

Verse of the Month Devotional

July

Give it to the Levites, who will receive no allotment of land among you, as well as to the foreigners living among you, the orphans, and the widows in your towns, so they can eat and be satisfied. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all your work.

Deuteronomy 14:29 NLT

Thoughts on the verse:

Probably the comment I hear the most from people after I share about our foster care/adoption journey is, "I just feel like I can't do anything to fix the problem, it's so big." The enemy would love nothing more than for us to feel paralyzed in to doing nothing because we feel like any effort couldn't possibly make a difference, or wouldn't be worth the sacrifice. When I found this verse in Deuteronomy, it hit a chord with me on so many levels: here God literally TELLS us, "You guys, there are going to be people who cannot provide for themselves at some point in their lives. Make sure they are taken care of!" (Tara's paraphrase.) God even gives us MANY different types of people as examples in this verse, all from different walks of life: the Levites were the priests that God had called to minister to the people day and night. How many pastors do you know work full-time-plus hours, caring for the spiritual needs (and more!) of God's people?! Then He lists the foreigners who have traveled to us and haven't yet been able to get situated, the orphans and the widows. So that's where it landed for me: you may not be called to a life of orphan care. Maybe your niche is widows? What if your neighbor is between jobs and just needs a dinner dropped off? Has your pastor been working heavy hours with a hurting congregation? WHATEVER need you see in front of you, GIVE, and God PROMISES that He will bless you in ALL your work.

Prayer:

Father, I THANK YOU that You never leave us without clarity if we seek Your word. I thank you that You created every one of us with different gifts and talents. Lord open our eyes to see where we can use our gifting in this short time we have on this earth. Help us to remember that EVERYONE can do SOMETHING, and that You see it all as we step out by faith and obedience.

Action:

This month I will choose one of those categories listed (Pastor, Foreigner, Orphan, Widow) and bless someone in a special way.

Notes: