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[00:00:00] **Shelby:** Hey everybody. We wanted to let you know about a very exciting new resource that's going to be releasing from the Daily Grace Co on June 19th. This resource is called Names of God, and it is a quiet time companion. So in this resource, you're gonna see 50 names of God that we find in scripture. We're gonna teach you what that name is and what it means for us.

[00:00:22] We've designed this to be something that only takes a few minutes to read through, so you can do it at the start or the end of your quiet time, or pick it up before you go to bed at night. It's just gonna be a really helpful, easy-to-use resource.

[00:00:32] **Krystal:** To celebrate the release of this resource, we have put together a Summer in Scripture Reading Challenge. We are gonna take 50 days this summer, and each day we are going to read Scripture that goes along with each of the names of God in our resource.

[00:00:47] And so we really hope that you're gonna join us as we walk through Scripture together to learn more about who God is as revealed in Scripture. We are gonna put a link in the show notes to the reading plan as well as the Names of God Quiet Time Companion. So we hope that you'll join us.

[00:01:01] **Shelby:** Welcome to Daily Grace. We believe the Bible is true, trustworthy, and timeless. And we want to help women like you know and love God's Word. The Bible shows us who God is and who He is changes everything. My name is Shelby.

[00:01:29] **Krystal:** And I'm Krystal And we want to invite you to come join us as we chat about the truth of God's Word in our everyday lives.

[00:01:37] **Shelby:** Hey everybody and welcome to the Daily Grace Podcast. This is Shelby, and today I'm joined as always by my friend and co-host, Krystal. Hi, Krystal.

[00:01:45] **Krystal:** Hey, Shelby.

[00:01:47] **Shelby:** and I am thrilled to introduce you to our guest today, Elizabeth Woodson. Hi Elizabeth.

[00:01:53] **Elizabeth:** Hey, y'all.

[00:01:54] **Shelby:** Elizabeth, in case you dunno who she is, or maybe you haven't stumbled across her before. She is a Bible teacher, she's a podcaster, and she is an author who is passionate about equipping believers to understand the rich, theological truths of Scripture. And I love this part. I stole this from your bio on your website. I hope that's okay, Elizabeth. I know people put a lot of time into really like writing these concisely, so I'm like, we gotta use 'em someplace, right?

[00:02:21] But this is my favorite part, it says she loves helping people internalize their faith and connect it practically to everyday life. And yes, that is like what you love is what we love. And so we're so glad to have you here.

[00:02:34] **Elizabeth:** Hey, thanks for having me. I'm excited for our conversation.

[00:02:37] **Shelby:** Yes, I am too. You know, I mentioned this before we started recording, but Krystal and I sat in a breakout that Elizabeth did at a conference maybe almost a year ago. And walking out of that breakout, we were like, "Man, we have got to have her on the podcast." And then, Elizabeth, you recently, not that long ago, kicked off your own podcast.

[00:02:58] And so one thing we also love is just introducing our listeners to people who we're like, "Hey, you should be listening to this person and what they're teaching because they're gonna point you to Jesus. They're gonna point you to God's Word."

[00:03:08] And so we especially wanted to have you on just to be able to promote your podcast and everything that you're doing. So we're thrilled to have you

[00:03:16] **Krystal:** Oh, thank you. I appreciate that. I think the, the breakouts you sat in was fun to do and so I'm glad that we connected in that space and that it provided an opportunity for me to come.

[00:03:25] Yeah. Can you tell us a little bit about your podcast?

[00:03:28] **Elizabeth:** Sure. It is called Starting Place. And we explore, and I say "we," me and the guests that I interview, what Christians believe and why it matters. Every bible teacher, ministry leader, whoever their passion is connected to just their own personal journey. And part of mine is growing up and figuring, "Okay, what does the gospel really mean? Why does this matter Monday through Saturday and not just on Sunday service?"

[00:03:51] And so I get to talk with just other ministry leaders and pastors and people who just really love Jesus. Right now we're talking about the story of the Bible. So we just finished up the Old Testament. We'll do the New Testament in the fall. We got a fun summer series coming on how to study the Bible, in a couple of months.

[00:04:07] We just talk a little bit about the technical stuff and then we bring it all the way to the ground. And so we get to hear people talk about how some part of the Old Testament, the inner Testament period, how Israel waiting connects with them in their waiting seasons, and the same trust that Israel had to have for God that they have for God.

[00:04:23] And so it's fun, it's rich, and my hope is that it gives people a starting place, because that's what we called it, to be able to enter into an introductory conversation about their

[00:04:33] faith.

[00:04:33] **Krystal:** I love that. And some of our favorite guests to have on are Bible teachers and podcasters, because that's like what we do. So we have both and with you. So this is so fun to get to talk with you today. But I know we're gonna get into our topic, but before we do, we wanna hear, Elizabeth, what your favorite thing is this week.

[00:04:51] Because we do this every week. We talk about something we're loving and using lately. For some, it's like a product. We've had some guests talk about their dog or their favorite coffee that morning. And so, Elizabeth, what's your favorite thing this week?

[00:05:03] **Elizabeth:** My favorite thing this week, I've been trying to work on rhythms and so have a good like morning rhythm and evening rhythm and trying to work on my skincare. So I've been on all these YouTube videos trying to figure out what products I need to use. And there are these like, I don't know if they're microfiber, but there are these towel-like, headbands you put on to push your hair back so your hair doesn't get wet and all this stuff, and they're just been fun.

[00:05:25] I have one with a little bow on top, makes me feel all fancy. And I use that when I wash my face. That's my favorite thing.

[00:05:33] **Krystal:** I want one. Both Shelby and I are like, we want that.

[00:05:36] **Shelby:** That's the most obvious thing in the world. Why have I not owned that? Because I hate washing my face. And I have seen people who wear like the sweatbands on their wrists.

[00:05:45] **Krystal:** Yes, I do that.

[00:05:47] **Shelby:** running down their wrists.

[00:05:48] **Krystal:** that I can't. Oh, now I'm gonna add. I'm gonna have all kinds of things on me.

[00:05:53] **Elizabeth:** gotta have one, wrist, headband, whole situation.

[00:05:58] **Krystal:** Okay. We'll have to get the Amazon link from you because, or wherever you got it. Because Shelby and I will have some matching headbands in the

[00:06:04] near future.

[00:06:06] **Shelby:** That's fun. That's a great favorite thing. You're a pro.

[00:06:08] **Krystal:** Yeah.

[00:06:09] **Shelby:** Well, you know, today we're kind of kicking off this summer series and we're calling this series, Mistakes We've Made in Bible Study because we wanted to talk through correctly interpreting and applying Scripture. But that can be really intimidating.

[00:06:23] And so, Krystal and I thought, "Hey, what better way to teach this than to talk through some mistakes we've made. And how we've learned and grown through making those mistakes and share that with other people."

[00:06:35] And so to kind of help kick this off, Elizabeth, we are wondering if you can tell us about a mistake that you've made in the past when studying the Bible.

[00:06:44] **Elizabeth:** Oh yeah. This was fun for me to think through. I remember, it was probably, it was years ago, but it was when I was getting started in my ministry journey. And I was talking to my uncle who was a pastor. And I was just talking to him about a message that I was about to teach. And I was walking him through the passage and I was so excited about my points.

[00:07:05] And he was like, "Yeah, Elizabeth, is that what the passage says though?" And what I had done is I had found, I was walking through the passage and you're trying to come up with your points and really, that's a, that's interpretation. And I had come to a piece of interpretation that sounded really good, but it wasn't what the passage was actually pointing towards.

[00:07:25] And I probably had two points and I wanted this third one because it fit well and I wanted it to like line up really neatly. And that's just not what the text said. And my uncle, he really pushed on. He's like, "We teach the text, Elizabeth. We teach what the text says. You need to go back and you get rid of that point because that's not what that passage is talking about."

[00:07:41] And so I think something that's easy that even I have to guard myself against now, it's taking just things outta context. Because you're not reading before or after the verse. That you aren't understanding genre. You're not understanding what the main message of that passage is.

[00:07:56] And so it will sound really good. It will be very encouraging. It'll be real slick, but it actually is not true. Or we're not doing justice. We're concerned more about what the passage says to us than what the original author was intending the passage to say to his original audience. I always tell folks, "We eavesdrop on when we're listening through scripture. It's written for us, but not to us." And that we would honor the original audience before we try to figure out what it means to us.

[00:08:22] And so, yeah, I distinctly remember him, crushing my dreams and telling me I needed to redo my message, but it was good. It was good for me.

[00:08:31] **Krystal:** When I go back and look at some of the first lessons that I taught in my women's Bible study, I like cringe because I remember my process in that was, "What is it that I wanna communicate? And then what passage can I bring to it?" And it was totally reversed. Since I go back and think, "Man, praise the Lord that He is sovereign and He can use, like, His Word will not return void. Because my words, they were pretty void that today.

[00:08:55] And so just knowing that God can use those mistakes, right, because use them in my life, like how I study is so different based on, you know, a similar situation. And I know we're kind of already touching on it a little bit, but Elizabeth, why would you say that it's important that we interpret the Bible correctly and then what's at stake when we don't do it well?

[00:09:13] **Elizabeth:** Oh gosh. It's important for us to interpret the Bible correctly because the Lord has divinely inspired the text for specific reasons. And He wants to share messages about who He is, about who we are, some really key things that ground us and our identity and our purpose, and what it means for us to show up in the world and how we worship and relate to Him.

[00:09:33] And so it's important because as Christians, our first goal should be to honor the Lord.

[00:09:39] And I think sometimes we can miss this in the text. It's, "Lord, what do you have for me? Not what can I get for myself?" And sometimes those two are different. That what we wanna get for ourselves is something that just is gonna make us feel better about a situation we're in that we don't really need to be in.

[00:09:54] Versus what God has for us is that, "I need you to come outta that. I need you to grow in spiritual maturity. I need you to repent. I need you to confess. I need you to do the hard thing."

[00:10:03] And so we can miss the main idea or the main point of what God is trying to do because we're just, we're off the track. And really what's at stake is, in a big way, is our witness to the world. I was recently teaching a class just on why it matters, that we know what we believe. And when we believe the wrong things we can endorse the wrong things in our lives. And so, you know, it doesn't take anybody to scroll through a social media profile and our feeds and to see all the different pieces of information that are being thrown at us every day.

[00:10:34] And we will share, we will endorse, we will support things that God calls evil, we'll call things good. And so I just taught on the creation story, so that's where I'm pulling that from.

[00:10:43] So that's really big picture what's at stake. The little picture is we'll doubt the things of God. We'll believe that we live in a space of inadequacy when we really have overflow with the Lord. We won't walk in the truth of what we have because we don't interpret the Scripture correctly. And then we also will share that with other people.

[00:11:02] And so when we are walking through Scripture, and I know and we're gonna talk about this, it can feel really weighty, but you do have a responsibility to do your best to do it well.

[00:11:11] Because our role is not just to keep it for ourselves, but to share it with someone. So I can lead somebody else off the track by sharing information with them that is not correct interpretation of a Scripture. And so for that to put us in a place of, "I wanna do this well," not to be laden down with fear and "I don't wanna do this at all because I don't want to get it wrong."

[00:11:31] It just is that we would do our best to use the tools that are in front of us or provided to us to interpret Scripture as best as we can.

[00:11:38] **Krystal:** Yeah, I think you're, right up front, just hitting on what's probably gonna be the biggest tension for people in this episode and in this whole entire series. We don't really wanna talk about the potential mistakes that we could make. In fact, we might rather just avoid interpreting and teaching Scripture to others altogether because that's way easier.

[00:11:57] **Shelby:** But really that's not honoring the Lord in and of itself. And so we have to enter into this conversation and we're inviting all of our listeners to enter into this conversation with us over the summer here. And you know what? Krystal and I get nervous, too, all the time when we're teaching something. And I also think the beauty in that is just having community and humility where you can say "Hey, would you look at this?"

[00:12:22] Would you tell me? Would you help me?" and us working together in that.

[00:12:26] Okay, so let's just jump into like how this might flesh out. What are a couple basic concepts that you think someone needs to understand to interpret the Bible well? And when I wrote this question I was like, "I know this could be literally a whole book, a series of books." And so I'm sorry that I threw this question at you, but I'm really interested to see how you answer.

[00:12:51] **Elizabeth:** Yeah. Yeah. I was like, "How much time do we have?" We'll do the first installment. What I will say, before I list off some basic concepts is that, and you pointed at it, Shelby, we interpret Scripture in community. And so this is what I love about our faith, that Christianity is a faith tradition that's been around for thousands of years.

[00:13:08] Literally, how we tell time, in terms of it is 2023 AD points to the year of Jesus. I think it's, "Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord." You have a lot of help in interpreting Scripture, because there's a lot of people that have gone before you. And so Christianity isn't always, we're not always a people group that do brand-spanking new stuff all the time.

[00:13:31] A lot of stuff actually we do is just really old. We're passing down truth that we have inherited from the people who've come before us. And so that we would feel comfort in that, that if I come to an interpretation of the text and I can't find it anywhere, I can't find any support for it, then maybe that's telling me I'm going down the wrong path because the community is saying, "Hey, that's not what we do."

[00:13:50] So listen to the community and that should bring you comfort. You don't do it by yourself. You have a lot of help in interpreting Scripture.

[00:13:56] But basic concepts, I think it's helpful if we, when we are going to a verse or we're going to a passage, then we just do some background work. Again, how can I best, understand the book I'm reading?

[00:14:09] One of my mentors talks about you get a letter in the mail and you read the address and the address on the letter lets you know who it comes from. Like it gives you context for what you're about to read. And so learning, Who wrote the book? Learning what is the reason they were writing?

[00:14:26] So when you think about a lot of Paul's letters, Paul is writing to the churches in Ephesus, or the church in Colossi or the church of Galatians because they were trying to figure out what it meant to follow Jesus as a community, and they were having some issues. And so he's writing for really specific things.

[00:14:41] Like in Colossians, he writes, because there were people telling them that Jesus wasn't divine. And as you're reading through and you get to Colossians 1:15-23, and you see this beautiful hymn about who Jesus is, that you know this is really important because of the message that Paul is trying to push forward.

[00:15:00] So, who's the author of the book, what's the central message of the book? When was it written? And so that gives us some historical context. If it was written, during the period of the Roman Empire, that's important for you to understand what it means for these people to try to worship in an environment where everybody wasn't worshipping God.

[00:15:19] And then what's the genre? And genre is just the type of book it is. And so Proverbs reads differently than Matthew. Proverbs is a book of principles. And, that's helpful for us to know because when you read through that,

[00:15:33] we can take it as promise, and then it doesn't happen. And what happens is then we say, "God, you're not good, and You didn't live up to what we expected You to do."

[00:15:45] And the truth is what you read is not a guarantee, it's just a principle. And so it's helpful for you to learn the genre of the book so I can understand, "Okay, what's the way I'm supposed to read this?"

[00:15:56] And all of what I mentioned, the author, the central message, the genre, the period in which is written, you can find so many free tools online that will give you that information pretty quickly. And that is a good place to start in terms of interpreting the book. So background information. Is step number one for me.

[00:16:14] Step number two is, if I'm in an entire book or a passage, what message is the author trying to give to the original audience? Again, sometimes we can jump to, "What does this mean for me?" versus "What does it mean for them?" And then, once I get that central message, so I'm gonna go back to Colossians. And Paul is talking about, in Colossians 1:15-23, he talks about who Christ is. So He is "the image of the invisible God." Paul is telling them that Christ is divine, and he is telling them the magnitude of what that is. So, as I'm reading that, that's important because they are being told Christ isn't divine. And so I've got that original message.

[00:16:57] But then the next question, that's interpretation. What principle can I pull from that that's applicable to my situation? And so if we're sharing about the divinity of Christ, man, my response to that is really to worship Him. But I get there after I try to determine what is the original author saying to his audience?

[00:17:18] And that's after I try to figure out, "Okay, what's just some introductory information to this book?" And so again, when you have that background information and you're making good observations, that sets you up better to make interpretation. And then, I always tell folks, after you do that work, that there's resources to help you check your interpretation, to make sure you're on the right track. But do the work before you go to the resources to do some of that checkwork.

[00:17:44] **Krystal:** You're like hitting on everything I'm super passionate about. I'm, like, yes, yes, yes. Just cause it is so easy for us to go straight to, you know, reading Colossians like, what do the footnotes say? What does my study Bible say? Super helpful resources, but so much of what we can learn on our

own is gonna stick with us versus I can read book after book and other people's opinions and thoughts that are also, I mean, they're human like me, so they're also gonna make mistakes. But to be able to get into God's Word for myself and then go check it with historically accurate and multiple resources. I like that you mentioned that too, where it's like, "Hey, if, historically, the community is saying like, 'That's not there,' then that's not there."

[00:18:22] But you might be able to find one person that says, "Oh, it's there." But if it's just the one person, like if it is brand-new information, it's probably not good information, you know, and so, um, But we get so drawn to that. Like, "Ooh, this new thing that I've never seen before."

[00:18:37] There's one thing, and I won't mention it cause I don't want anyone to stumble, but there's one thing that I see in Scripture, and I've literally done so much research and I have found one person that has said it, and no one else has said it. But it's something that just sticks in my brain and I allow it to, like, remind me of the mystery of God and to know like, I'm not gonna know everything about what I read, but it's still causing me to like lean into the Lord, you know, and not my own understanding. And so I love everything you're saying. I think it's so helpful for us to remember even just the appropriate steps of getting into scripture and not just assuming something of the text, not assuming a, you know, a modern lens as we read, but really to look at it historically before we try to apply it to ourselves.

[00:19:14] But I think that's so helpful. We're gonna dive into that a lot more in this series. But, I'm wondering if we can get like super practical for a minute. So we've given like some tips, some ideas. We've talked about the meta narrative.

[00:19:25] **Shelby:** What are some like tools or practices that could be really helpful for our listeners to hear about that they can utilize if they wanna grow in correctly interpreting Scripture?

[00:19:36] **Elizabeth:** Yeah. So what I do is, one, is, I read the Scripture multiple times. So I think there is benefit in just reading slowly and reading, more than once through a passage. And that brings our attention to words you might not understand or words we see pop out in the text. And so I will do a lot of annotating and that just happens with questions. I'm a curious reader. Be a curious reader.

[00:20:02] And so it's, "Well, what does this word mean?" Or, you know, the, I think the classic one, "If you see a "therefore," what is it there for? You know, it's that kind of stuff that we are able to just mark in our Bibles. Sometimes I'll

print out a sheet of paper or I'll put it in a Word document and I just read slowly. I read it multiple times. I will read it in different translations.

[00:20:22] And so there's a couple that I rotate through. I like the NIV, the CSB, sometimes the NLT. Sometimes if I am confused about a passage, reading in a different translation brings me a little bit more clarity. And again, those are just simple tools that you can find online.

[00:20:38] A good Bible dictionary is super helpful because it helps you, one, to be able to understand more about a particular word or particular geographic location. A good concordance is able to help you kind of see how different a passage points to another passage in Scripture. And so some of these tools you're gonna get in your study Bible. Like a good study Bible has multiples of these.

[00:21:01] I always like to say refrain from looking down at the bottom until you read it several times. Because you, it's really easy to just go down to the bottom. But read it. Do some work on your own before you do that.

[00:21:11] I think of a commentary series. And so when you're at a place where you want to learn more about what this passage might mean, you've done the work we all tell you to do, that a good commentary series is super helpful. The Christ-Centered Exposition series, Tony Marita is one of the editors for that, is a really good one. Warren Wiersbe has some, and these are just like basic introductory, some commentary series can be really academic and so really hard for you to get through.

[00:21:41] They're great, but there are some good introductory ones that are out there and just find you one that you can trust. And so it was like, "This is the one I'm gonna use because we can meet analysis paralysis. It's like, I don't know which one I go to. I just trust this series. I'm gonna go to them and I'm gonna read their footnotes and they'll send me to other good resources as well.

[00:21:59] Footnotes are gold. For any book you read, footnotes are gold. But I would say having a couple of those tools, again, they're helping you answer, "What does this mean?" And information you may not know off the top of your dome, off the top of your head. So, you know, geographic location, cultural context, some of the introductory information I mentioned, helps you find those things.

[00:22:21] You don't need all the tools in the world. That's one thing I will say. You have the power of the Holy Spirit with you, and so trust that God is able to

pull you in the right direction as you're reading through His text and have a couple simple tools alongside you and studying in community.

[00:22:38] Check your stuff. So if it sounds a little off to you, verify with the community whether or not your interpretation is good.

[00:22:48] **Krystal:** Yeah. Yeah. That's really good. Okay, so you'd said something about us kind of being afraid as we're getting into Scripture. I feel like there is a lot of fear that we feel when, especially if we're new to Bible study, you know, we want to be right in what we're reading. Like we wanna honor the Lord, we wanna have a correct interpretation.

[00:23:04] So I think that can cause us to be fearful in digging deeper. And so, especially as I look back on mistakes I've made, I can feel shame be like, "Oh, why did I think that? Why did I do that? Why did they say that to someone else?" You know? And just kind of all the fear that comes with that.

[00:23:18] And so, for anyone listening and even just for us as we're navigating, you know, teaching the Scriptures, talking about it week in, week out, what are some encouragements you could give for anyone who is struggling to study the Word on their own and just dealing with the fear of, "What if I'm getting this wrong? What if I'm teaching this wrong?"

[00:23:35] Like, how do we overcome that fear?

[00:23:37] **Elizabeth:** Yeah, I think the first one is to remember you're not alone in your Bible interpretation process. That our Bible is not static, it's dynamic because of the Holy Spirit's presence in opening our eyes to truth. And that we would just remember that, that even if it doesn't feel like something big is happening, the Holy Spirit is present with you and He is showing you the truth of Scripture and that you would just find comfort in that.

[00:24:04] I always tell people if you're asking the question that shows humility, if you are concerned that, "I'm, I might get this wrong," versus you're just kind of busting through the door with whatever you think it says, that shows humility. And I believe that shows that you're on the right track.

[00:24:18] That you're in a good space. And staying in that space of humility, knowing that the Holy Spirit is really the One who does the work, really the One who opens your eyes, who will show you the way of truth. That's what Jesus said, that He's the advocate, He's the helper. He's the one that's gonna show us in the way of truth and that He does do that.

[00:24:35] And so that, that would bring our, like worry levels down a little bit and say, "Okay, I'm okay. God's gonna point me in the right direction." And what you are experiencing, everybody experiences. People might not talk about it, but everyone kind of has this fear of, especially as we were new to it, "Man, what does this say? How am I gonna get my hands around this?"

[00:24:58] And what I've learned from the people that have gone before me in terms of mentors, whether they're in person or books on my shelves, I love to think about authors as mentors, is that it's a journey. You will be better next week than you are today. You will be better next year than you are this year.

[00:25:14] You will be better 10 years from now than you are right now.

[00:25:18] **Krystal:** And that doesn't make us, lazy in our Bible study, but that means that, "Lord, you're doing a work over time, and let me just lean into the development over time." There are passages that I go back to today that just have deeper insight than when I first started because I've done work between now and then.

[00:25:37] **Elizabeth:** And so there is a process of transformation that happens over time. Just stay on the road. Allow the Holy Spirit to do the work. And as we commit ourselves to do the best we can, the Lord will meet us along the way. And, the work that He desires to do through the Word in our lives will happen.

[00:25:55] **Krystal:** That's a great encouragement. And I think as many times as we've heard that we need to hear it over and over again. Because those fears, they do pop up. And I think you said it in the beginning, there is a weight to interpreting Scripture. And especially if we're intending to teach it to others, whether that's your small group, you know, whether that's your children at home, whether that's, just a friend that you're sitting with

[00:26:16] **Shelby:** at lunch and you're sharing. Like there's a weight to that. And so, I really appreciate that encouragement. I feel like everyone listening is going to appreciate that a lot as well. Elizabeth, is there anything you haven't been able to say about Bible study that you wanna be sure and say to our guests before we kind of wrap up?

[00:26:31] **Elizabeth:** Yeah, I would just say studying the Bible will change your life. It just will. There's a beautiful vision for who God has created us to be and the world that He's created for us to live in and what He's doing now, and

that your heart would be overwhelmed in all the best ways by the truth that you are loved by a God who sent His Son to save you.

[00:26:53] And that every time you return to the text, that that's what's on the forefront of your mind is God created me to live with Him in a wonderful, perfect world. And even though that's not the way things are right now, that's what I look forward to. And it's just that you fall more in love with God as you read the text. That you would just, it,

[00:27:10] It's hard. It's not gonna feel good every time. but it's worth it. I love what I do. I love what I do, and I tear up when I tell people about Jesus because it just is the most beautiful thing, y'all. And so that for your listeners, that you would commit yourself to the pathway knowing it really will change the entirety of your life in all the best ways.

[00:27:30] **Krystal:** Yes and amen. I can say that that's been true in my life, for sure.

[00:27:34] **Shelby:** Well, let's wrap up with this final question. You know, this is a question we ask to every single guest on the Daily Grace Podcast. We always say that, "The Gospel changes everything." And so, Elizabeth, we would love to know what has the Gospel changed for you?

[00:27:48] **Elizabeth:** The Gospel for me is the good news that the King has come. The Gospel reminds me that God is faithful. I think about promises that He made to Israel through Abraham and to Moses and to David and through the prophets, the new covenant. And that He made good on all those promises in a really significant way.

[00:28:10] And in the moments in which life is just really hard and I've put prayer requests before the Lord and maybe things have not turned out like I've hoped they would. That sadness in my life is lingered far too long that I remember that I serve a God that's really faithful. And that if He has saved me for eternity, then I can trust Him for the in between.

[00:28:32] And that's just, I think beautiful truth for me that has transformed the seasons of life that are difficult and pillars of truth that I can hold onto that keep me steady when the winds of life would seek to blow me down. And the gospel reminds me, God is faithful, He keeps His promises, He's trustworthy, and if He loved you enough to save you for eternity, then I'm sure he loves you enough to meet you here in the in-between.

[00:28:58] **Krystal:** Thank you, Elizabeth. I love hearing that. Krystal and I are both very much in in-between seasons right now, and so that was personally super encouraging. But thank you to all our listeners for joining us today on the Daily Grace Podcast. Thank you, Elizabeth, for joining us today. You shared so many things.

[00:29:15] **Shelby:** This has just been a joy to have you here today.

[00:29:17] **Elizabeth:** Thanks for having me. It was fun to talk with y'all.

[00:29:19] **Shelby:** Yeah. We will link Elizabeth's podcast, her books, and all of her social media handles in our show notes for you to check out. While you're in the show notes, you can also subscribe to our weekly newsletter to receive free resources related to the podcast straight to your inbox.

[00:29:34] Until next time, we hope that you'll come join us as we continue this conversation over on Instagram at Daily Grace Podcast. We'll see you next week.

[00:29:42] Bye.