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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, to hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Whether a delegate to Davos’ Economic Forum, a commentator to the *Washington Post*, 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 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 first 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, non-profit 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.

The ministry's name is derived from the initials of Anne Graham Lotz (AGL) and is especially fitting, as angels are messengers of God who go wherever He sends, speak to whomever He directs, and faithfully deliver His Word. AnGeL Ministries serves as the umbrella organization for the diverse ministry of Anne Graham Lotz—including her many books, DVDs, CDs, speaking engagements, and special events.

To learn more about Anne and AnGeL Ministries, visit
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PREFACE

RECENTLY I WENT TO THE ENT DOCTOR because I thought I had reached the stage of needing hearing aids. The doctor tested me, then concluded, “Mrs. Lotz, you don’t need hearing aids because you have virtually no hearing loss. Your problem is that you don’t listen.” I couldn’t help but laugh because I knew he was right! When I’m tired or busy, I don’t always pay attention to someone who is speaking. And if the person is fairly long-winded, my mind will wander to other things. As a result, I’m disconnected. Distracted. Even though I hear the sound of the voice, I don’t know what’s being said because I’m not listening.

The same thing is true when it comes to reading my Bible. I can read the words, yet not really hear what God is saying because I’m rushing through my reading, or distracted by wandering thoughts, or focused only on facts and information, or just too tired to concentrate. As a result, my daily time with Him in His Word becomes routine. Drudgery. A “have-to,” not a “want-to” exercise.

Learning to listen for God’s voice speaking to me through the pages of my Bible has transformed my daily time with Him. I now approach the time with eager anticipation of what He will say. Perhaps more than any other aspect of my Christian life, it has drawn me closer to Him in an intimate relationship. It has become the very core of who I am. Because, dear friend, God *does* speak through His Word. I *know* . . . !

This video Bible study, *Jesus in Me*, is designed to teach you how to listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit as you read God’s Word. It has been patterned after my own daily devotional exercise. I’m excited for you to discover the joy of hearing God’s voice speaking to you personally as you learn to listen.

Every blessing,



ABOUT THE STUDY

THIS STUDY GUIDE IS TO BE USED WITH the video-based course *Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion*. 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 will enable 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 5 Bible studies on selected passages of Scripture using the 3-question 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 *Live in Obedient Response* statements to share with your group so they can encourage you and hold you accountable.

It is important to complete each individual study before your next session, as this will make the video presentation more meaningful to you during the small group time. Note that meaningful, daily Bible study will occur if you:

- Set aside a regular place for private devotions.
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- 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 your ability to grow in your relationship with God through knowledge and understanding of His Word. So, take your individual study seriously and allow God to speak to you from His Word.

GROUP STUDY

Note: Each session will require approximately 60 minutes of group meeting time to share the discoveries from Individual Bible study, watch the video, and discuss the teaching and content.

You will review the lessons, personal applications, and take-aways at the beginning of your group meeting and then watch the teaching from Anne. After each video teaching, there will be group discussion time to learn from one another and share in the experience of the Holy Spirit as a constant companion.

In session 1 of *Jesus In Me*, you will watch the video workshop and be introduced to the 3-question Bible study method. You will use John 14:15–20 during the workshop to help you better understand this approach. (Note that if your group meets less frequently than once a week, you may want to extend your study time for each passage.)

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 for the group, there are additional instructions and resources provided in the back of this study guide. This guide will help you structure your meeting time, facilitate discussion times, and help you lead group members through the key points of the study.

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 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 uses as examples in the video workshop are found on pages 6–7.)

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 (49 MINUTES)

Anne will use this video session to walk you through the following 5 Steps to Bible study with the 3 questions that are essential to the Bible Study Workshop. She will illustrate how to do this Bible study with Colossians 1:26–27 (see pages 6–7 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 listed in a column 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 to learn from each fact. Ask yourself the following questions:

- *Who is speaking?*
- *What is the subject?*
- *Where is it 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.

Be aware that there are some challenging passages in this study. Don't get hung up on what you don't understand, but just look for the *general principles* and *lessons* that can be learned. The introduction prior to the passages you will study in sessions 2–8, as well as the examples offered in Steps 2, 3, and 4 of this session, will help you get started.

Remember not to rush this process. It may take you several moments of prayerful meditation to discover meaningful lessons from the 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: LIVE IN OBEDIENT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

(What will you do about what God has said?)

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 not only of keeping a spiritual journal but

also of holding yourself accountable to follow through in obedience. (See pages 6–7 for the example that Anne demonstrates in the video.) Afterward, it is your turn to try this method on your own using John 14:15–20. (See pages 8–9.)

STEP 1

Read God's Word
(*Look at the Passage.*)

Colossians 1:26–27

26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

STEP 2

What Does God's Word Say?
(*List the Facts.*)

- **Reread God's Word**
- **List the outstanding facts with verse numbers**
- **Do not paraphrase**

v. 26 the mystery kept hidden for ages

v. 26 but now disclosed

v. 27 God has chosen to make known this mystery

v. 27 which is Christ in you

v. 27 the hope of glory.

STEP 3

What Does God's
Word Mean?
(*Learn the Lessons.*)

- Write one spiritual lesson for each fact in Step 2.
 - Is there an example to follow, a lesson to learn, a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim?
- v. 26 God does not always tell us everything.
The indwelling of the Holy Spirit was a mystery to Old Testament Saints.
- v. 26 There comes a time when God does reveal to us an understanding of the truth.
The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is no longer a mystery, but a truth to be understood.
- v. 27 Now is the time to grow in our understanding of that which we have not understood before.
- v. 27 The mystery that Old Testament saints didn't know, and many people today do not understand, is that Jesus is available to dwell in us, in the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- v. 27 Our confidence is that the Holy Spirit in us will conform us into the image of Jesus—that we will bring Him glory through our conduct and our character.

STEP 4

What Does God's Word
Mean in My Life?
(*Listen to His Voice.*)

- Put the lessons from Step 3 in the form of a question to ask yourself or someone else.
- v. 26 What have I not understood before now? Especially about the Holy Spirit?
- v. 26 Is this the time when God will reveal to me a greater understanding of the truth about the Holy Spirit?
- v. 27 Am I willing to use this study as a means to grow in my understanding of the Holy Spirit?
- v. 27 What difference has it made in my life to understand that the Holy Spirit is Jesus in me?
- v. 27 What has made me feel hope about myself? Why do I lack confidence that increasingly others will see Jesus in me? Is it because I am relying on myself for the transformation instead of the Holy Spirit?

STEP 5: Live in Obedient Response to God's Word Date: _____
(*What will you do about what God has said?*)

I choose to use this study as a means to grow in my understanding of the Holy Spirit, who is Jesus in me; to share this mystery with others; and to live with confident dependence upon the Holy Spirit to change me from glory to glory until others see Jesus in me.

STEP 1

Read God’s Word
(*Look at the Passage.*)

John 14:15–20

15 “If you love me, you will obey what I command.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

STEP 2

What Does God’s Word Say?
(*List the Facts.*)

- Reread God’s Word
- List the outstanding facts with verse numbers
- Do not paraphrase

v. 15

v. 16

v. 17

v. 18

v. 19

v. 20

STEP 3

What Does God's Word Mean?
(Learn the Lessons.)

- Write one spiritual lesson for each fact in Step 2.
- Is there an example to follow, a lesson to learn, a command to obey, a warning to heed, a promise to claim?

v. 15

v. 16

v. 17

v. 18

v. 19

v. 20

STEP 4

What Does God's Word Mean in My Life?
(Listen to His Voice.)

- Put the lessons from Step 3 in the form of a question to ask yourself or someone else.

v. 15

v. 16

v. 17

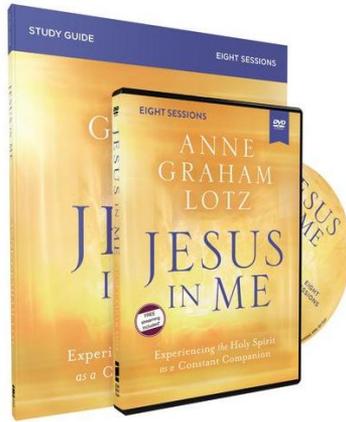
v. 18

v. 19

v. 20

STEP 5: Live in Obedient Response to God's Word
(What will you do about what God has said?)

Date: _____



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Jesus. In. Me.

Have you lost touch with the wonder of those three words?

The notion that Jesus can literally be inside of us should startle us with the extent of the intimacy we can have with Jesus, and astonish us with the depth of connection he offers.

And it's all possible because of the Holy Spirit.

In *Jesus In Me*, revered evangelist and Bible teacher Anne Graham Lotz guides us to a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, who is *Jesus without skin*.

In this practical study that is a true *Bible study*, Anne starts with a workshop on how to get to know the Holy Spirit by listening to him when we're studying the Bible. Then, we apply the skills of *asking* and *listening* as we work through five Bible studies per week on selected Scriptures about the Holy Spirit.

Discover how you can better love and rely on the Holy Spirit—and embrace how much He loves you.

LEARN MORE