grace. Rahab is extraordinary precisely because she received extraordinary grace. There's no need to reinvent her past to try to make her seem less of a sinner. The disturbing fact about what she once *was* simply magnifies the glory of divine grace, which is what made her the extraordinary woman she *became*. That, after all, is the whole lesson of her life."

- John MacArthur, p. 67

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Ruth: "Ruth is a fitting symbol of every believer, and even of the church itself - redeemed, brought into a position of great favor, endowed with riches and privilege, exalted to be the Redeemer's own bride, and loved by Him with the profoundest affection."

- John MacArthur, p. 85

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Ruth: "The extraordinary story of (Ruth's) redemption ought to make every true believer's heart resonate with profound gladness and thanksgiving for the One who, likewise, has redeemed us from our sin."

- John MacArthur, p. 85

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Hannah: "Hannah obviously had a deep and abiding love for God. Her spiritual passion was seen in the fervency of her prayer life. She was a devout woman whose affections were set on heavenly things, not on earthly things. Her desire for a child was no mere craving for self-gratification. It wasn't about her. It wasn't about getting what she wanted. It was about self-sacrifice - giving herself to that little life in order to give him back to the Lord."

- John MacArthur, p. 96

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Hannah: "(Hannah's) love for heaven, husband, and home are still the true priorities for every godly wife and mother. Her extraordinary life stands as a wonderful example to women today who want their homes to be places where God is honored, even in the midst of a dark and sinful culture. Hannah showed us what the Lord can do through one woman totally and unreservedly devoted to Him."

- John MacArthur, p. 105

MONDAY, JANUARY 17 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Mary, Mother of Jesus: "There's no evidence that Mary ever brooded over the effects her pregnancy would have on her reputation. She instantly, humbly, and joyfully submitted to God's will without further doubt or question. She could hardly have had a more godly response to the announcement of Jesus' birth. It demonstrated that she was a young woman of mature faith and one who was a worshiper of the true God."

- John MacArthur, p. 114

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Mary, Mother of Jesus: "(Mary's) life and her testimony point us consistently to her Son. *He* was the object of her worship. *He* was the one she recognized as Lord. *He* was the one she trusted for everything. Mary's own example, seen in the pure light of Scripture, teaches us to do the same."

- John MacArthur, p. 127

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

Anna: "Just while Simeon was blessing (Jesus) with inspired words of prophecy, the Spirit of God providentially led (Anna) to a place where she was within earshot...Suddenly everything she had been praying and fasting for was right there in front of her face, wrapped in a little bundle in Simeon's arms. By faith, she knew instantly that Simeon's prophecy was true and that God had answered her prayers. She immediately began giving thanks to God, and all those many, many years of petition turned to praise."

- John MacArthur, p. 138-139

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

Anna: "(Anna) was undoubtedly in heaven by the time Christ began His public ministry some thirty years later. The day of His dedication was probably her one and only glimpse of Him. But it was enough for her. She literally could not stop talking about Him. And that is the most endearing part of this wonderful woman's extraordinary legacy."

- John MacArthur, p. 139-140

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

The Samaritan Woman: "(The Samaritan Woman's) response was typical of new believers, one of the evidences of authentic faith. The person who has just had the burden of sin and guilt lifted always wants to share the good news with others. The woman's excitement would have been palpable. And notice that the first thing she told the men of her town was that Jesus had told her everything she ever did. No longer was she evading the facts of her sin. She was basking in the glow of forgiveness, and there is simply no shame in that."

- John MacArthur, p. 151

MONDAY, JANUARY 24 – MONDAY, JANUARY 31

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

The Samaritan Woman: “Jesus had indeed found a true worshiper. Scripture doesn’t tell us what ultimately became of the Samaritan woman. Her *heart* was clearly changed by her encounter with Christ. It is an absolute certainty that her *life* changed as well.”

- John MacArthur, p. 153

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Martha: “(Martha) was acting as if Christ needed her work for Him more than she needed His work on her behalf. Rather than humbly fix her faith on the vital importance of Christ’s work for sinners, she was thinking too much in terms of what she could do for Him...We must never think more highly of our works for Christ than we do of His works on our behalf. Of course, such a thought would never consciously enter Martha’s mind. She loved Christ. She genuinely trusted Him, although her faith had moments of weakness. Still, on this occasion, she allowed her anxiety about what she must do for Christ to overwhelm her gratitude over what He would do for her.”

- John MacArthur, p. 168-169

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Mary: "We all need to cultivate more of Mary's worshipful, listening spirit and less of Martha's scrambling commotion."

- John MacArthur, p. 169

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Martha & Mary: "Martha and Mary also remind us that God uses all kinds of people. He has gifted us differently for a reason, and we're not to despise one another or look at others with contempt, just because we have differing temperaments or contrasting personalities."

- John MacArthur, p. 169

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

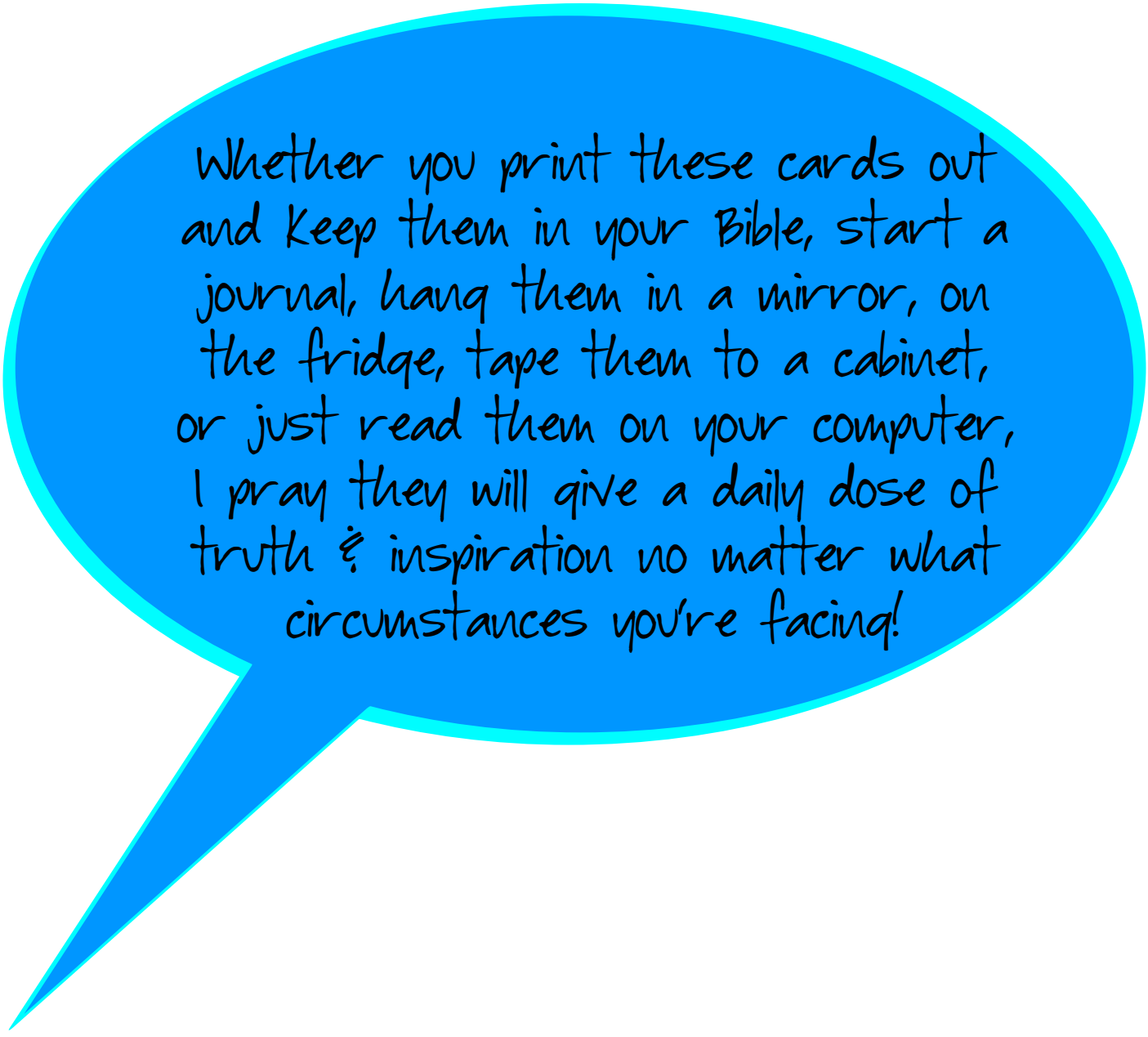
Mary Magdalene: "(Jesus') words, 'Do not cling to Me', testified in a unique way to the extraordinary character of Mary Magdalene. Most of us are too much like the apostle Thomas - hesitant, pessimistic. Jesus urged Thomas to touch Him, in order to verify Jesus' identity. It is remarkable and sad - but true - that most of Jesus' disciples, especially in this postmodern age, constantly need to be coaxed nearer to Him. Mary, by contrast, did not want to let go."

- John MacArthur, p. 184

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Lydia: "Lydia was a remarkable woman who appeared suddenly and unexpectedly in the biblical narrative, reminding us that while God's sovereign purposes usually remain hidden from our eyes, He is always at work in secret and surprising ways to call out a people for His name."

- John MacArthur, p. 188



Whether you print these cards out and keep them in your Bible, start a journal, hang them in a mirror, on the fridge, tape them to a cabinet, or just read them on your computer, I pray they will give a daily dose of truth & inspiration no matter what circumstances you're facing!