

# God always knows what we need

Reading the Bible has been a real source of strength for me. There is an amazing thing that happens when we read God’s Word. It really makes no difference what is going on in our lives, because as we read it seems as though God knows what we need, and it is there. No matter what day of the week or what book you read, there are always answers available. Here at Grace we offer the “Daily Bread” devotional book. The planning for this devotional is done months in advance. However, isn’t it amazing how God knows what we are going to need on any given day? He tells us, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). What an interesting verse.

As I am writing this article, the book of Genesis comes to mind because of all that we have experienced in the last few weeks. Genesis is known as the book of firsts. As you read the fifty chapters, there is a great report of firsts that take place concerning the creation of the world and the beginning of life as we know it. I believe God’s Word (the Bible), and I believe He spoke the world into existence. You may be wondering by now, “How does the book of Genesis remind us of our current situation? I



## JUST A THOUGHT

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want to share just a couple of those firsts for me, and then you can think about your experiences.

1. I would never have believed that we would see a day when the church would be closed. Now, for me, church has been my life. I have invested my energy in the church. The problem is I can’t go on Sunday, and you can’t either! That is a first. Wait! Last Sunday at 9:15 A.M., by means of my smartphone, I attended Sunday School taught by my son, Tim. Diane and I were sitting on the porch swing attending Sunday School with some twenty others.

2. After Sunday School I

went to worship service and listened to a powerful message by Pastor Taylor Frank. For the worship service I was out in my shop, but I still experienced the presence of the Lord, and a stirring message from the Bible. Thank God for technology that can bring us together, even when we cannot get together. God is good! I would like to invite you to visit our website: [www.graceccmarion.com](http://www.graceccmarion.com) to view some encouraging videos that are updated weekly.

3. When you think you have seen it all, we continue to see firsts. I got a call from Dr. Bragg’s office to set me up for my Virtual Physical! My nurse, Kathy, asked me all the usual questions, but she said I would have to take my own blood pressure. After giving her the results, I then got to talk to Dr. Bragg by smartphone. Who would have ever thought this would come to pass? I pray for my doctor because he is my friend, and he is great at what he does. I have prayed for all who are associated with the medical field whether they are the doctors or the housekeepers. They all need God’s protection.

I share these thoughts today, not to complain, but to thank God for all He does for us. We are blessed here in America. None of these

things I have shared have caused me pain or grief, but they have opened my eyes to what I really have. I am blessed. There will be a day when someone will share with their grandchildren

about the “Great Lockdown of 2020.” We are going to survive all of this, and it will become just another part of the journey of life. Please join me and enjoy the journey.

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Common request  
5. Department in France  
10. Fungi cells  
14. Famed inventor  
15. Hillside  
16. Cold wind  
17. La \_\_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood  
18. Resembling a doddering old woman  
19. Geological periods  
20. Assists  
22. Comedienne Gasteyer  
23. Jewish spiritual leader  
24. English soccer club  
27. Body art  
30. No (Scottish)  
31. Clumsy person  
32. Swiss river  
35. Belittled  
37. Luxury car  
38. Single sheet of glass in a window  
39. Monetary units
40. Supervises flying  
41. Indian term of respect  
42. Breezed through  
43. The bill in a restaurant  
44. Flower cluster  
45. Moved quickly  
46. Shooters need to do it  
47. High schoolers’ test  
48. Split pulses  
49. Salts  
52. Breaking Bad actor \_\_\_ Paul  
55. Set ablaze  
56. Semitic Sun god  
60. Nervous system cells  
61. Tourist destination Buenos \_\_\_  
63. A way to bind  
64. Behave uncontrollably  
65. Feels concern  
66. Sportscaster Andrews  
67. Subway dwellers  
68. Astrological aspect  
69. You may take one

## CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group  
2. Serbian  
3. Away from wind  
4. Actor Oliver  
5. Helps little firms  
6. Intricately decorative  
7. American state  
8. Type of tumor  
9. Midway between east and southeast  
10. On a line at right angles to a ship’s length  
11. Fruit of the service tree  
12. Grouch  
13. Romanian city  
21. Units of loudness  
23. British Air Aces  
25. Small amount  
26. Hem’s partner  
27. Turkic people  
28. Member of the banana family  
29. Liam Neeson franchise  
32. Expressed pleasure  
33. Inward-directed part of psyche
34. Insurgent  
36. Unhappy  
37. Gateway (Arabic)  
38. Fundraising political group (abbr.)  
40. Well-known  
41. Satisfies  
43. ‘\_\_\_ death do us part  
44. Jailhouse informant  
46. French river  
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish  
49. Drenches  
50. Clouds  
51. Companies need to make them  
52. Created from seaweed  
53. One’s school: \_\_\_ mater  
54. A type of act  
57. Member of Russian people  
58. Neutralizes alkalis  
59. Monetary unit  
61. Play a role  
62. Midway between south and southeast

# SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

## Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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