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ABOUT ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ

CALLED “**THE BEST PREACHER IN THE FAMILY**” by her father, Billy Graham, Anne Graham Lotz speaks around the globe with the wisdom and authority of years spent studying God’s Word.

The *New York Times* named Anne one of the five most influential evangelists of her generation. She’s been profiled on *60 Minutes* and has appeared on TV programs such as *Larry King Live*, *The Today Show*, and *Hannity Live*. Her *Just Give Me Jesus* revivals have been held in more than thirty cities in twelve different countries, with hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Whether a contributor to national newspapers, or a groundbreaking speaker on platforms throughout the world, Anne’s aim is clear—to bring revival to the hearts of God’s people. And her message is consistent—calling people into a personal relationship with God through His Word and through prayer.

In May 2016, Anne was named the chairperson of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, a position held by only two other women, Shirley Dobson and Vonette Bright, since its inception in 1952.

Anne is a bestselling and award-winning author. Her most recent releases are *The Vision of His Glory*, *Preparing to Meet Jesus*, *Jesus Followers*, *The Light of His Presence*, *Jesus in Me*, *The Daniel Prayer*, *Wounded by God’s People*, *Fixing My Eyes on Jesus*, *Expecting to See Jesus*, and her children’s book, *Heaven: God’s Promise for Me*.

Anne and her late husband, Danny Lotz, have three grown children and three grandchildren. She is the founder and president of AnGeL Ministries, an independent, nonprofit organization based in Raleigh, North Carolina, that is committed to giving out messages of biblical exposition so God’s Word is personal and relevant to ordinary people.

To learn more about Anne and AnGeL Ministries, visit **annegrahamlotz.org**.

ABOUT RACHEL-RUTH LOTZ WRIGHT

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Rachel-Ruth teaches a weekly women's Bible study that began at the University of North Carolina and now reaches thousands around the world through Zoom. She also shares God's Word at events across the country. In addition, she is the Vice President of AnGeL Ministries and chairs the weekly prayer team that supports her mother's ministry. She has coauthored two books with her mother, *Jesus Followers* and *Preparing to Meet Jesus*.

Rachel-Ruth feels called to encourage others to fall in love with Jesus through the teaching of His Word. To learn more about Rachel-Ruth, visit annegrahamlotz.org/about-rachel-ruth-lotz-wright.

PREFACE

You are about to embark on a thrilling adventure as you step into Joseph's Story. Thank you for choosing this study. We believe you are going to be richly blessed.

One of the most beautiful and poignant blessings is that we see a reflection of Jesus Himself in Joseph's life. Jesus, the beloved favored Son, was sent by the heavenly Father to find and save His "brothers." In obedience to His Father, Jesus began a journey that was thirty-three years long.

Although He was in His Father's will, doing the right thing and even going the extra mile all the way to the cross, He, like Joseph, was set on a path of suffering—a path fiercer, the attacks more brutal, and the pain more immense than we could conceive or a human heart could endure. Jesus, too, was rejected by those He sought to redeem, despised by those He loved. He was stripped of His robe, which was not dipped in animal's blood but soaked in His own blood and gambled for by cruel soldiers. His brothers didn't throw Him into a pit; they crucified Him! He was alone. Forsaken.

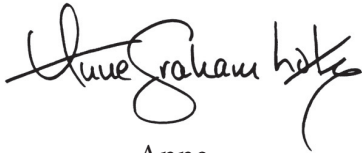
Yet, like Joseph, in the blink of an eye, Jesus was raised up to sit on a throne! And from that exalted position He was, and still is, able to save not only His family but the entire world, which includes anyone and everyone who comes to Him by faith. One day the whole world will acknowledge His authority as every knee bows before Him. Jesus won't be wearing a seamless robe that was gambled for but a robe of light more brilliant than the sun! He will be the center of universal praise as the One who alone is worthy of all glory, honor, power, strength, and wisdom. In the end, the Father's ultimate purpose is revealed. The Son of the Father is known to the whole world as the Lamb of God whose blood atones for our sin. Jesus will be known as the only Savior whose suffering opens the way for our reconciliation with His Father, as the Risen Lord who one day will rule the world as King of kings.

Could it be that you, like Joseph, are in the process of becoming a reflection of Jesus? If you find yourself on a path of suffering that is made even more painful

because you have done nothing wrong, look for Jesus in the shadows. He is with you. He is guiding you. And He will bring you through.

Step into Joseph's story because God won't leave you there. . . .

Every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Graham Holtz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" being the most prominent.

Anne

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel-Ruth". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name "Rachel" being the most prominent.

Rachel-Ruth

ABOUT THE STUDY

This study guide is to be used with the video-based course *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story*. As an integral part of the course, it provides a format for Bible study that serves as the basis for both small-group use (Sunday school classes, women's or men's groups, home or neighborhood studies, one-on-one discipleship) and individual use. This guide will lead you through a series of questions that enables you to not only discover for yourself the eternal truths revealed by God in the Bible, but also to hear God speaking personally to you through His Word. You then will be prepared to participate in a meaningful time of study and discussion with members of your small group.

INDIVIDUAL STUDY

Each week you will work through five selected passages of Scripture using the 3-Question Study steps you will learn during the workshop in Session 1. Before you meet with your group, be sure to take the time to reflect and record your personal *Live in Obedient Response* statements to share with your group so they can encourage you and hold you accountable. Take some time to read along and listen to a brief teaching from Anne of Jesus in the Shadows each week using the QR code.

You will review the lessons, personal applications, and takeaways at your group meeting before you watch the video from Anne and Rachel-Ruth. After each video lesson, there will be time to share what further insights you have into the life of Joseph as a group.

It is important to complete each individual study before your next group meeting, as this will make the group discussion time fruitful and prepare you for the video presentation. Note that meaningful, daily Bible study will occur if you:

- Set aside a regular time and place for private devotions.
- Pray before beginning the day's assignment, asking God to speak to you through His Word.
- Write out your answers for each step, in sequence.
- Make the time to be still and listen, reflecting thoughtfully on your response in the final step.
- Don't rush—it may take time in prayerful meditation on a given passage to discover meaningful lessons and hear the Spirit's whispers.
- Spiritual discipline is an essential part of growing in your relationship with God through knowing and understanding His Word. So, take your individual study seriously and allow God to speak to you from the Bible.

GROUP STUDY

In Session 1 of *God Won't Leave You There*, you will watch the video workshop and be introduced to the 3-Question Study method used in Sessions 2 through 8 of the individual Bible study. In the following weeks, you will be given some time to share insights from your weekly individual study before you and your group watch the video teaching. Space is provided for you to take notes during the video presentation. After the message, you will then have time to discuss the key concepts with your small group using the questions in this guide.

Note: If you are the facilitator of the group, there are additional instructions and resources provided in the facilitator's guide at the back of this book. This guide will help you structure your meeting time, facilitate discussion time, and lead group members through the key points of the study.

VIDEO SESSION ACCESS

Free streaming video access is included with this study guide. There is a streaming video access code, along with instructions on how to access all of the video sessions, on the inside front cover of this guide. There is also a short video on the HarperChristian Resources YouTube channel available to guide you through your first-time access of the videos at: <https://youtu.be/JPhG06ksOn8>.

Simply go to: studygateway.com/redeem to set up your free account, enter your access code, and add this study to your Bible study library. Each time you wish to view a video, simply log in to studygateway.com/login and click on the session or study you wish to view. All of your HarperChristian Resources Bible studies with streaming access will be added to your library as you complete more studies and redeem the appropriate codes.

INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT

Remember that the real growth in this study will happen during your quiet times with God during the week. During the group times, you will have the opportunity to process what you have learned with the other group members, ask questions, and learn from them as you listen to what God is doing in their lives. In addition, keep in mind that the videos, discussions, and activities in this study are simply meant to tune your heart and your spiritual ears to God's voice so that you can live out what He says as you grow closer to Him.

BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP

THIS **BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP** has a single purpose: to present an approach that will help you learn to listen for God's voice, know Him in a personal relationship, and communicate with Him through His Word. The following information is introduced in detail in the video presentation. Use this section of the study guide as you view the workshop material. Underline key thoughts and take additional notes as you participate in the workshop. (Note that the passages Anne and Rachel-Ruth use as examples in the video workshop are found on pages 4–7.)

WHAT YOU NEED

Before you begin the video workshop for this first session, you will need the following:

- a Bible
- this study guide
- pen or pencil
- time
- prayer
- an open heart

WATCH VIDEO SESSION 1—BIBLE STUDY WORKSHOP (47 MINUTES)

Use the free streaming video access code found on the inside front cover of this study guide, or play the DVD.

Anne and Rachel-Ruth will use this video session to walk you through the following 5 Steps to Bible Study with the three questions that are essential to the Bible Study Workshop. They will illustrate how to do this Bible study with Psalm 23:1–3 (see pages 4–5 in your study guide).

STEPS TO BIBLE STUDY

STEP 1: READ GOD'S WORD *(Look at the passage.)*

The first step is to read the Bible. At the start of each session in this study guide, you will find the Scriptures that you should read during the week. When you have finished reading the passage for the day, move on to Step 2.

STEP 2: WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY? *(List the facts.)*

After reading the passage, make a verse-by-verse list of the outstanding facts. Don't get caught up in the details—just pinpoint the most obvious facts as they appear to you. When you make your list, do not paraphrase the text but use actual words from the passage. Look for the nouns and the verbs.

STEP 3: WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD MEAN? *(Learn the lessons.)*

After reading the passage and listing the facts, look for a lesson you can learn from each fact.

Ask yourself the following questions:

- Who is speaking?
- What is the subject?
- Where is this taking place?

- When did it happen?
- What can I learn from what is taking place or what is being said? It may also help to ask yourself: What are the people in the passage doing that I should be doing? Is there a command I should obey? A promise I should claim? A warning I should heed? An example I should follow?

Focus on spiritual lessons.

STEP 4: WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD MEAN IN MY LIFE? *(Listen to His voice.)*

Although this step will be the most meaningful for you, you can't do it effectively until you complete the first three steps. So, first rephrase the lessons you found in Step 3 and put them in the form of questions you could ask yourself, your spouse, your child, your friend, your neighbor, or your coworker. As you write the questions, listen for God to speak to you through His Word. Don't get hung up on what you don't understand—instead, look for the general principles and lessons that can be learned. Remember not to rush this process. It may take you several moments of prayerful meditation to discover meaningful lessons from the passage of Scripture you are reading and hear God speaking to you. The object is not to “get through it,” but to develop your personal relationship with God in order to grow in faith and learn to hear the whispers of the Holy Spirit.

STEP 5: WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID?

(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)

Read the assigned Scripture passages prayerfully, objectively, thoughtfully, and attentively as you listen for God to speak. Note that He may not speak to you through every verse, but He will speak. When He does, record the verse number (if applicable), what it is that God seems to be saying to you, and your response to Him. You might like to date these pages as a means of not only keeping a spiritual journal but also holding yourself accountable to follow through in obedience. (See pages 4–5 for the example that Anne and Rachel-Ruth demonstrate in the video.)

Afterward, it is your turn to try this method on your own using Psalm 23:4–6 (see pages 6–7).

BIBLE STUDY EXAMPLE

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

Psalm 23:1–3

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

List the outstanding facts—nouns and verbs. Do not paraphrase.

v. 1 The Lord is my Shepherd.
I lack nothing.

v. 2 He makes me lie down.
He leads me beside quiet waters.

v. 3 He refreshes....
He guides me along right paths.
For His name's sake

STEP 3**What Does God's Word Mean?***(Learn the lessons.)***Is there a lesson or principle to learn from each fact?**

- v. 1** When I have a personal relationship with the Lord, He takes care of me.
- When the Lord is my Lord, my needs are His responsibility.
- v. 2** Sometimes God has to make me take a break and rest.
- Following Him leads to inner peace and serenity.
- v. 3** When He makes me take a break, it's for a purpose.
- To stay on the right path in life, I need His guidance.
- His name is at stake in my well-being and my walk.

STEP 4**What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?***(Listen to His voice.)***Rephrase the lessons found in Step 3 into questions.**

- v. 1** Do I have a personal relationship with the Lord?
- What do I think He is not responsible for?
- v. 2** Do I feel set aside instead of led to rest?
- How closely am I following His lead?
- v. 3** Am I weary on the inside? Why?
- Who or what do I look to for decisions and direction?
- Why do I think He would neglect me or make a mistake if His name is at stake in my life?

STEP 5**What Will You Do About What God Has Said?***(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)*

When the Lord is my Lord, I do not need to be alarmed when life throws me a curveball. I can trust Him to lead me on the right path.

Date: _____

"YOUR TURN" EXAMPLE

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Psalms 23:4–6

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

**List the outstanding facts—nouns
and verbs. Do not paraphrase.**

v. 4

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

v. 5

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD
forever.

v. 6

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?

(Listen to His voice.)

STEP 5

What Will You Do About What God Has Said?

(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)

Date: _____

Turn to the next page for the Session 2 Weekly Schedule.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- DAY 1** 3-Question Study—Genesis 37:2–4
- DAY 2** 3-Question Study—Genesis 37:5, 9–11
- DAY 3** 3-Question Study—Genesis 37:13–16
- DAY 4** 3-Question Study—Genesis 37:23–24, 26–27
- DAY 5** 3-Question Study—Genesis 37:28, 36
- DAY 6** Reflection
- DAY 7** Group Discussion and Video Teaching

GOD IS
WITH YOU ...
FROM THE
BEGINNING

“For I know the
plans I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper
you and not to harm
you, plans to give you
hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

PERSONAL STUDY

READ: GENESIS 37

Reading the whole chapter before studying select passages will give you helpful context and insight.

INTRODUCTION

SOMETIMES GOD ALLOWS us to be in scary, life-threatening situations where He develops our trust in Him. [When this happens,] we must wait to see what He will do.

While Joseph crouched in the cistern, no doubt he could hear his older brother Judah talking with the other brothers. Judah [suggested his own idea of how Joseph's life could be saved] when he saw a caravan of merchants on their way to Egypt. His plan? Sell Joseph to them instead of murdering him. [So] they sold Joseph as a slave for twenty pieces of silver. To make matters even worse, the merchants who bought him were Ishmaelites . . . his own cousins! [Have you ever had family turn on you?]

Life was desperately hard for Joseph, made even harder by the fact that it was family who had betrayed him. He must have felt his life was completely out of control. Shattered. Ruined. Yet every step was actually being orchestrated by God in order to get Joseph to Egypt [. . .] and into the position God ultimately wanted him to be.

Let's step into Joseph's story. . . .

(from *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story*, pp. 17–18)

GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Genesis 37:2-4

²This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.

⁴When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

GOD IS WITH YOU ... FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?

(Listen to His voice.)

STEP 5

What Will You Do About What God Has Said?

(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)

Date: _____

GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Genesis 37:5, 9–11

⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more.

⁹ Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?"

¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

GOD IS WITH YOU ... FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?

(Listen to His voice.)

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What Will You Do About What God Has Said?

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GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Genesis 37:13–16

¹³ . . . and Israel said to Joseph, “As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them.”

“Very well,” he replied.

¹⁴ So he said to him, “Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me.” Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem,
¹⁵ a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

¹⁶ He replied, “I’m looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?”

GOD IS WITH YOU ... FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

STEP 4

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GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Genesis 37:23–24, 26–27

²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—

²⁴ and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, “What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?”

²⁷ “Come, let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed.

GOD IS WITH YOU... FROM THE BEGINNING

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STEP 1

Read God's Word.

(Look at the passage.)

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?

(List the facts.)

Genesis 37:28, 36

²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

³⁶ Meanwhile, the Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt to Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard.

GOD IS WITH YOU ... FROM THE BEGINNING

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?

(Learn the lessons.)

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?

(Listen to His voice.)

STEP 5

What Will You Do About What God Has Said?

(Live in obedient response to God's Word.)

Date: _____

GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Record and journal the following from your personal study on how GOD IS WITH YOU...FROM THE BEGINNING.

The Scripture that stood out to you:

The lesson that was most meaningful to you:

The commitment you made to Live in Obedient Response to God's Word:

GOD IS WITH YOU . . . FROM THE BEGINNING

JESUS IN THE SHADOWS

Scan this QR code for a free bonus teaching from Anne.

**SCAN ME**

Read along with Anne as you watch and listen.

The disciples watched in horror as the Father’s beloved Son was seized, bound, accused, tried, tortured, and then nailed to a stake of execution. They must have wanted to shout, “Not this! How can this be God’s plan?!”

They had to wait three excruciatingly long days before they were stunningly surprised with joy! The Son’s death had indeed been God’s plan. Because Jesus wasn’t their beloved Master and Rabbi only [. . .] He was the Lamb of God, sacrificed on the wooden altar of the cross to make atonement for their sin. They had to wait through three days of grief and horror before He rose from the dead. He was alive! Their sins were all forgiven. Heaven’s gates were opened wide.

The way up to the right hand of the Father had been down. Down from glory. Down to earth. Down all the way to death on the cross. But because it was God’s plan, it worked, and His plan includes a glorious future for you. Hallelujah! God’s plans always come together!

(from God Won’t Leave You There: Joseph’s Story, p. 19)

GROUP STUDY

WELCOME TO **SESSION TWO** of the *God Won't Leave You There* study!

***NOTE:** You just completed your first week of Personal Bible Study. If the 3-question study technique was new to your group, consider taking a few moments sharing thoughts on the experience before you dive into this week's video teaching. If anyone has questions or concerns about the personal study time, it is likely someone else feels the same way. Spend the time now to find resolution and answers together, so the remainder of this study can be productive and fruitful for everyone.*

Before we watch the video lesson, let's spend some time discussing and sharing what we learned in our personal studies this past week.

Together, refer to Personal Study days 1–5 on pages 12–21.

From Step 3 (for each day)—What lesson did you learn?

From Step 4 (for each day)—What application questions did you ask yourself?

Share one “Live in Obedient Response to God's Word” to which you committed to this week.

Refer to your Personal Reflection on page 22.

WATCH VIDEO SESSION 2— GOD IS WITH YOU . . . FROM THE BEGINNING (22 MINUTES)

Use the free streaming video access code found on the inside front cover of this study guide, or play the DVD. Use this space to take notes if you like.

Anne and Rachel-Ruth share the beginning of Joseph's story while spending time at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC.

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Scripture in This Session

Genesis 37

WRAP-UP

SHARE AS A GROUP

From the video, what was either:

a new thought _____

or a challenge _____

or an encouragement _____

or a blessing _____

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord of Eternity,

I worship You as One who is omniscient. You know everything. You know the beginning . . . and the end. You are the One who is omnipresent. You are with us 24/7. And You are omnipotent. Nothing is beyond Your ability to work out. To overcome. So on this day, I choose to trust You when You are working in the shadows of my life. I know You have marked out a path for me. I choose to *fix my eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of my faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* Don't let me miss the glorious future You have for me tomorrow because today I am walking through the valley of the shadow.

For the Glory of Your Great Name . . .

Jesus. Amen.

RESPOND

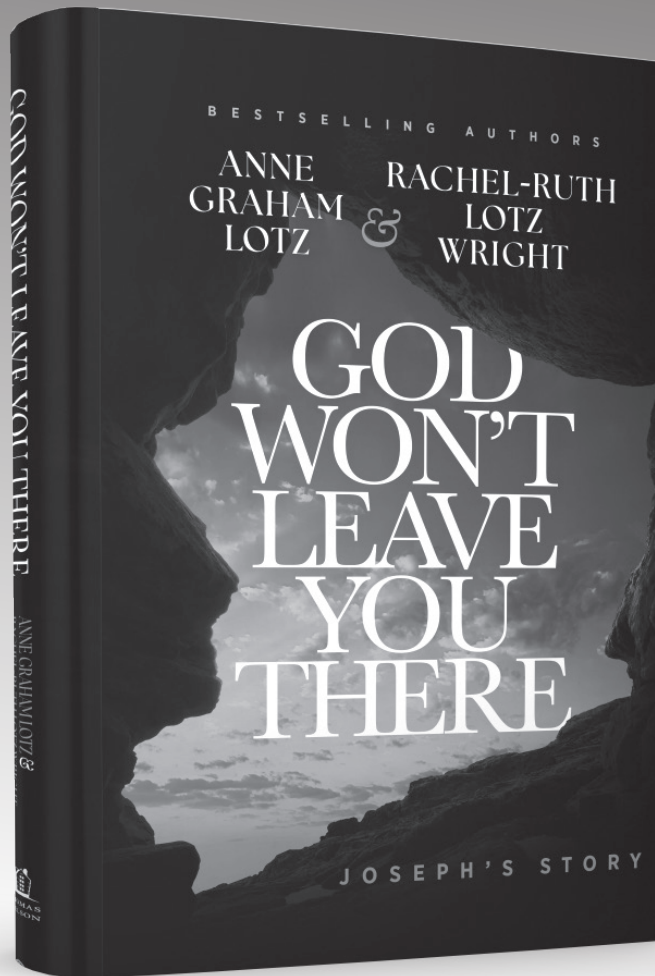
Write a personal declaration from this lesson that you can carry into the coming week:

GO DEEPER

READ CHAPTER 1 FROM THE BOOK: *God Won't Leave You There: Joseph's Story.*

Turn to the next page for the Session 3 Weekly Schedule.

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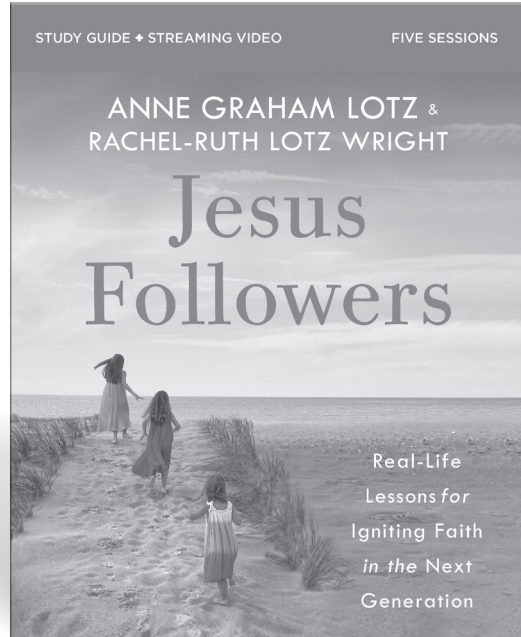
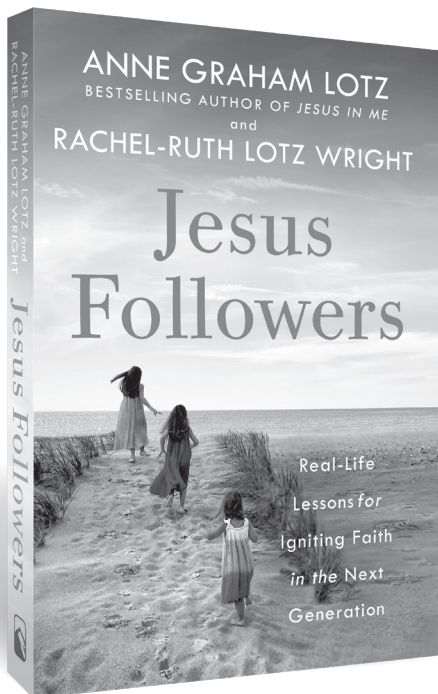


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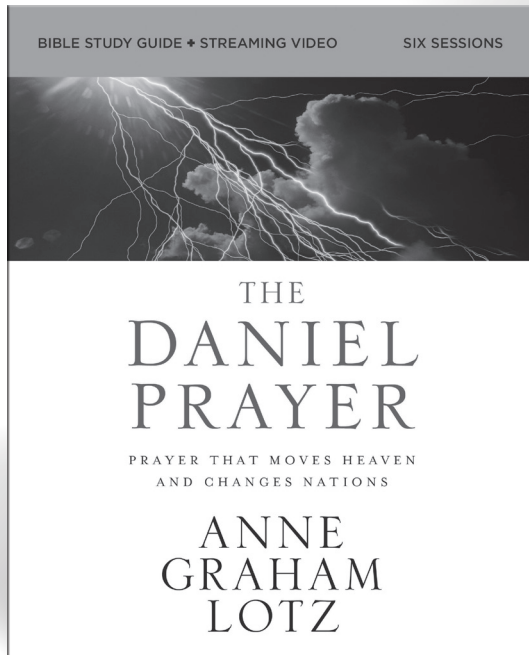
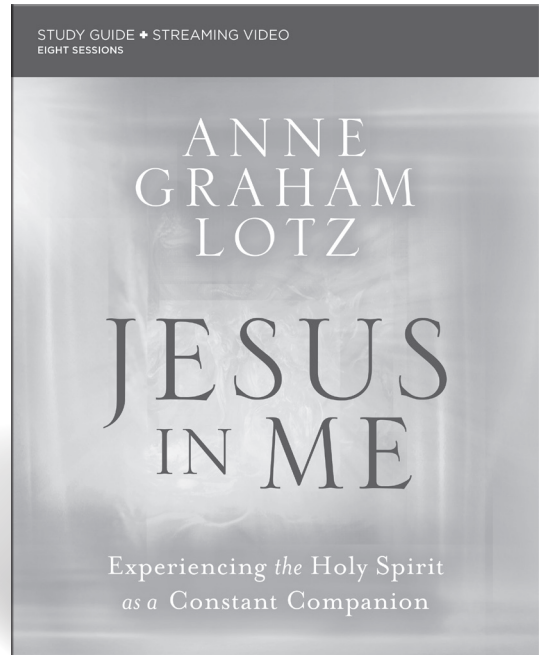
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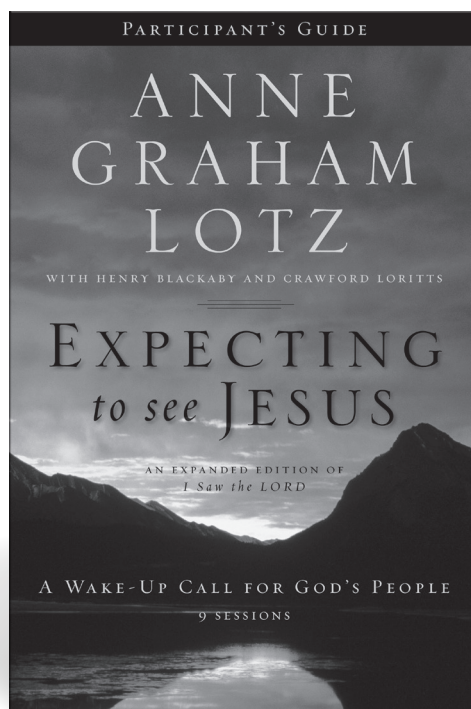
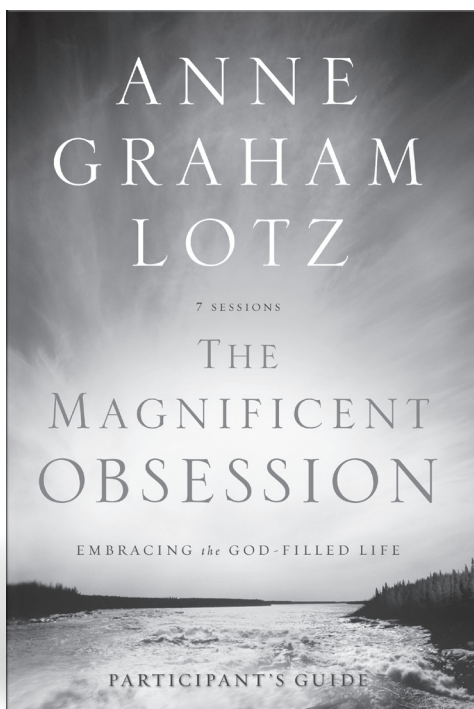
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