



## GPS for the week of March 7: Isaiah 55:6-13

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. <sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

### Sunday, March 7:

**Scripture:** Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

**Questions:** What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Are you willing to discover whether you are a person who continually seeks the Lord especially during this season of Lent? Will you change if you are not doing this regularly?

**Prayer:** Lord, as we continue through the season of Lent, show me how important it is to constantly be seeking after you. I don’t want to be like the wicked who forsake their ways and like the unrighteous who forsake their thoughts. Show me a better way Lord so that I can be continually in tune with You and not the world.

### Monday, March 8:

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:6: <sup>6</sup> “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.”

**Questions:** Can you sense the urgency to seek the Lord in this one verse? Do you recognize that this verse almost seems like we need to do it now or it might be too late? What do you need to change to seek after God on a regular basis?

**Prayer:** Father, I desire to seek You always, not only when I am struggling. Strengthen that relationship Lord and reveal to me how to always be in tune with You and what You are doing. I need to see You especially in times of uncertainty.

### Tuesday, March 9:

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:7: <sup>7</sup> “Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.”

**Questions:** Do you consider yourself one of the wicked or is that always someone else to you? Do you ever mess up on what you are doing and what you are thinking? Isn’t it great news that no matter who the wicked is, if we turn to the Lord, He will have mercy on them and will freely pardon them? Doesn’t that make it easier to look at some of the things you do as wicked? Did you remember that there is Scripture that says we must take every thought captive (2 Corinthians 10:5)? Will you turn this day and ask Him to have mercy on you?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner. Sometimes I look at others and their wickedness but do not even recognize it in myself. Open my eyes to my own sinfulness and seek You out for Your mercy and forgiveness. Help me to not point fingers at the wickedness of another but only be concerned for my own.

### **Wednesday, March 10:**

**Scripture:** Read Isaiah 55:8: 8 “‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.”

**Questions:** What do you think about the idea that God’s thoughts are not our thoughts but that God’s thoughts are also knowable? Do you know how the Holy Spirit plays into this? Do you believe the Spirit will let you know God’s thoughts if you ask? Do you struggle with knowing that God’s ways are not our ways? How can you correct this thinking?

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, let me be able to hear Your voice clearly. I know that this will help me to better understand Your thoughts and Ways. I believe that if I understand these better, I can become less anxious and more trusting of You.

### **Thursday, March 11:**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:9: 9 “‘As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’”

**Questions:** Do you think that this must be important for us to understand and grasp since it is repeated again in this verse? Even though God’s thoughts are higher than ours, do you realize that He still desires to make His thoughts known to us (see Romans 12:2 “2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”)

**Prayer:** Lord God, help me to not be conformed to the pattern of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I want to be able to test and approve what Your will is because I know that it is good, pleasing and perfect.

### **Friday, March 12:**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:10-11: 10 “As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

**Questions:** Isn’t this a great example of how God’s word will accomplish what He desires? Does this remind you of the importance of knowing what God’s word says? Do you believe that when you speak God’s word that you can expect results? Do you understand that His word will not return empty?

**Prayer:** Lord, Your word promises that You will help us call to remembrance what Your word says. Let me be more intentional about studying Your word and how it applies to my life so that I can use it to achieve what You desire.

### **Saturday, March 13**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:12-13: 12 “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

**Questions:** How well do you do at repentance? Do you understand from this that all creation rejoices when God’s people are restored to Him? Do you act like you believe that God’s gracious acts of forgiveness and deliverance serve as an everlasting sign of His goodness?

**Prayer:** Lord God in this season of Lent, let me be more open to thinking of how I have sinned against You and then turn to you in repentance. Allow Your forgiveness to flow through me so that I will be willing to repent more frequently.