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to play*

# PEOPLE OF THE FINE PRINT

8-Week Devotional





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## WEEK 1: PEOPLE OF THE FINE PRINT

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1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

NIV

*“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”*



*“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”*

NIV

ROMANS 12:4–8

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In a world obsessed with headlines, God invites us into the fine print – the small, faithful acts that reveal the true power of the Gospel. Just like the fine print in an ad reveals the real cost or terms, the fine print of faith holds the substance behind the bold claims.

We all love the big declarations of our faith – Jesus saves! God loves you! But it’s the unseen moments of obedience, kindness, and generosity that bring those truths to life. The Kingdom of God doesn’t run on celebrities. It runs on quiet courage, persistent prayer, generous giving, and daily acts of service.

This series is about those people – the ones who don’t get the spotlight but move the mission forward. Scripture is filled with names you might skim past, but God doesn’t. They made history, not with fanfare, but with faith.

You might feel like your role is too small to matter. But in the body of Christ, there are no extras. You have a part to play. Your prayers, your presence, your service – it all matters. Step into the fine print. It’s where God writes the real story.



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## WEEK 2: EPAPHRAS – THE UNSEEN INTERCESSOR

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COLOSSIANS 4:12-13

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*“Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.”*

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Epaphras isn't a name most people remember. But Paul mentions him with deep respect – not for his preaching, but for his prayer life. He didn't lead a movement, plant a church, or write a Gospel. What he did was pray – consistently, fervently, and invisibly.

Paul says Epaphras was “wrestling in prayer.” That's a strong word. He wasn't casually praying before bed – he was engaged in spiritual battle, lifting up the church, believing for their strength and growth. He wasn't on the stage, but he was shaking heaven.

Intercessors like Epaphras remind us that some of the most powerful Kingdom work happens in private. It's not glamorous. It doesn't get applause. But it is absolutely essential.

If you've ever prayed for your church behind the scenes, interceded for someone in need, or contended for your children through tears – you're in good company. Epaphras would understand.

You don't have to be seen by people to be significant to God. Heaven moves when the saints pray. And every whispered prayer matters.

Today, be encouraged. Keep wrestling. Keep praying. You might be living in the fine print, but your faith is building the bold headline of someone else's breakthrough.



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## WEEK 3: SHIPHRAH & PUAH —COURAGE IN THE QUIET

COLOSSIANS 4:12-13

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*The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?" The midwives answered Pharaoh, "Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive." So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.*

Before Moses ever confronted Pharaoh, two courageous women quietly defied the most powerful man in Egypt. Shiphrah and Puah were Hebrew midwives commanded to kill baby boys at birth. But they feared God more than the king – and chose life.

Their names only appear briefly in Scripture, but their decision changed history. They risked everything to obey God in a moment of crisis. They didn't have swords. They didn't have influence. But they had conviction – and that was enough.

Because of their bravery, a generation was preserved, including the future deliverer of Israel – Moses. These women never stood on a stage, but their faith laid the foundation for freedom.

Shiphrah and Puah remind us that courage isn't always loud. Sometimes it looks like quiet defiance. Doing the right thing when no one is watching. Standing up for justice, life, and truth even when it costs you something.

If you're in a workplace, home, or environment where you're pressured to compromise – remember these women. Your integrity matters. Your stand for righteousness echoes into eternity.

In the Kingdom of God, courage in the quiet is never wasted. The fine print is filled with people like Shiphrah and Puah – those who quietly say "yes" to God and change the world as a result.





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## WEEK 4: JOANNA —PROVISION WITH A PURPOSE

LUKE 8:1-3

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*After this, Jesus travelled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out. Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.*

When we think of Jesus' ministry, we picture miracles, sermons, and the twelve disciples. But in Luke 8, we learn about women like Joanna – women who quietly and faithfully gave their resources to support Jesus' mission.

Joanna may not have preached or performed miracles, but her generosity was just as crucial. She funded the movement. She made ministry possible. She used what she had – wealth, influence, hospitality – and laid it at Jesus' feet.

In the Kingdom, provision is spiritual. Generosity is worship. Joanna's story reminds us that givers are not just supporters – they are participants. Their offering becomes the foundation others build on.

You may feel like what you have isn't much. But Scripture says it's not about the amount – it's about the heart behind it. When you give to serve others, support ministry, or meet needs, you're doing holy work.

Joanna likely didn't know her name would be recorded for generations. She simply gave – and her gift echoed into eternity.

You might never hold a microphone, but your giving amplifies the message. Whether through finances, time, or kindness – your generosity matters.



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## WEEK 5: THE 120 IN THE UPPERROOM —EMPOWERED TO BECOME

ACTS 2:1-4

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*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Pentecost is often remembered for Peter's bold preaching and the crowd of thousands responding in faith. But the true power of that day began in an upper room – when the Holy Spirit fell, not on a few, but on each of the 120 people who were gathered.

This wasn't a room full of apostles alone. It was men and women, young and old, the known and the nameless. They weren't strategising; they were simply waiting. But when the Holy Spirit came, everything changed. It wasn't their passion or planning that birthed the Church – it was the power of the Spirit poured out on each person individually.

Pentecost was a commissioning. Every single one of the 120 was empowered to play a unique part in the mission of Jesus. Some would teach. Some would serve. Some would give. Others would go. But all were filled. All were equipped. And all were essential.

This is the heart of the Church: not a few doing everything, but everyone doing something. The Spirit doesn't only empower preachers or leaders. He empowers people – ordinary, available people – like you.

Whatever your gift, however hidden your role may feel, the Spirit has empowered you for it. You have a part to play in the Church that Jesus is building.

So don't wait to be noticed. You've already been filled. You've already been called. You've already been equipped. Now step out – and play your part.



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## WEEK 6: JOSEPH —FAITHFUL IN THE QUIET

MATTHEW 1:18–25

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*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, never speaks a recorded word in Scripture. But his life speaks loudly through his quiet obedience.

When Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, he planned to quietly divorce her – seeking to uphold righteousness while sparing her public disgrace. But when God spoke to him in a dream, Joseph didn’t argue. He didn’t delay. He obeyed. He took Mary as his wife, stepped into an uncertain future, and embraced the role God had chosen for him.

Joseph didn’t seek attention. He simply followed. He listened to God, adjusted his plans, and walked faithfully into the background of the world’s greatest story.

His example speaks to anyone who feels unseen or overlooked. Obedience doesn’t always come with recognition. Sometimes it’s quiet. Sometimes it costs us. But in God’s hands, quiet faithfulness becomes a foundation for His work in the world.

Maybe your “yes” to God has happened behind closed doors. Maybe your faithfulness has gone unnoticed. But nothing is wasted in the Kingdom. Like Joseph, you may be part of something far bigger than you realise.

So, keep trusting. Keep listening. Keep obeying. You have a part to play – and God delights in using the faithful, the humble, and the quiet to carry His glory.



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## WEEK 7: TABITHA (DORCAS) —A LIFE SEWN IN SERVICE

ACTS 9:36–41

NIV

*In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!” Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive.*

Tabitha – also known as Dorcas – was known not for preaching or miracles, but for her compassion and craftsmanship. She made clothes for widows. She served those in need. She quietly lived out the love of Jesus, and when she died, the entire community grieved deeply.

When Peter was called, the widows she had helped stood weeping, showing him the garments, she had lovingly made. These weren’t just clothes. They were evidence of a life poured out in service. Her kindness was sewn into every stitch.

Peter prayed, and God raised Tabitha from the dead. This miracle wasn’t just about resurrection – it was a declaration: this woman’s life mattered deeply to God and the Church.

Tabitha’s story shows us that simple acts of service can leave a lasting impact. You don’t need to be in the spotlight to be significant. Whether you’re cooking meals, cleaning up after others, making space for someone to feel seen and valued, God sees it all.

Don’t underestimate the power of your kindness. Service is sacred. When you give your time and care to others, you reflect the very heart of Christ.

You may feel like you’re just doing “little things,” but in the fine print of the Kingdom, those little things are often the most powerful.





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## WEEK 8: BEZALEL —WORSHIP THROUGH CRAFT

EXODUS 31:1-11

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*Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills – to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts. Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also, I have given ability to all the skilled workers to make everything I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, the ark of the covenant law with the atonement cover on it, and all the other furnishings of the tent – the table and its articles, the pure gold lampstand and all its accessories, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, the basin with its stand – and also the woven garments, both the sacred garments for Aaron the priest and the garments for his sons when they serve as priests, and the anointing oil and fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them just as I commanded you.”*

When God gave instructions to build the Tabernacle, He didn't just appoint priests – He chose artists. Bezalel and Oholiab filled with the Spirit not to preach, but to create. Their calling was craftsmanship – transforming wood, gold, and fabric into sacred space.

Their work wasn't background noise. It was worship. Their creativity made room for God's glory to dwell. This reminds us that ministry isn't just what happens on a stage – it's also what happens through design, detail, and devotion.

You may not lead songs or sermons, but if you're designing, building, painting, writing, or coding for the glory of God, you are part of the fine print. Your creativity carries Kingdom weight.

Bezalel and Oholiab weren't just naturally skilled – they were Spirit-empowered. Their craft was anointed, their work inspired. God entrusted them with the beauty and function of His dwelling place. That tells us something important: excellence and creativity matter to God.

Maybe you've doubted the value of your creative gift. Maybe it feels too niche or too “non-ministry.” But Scripture affirms what culture often forgets – artistry is holy when it's surrendered to God.

So whatever your medium, offer it to Him. Your brushstroke, your spreadsheet, your design, your rhythm – when given in worship – becomes holy ground. In the fine print of Kingdom work, beauty is not optional. It's a way the world sees God.