
BIBLE JOURNALING CLASS



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3 Rules to Make the Most of Our Time Together:

For the record... I hate rules. But I've learned that I need to set boundaries for me so that I don't get off task and the Lord doesn't get left out! These are really not rules, but more of a goal driven check list so that when the meeting has ended we can say, what a great place to be!

1. *The Agenda*

Everyone has passions, projects and pet peeves and the potential to make those a topic of discussion. Myself included! I can turn any meeting into a focus group on a subject that I am passionate about just by monopolizing the conversation or strategizing in advance about bullet points that will guide our conversation. Which is great... if that's the purpose everyone has come for. When creating a Christian group event, our focus should be Christ focused and regardless of the topic let it flow from His perspective not our own.

2. *The Age*

It's hard to say that age isn't relevant, because at various ages are various stages in life. At this point in my life I've raised my children and now I have grands! But within our groups we'll have young ladies, middle age Mamas and women of wisdom. And each one brings a perspective into the dialogue that can give us a fresh viewpoint on any situation and topic of discussion. Lean in and listen... to everyone!

3. *The Angle*

As an amateur selfie taker, I have discovered that the angle for which I hold the phone is important to the end result. An overhead shot is always the way to go, because the viewpoint from above is slimming... I love that! As we gather around the table or meeting space, an overhead view is the best view as well. While some would view that as "looking down" on folks, it's not looking down if we look upon people the way that God looks on us.

- a. Start at the mind... it's a terrible thing to waste! Everyone has thoughts and ideas, let them share.
- b. Next, look at the heart and understand there's a possibility it's broken, let them know you care.
- c. Last look at their potential... nothing more. Who they appear to be doesn't matter as much as who they might become if share Christ.

Love One Another!



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Project Possibilities!

Let's encourage one another in the Lord! I love these book mark ideas that I found (and purchased the right to use) on Etsy. There's another great website by Joanne Fink who did the amazing work on the following page. She is an amazing artist that will fill your mind full of ideas for sharing the Word of God with friends and family. Cards and bookmarks are a great way to give an inexpensive treat that someone will treasure. Allow your kids to join the fun by coloring your own creations.

New journalers do not have to re-invent the wheel. There are so many ideas that creative minds have brought to life on Pinterest and their own websites that can occupy your mind until Jesus returns. Creativity is just a click away with a google search ☺.



Social Media Challenge:

Share a journal entry (word or art) on the subject of “Rejoice!” Tag #TheJesusChick so I’ll see how the Lord is using you! Challenge your friends so that we’ll all be rejoicing in the Lord!



Personal Challenge:

Letter your favorite quote in this or a similar style.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to practice writing a quote in the calligraphic style shown in the illustration above.

Broken Beneath the Table

The story of Mephibosheth found in 2 Samuel 9 is the story of David honoring his promise to Jonathan. He had promised that he would take care of Jonathan's family if something were to happen, and not long after Jonathan and his father Saul were killed in battle. Mephibosheth, being five years old, was swept up by a servant and run with, in fear. The culture of the day would have had the predecessors' family killed if a new family was on the throne, so there was no doubt some concern in Mephibosheth's life for his safety. The servant fell on the child and he was lame from then on. He likely didn't know how close David and Jonathan were or anything about the promise.

David sought out Jonathan to stand true to his word.

This piece of history is a wonderful example of the redemption available to those who come humbly before the Lord. Mephibosheth, in all his brokenness, feeling unworthy of the honor, fell at the King's feet and with his request for grace he was made to sit and dine with the King. Nothing to be ashamed of, he was as a son of David, and his brokenness was concealed by the King's table.

I understand broken and unworthy. I also understand grace, because I too dine with the King of kings and Lord of lords. He never looks on my brokenness, only the fact that I am His child and because He is King, and I am chosen, I have the right to sit at the table. So do you.

My journal drawing shows Mephibosheth and the word brokenness under the table. Being a child of God didn't always take away me being broken, but it makes me feel whole in spite of it.





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