

OUR ULTIMATE CHEAT CODE

1-DAY MINI STUDY



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An 1-day Mini Study designed to draw you into God's Living Word.

This study is meant to help you grow closer in relationship to God.

Just like how all our relationships look different, so too do each of God's relationships with His children. You are one of those children!

God's relationship with you will look a little different than others around you, and that's a good thing! God is a personal and intimate God.

We encourage you to actively engage in this study.

It's recommended that you find a quiet space free of clutter and dedicate time to your study.

Answer the response questions as thoroughly and thoughtfully as you can. Find the Scripture references in your Bible and explore the surrounding context.

You have permission to be confused about things. The fun part about studying the Bible is seeking out and discovering the answers!

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This study follows the basic layout below. Please note that some Days have multiple pages, and that some Days have more or less content than others.



Directions and reflection question(s).



*Read this
Scripture*

Space to write a response.

Information to read about the Scripture, questions, reflections, and other thoughts to guide you through the study.



A “deep dive” section that is completely optional. Usually requires background knowledge to complete.

Space to write a response.



A prayer that you can say outloud or write in a journal.

This line indicates the end of content for that Day.

DAY 1

Wisdom is the balance of two sides. Justice or Mercy? Truth or love? It can be hard to discern what to do in certain situations. We'll get it right sometimes, and we'll probably get it wrong other times.



2 Corinthians
12:9

“What if I choose the wrong thing, what is I behave the wrong way?” These thoughts freeze us in our tracks because we perceive major consequences for our failures.



The fear of failure doesn't have to hold us back as we learn wisdom. God's a good coach. He gives us opportunities to grow by making room for failure. **This “room for failure” is called grace.** It's a reminder that we're just practicing.

If you played sports as a kid, did you only play in games? Of course not. You practiced way more than you played. It's the same with God.

Grace is available for when we don't know which way to walk in wisdom. When we don't know whether to pass the ball or to take the shot ourselves, either way, the default is grace.

Even if we play “wrong,” God's grace is always right. Remember, he's a good coach. When he knows you haven't learned a certain move yet, he'll show you by example and then give you opportunities to try. If you fail, that's okay, he's ready to encourage and give you another shot.

Think about it like this - God feels loved when you let him give you grace. He loves showing that he loves you, even if you don't deserve it. In fact, God's love is proven even more to be true *when* you don't deserve it.

It's easy to “love” someone who's always perfect, but what about when the person you love messes up? Do you still love them? If so - you forgive them as they seek forgiveness, and you both move on with a stronger bond than ever. You'd want someone to do the same for you, right?

A coach isn't good for coaching if you already know how to play. Let the coach coach you! It's what he's there for. He loves playing with you, and he's more proud of you than you can ever imagine when he watches you play, failures and all. So it is with God.

So remember that if you're afraid to move forward, you have permission to fail, because God's grace is waiting for you. He gave you the ultimate cheat code for any game you might play. Do the best you can for your own sake, so that you'll grow. And remember that whether you win or lose, you're still a winner in God's eyes - all because of grace!



For a complete quotation of the scripture verse, read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. If you are interested in full context for this part of the conversation Paul is having in his letter to the Corinthians, start back at chapter 11.



In what ways have you failed recently? Fun question, I know, but think about it for a few minutes.

What actions/words did you wish you had taken/said instead? Even if you know you could've done better but aren't sure what the answer is, write about the situation.

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"Hey God, or should I say, "Hey coach?" Thank you that you know the game better than anyone. Thank you that you want to teach me how to live well! Sometimes I really mess up the play, and I'm sorry for that. But I know that you're got grace for me. That gives me a lot of peace.

I'm sorry how I handled [the situation you wrote about]. Please give me wisdom on what to do next and the courage to do it. Thank you so much. In Jesus name, amen."

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2 Corinthians 12:7



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that it should leave me.

2 Corinthians 12:8

BUT HE SAID TO ME,

**“MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY
POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.”**

THEREFORE I WILL BOAST ALL THE MORE GLADLY ABOUT MY
WEAKNESSES, SO THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST ON ME.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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For when I am
weak, then I
am strong.



2 Corinthians 12:10

GRACE

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<p>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.</p>	<p>So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.</p>
<p>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.</p>	<p>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me.</p>



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