A VISION & PRAYER GUIDE

# Make *Room*

FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."

ISAIAH 54:2

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# A year with *more God* starts with more room.

Most of us don't need a bigger to-do list for the new year. We need space. Space to notice where God has already been, to let go of what's crowding Him out, and to make room for what He wants to grow.

This isn't about getting it all right. It's about showing up honestly. Grab a coffee, find a quiet corner, and give yourself an hour or two.

### THE STORY BEHIND THE VERSE

Isaiah 54:2 can sound like a motivational slogan when it's pulled out on its own. But it comes right after Isaiah 53, the Suffering Servant, which points us to Jesus and His suffering, death and redemption.

Then the story turns to restoration. God speaks to people who have known loss, barrenness and what felt like abandonment, and tells them their story won't end in desolation. Like a woman who has been barren and alone suddenly becoming fruitful, they're told to stretch the tent wider, because God is bringing more than they can hold.

*The point isn't "dream bigger." It's make room.*
*What has been empty will not remain empty.*

You don't enlarge the tent because you can see the people coming.
You enlarge it because you trust the One who told you they're coming.

PART 1

## Look *back*

Notice where God showed up this year, in the good and the hard.

PART 2

## Make *room*

Release what's crowding God out. Choose what you want to grow toward.

PART 3

## Look *ahead*

Shape your vision, pray it through, and check in all year long.

*Jen*

Making room right alongside you

PART 1 · LOOK BACK

# Where did I see *God* this year?

Before you plan what's next, pause and notice. God was there, even in the parts you'd rather forget.

Where did I see God show up this year? (people, moments, answered prayers)

What was hard? Where did God feel far?

What surprised me about myself or my faith?

What am I most grateful for?

One thing I want to carry into next year:

# What do I need to *let go of?*

You can't make room without clearing some space. Radical Shifts are the patterns you choose to release, the habits, mindsets and "shoulds" that crowd God out.

What's taking up space in my heart, mind or schedule right now?

What do I need to say no to, or hold more loosely?

**RADICAL SHIFT 1**

I'm releasing...

Instead, I will...

**RADICAL SHIFT 2**

I'm releasing...

Instead, I will...

PART 2 · MAKE ROOM

# What do I want to *grow toward?*

Holy Initiatives are small, sustainable rhythms that make room for God. Not perfection, just one faithful step at a time.

### HOLY INITIATIVE 1

I want to grow in...

My first small step:

### HOLY INITIATIVE 2

I want to grow in...

My first small step:

### IDEAS TO GET YOU STARTED

- 10 quiet minutes with God each morning
- Read one chapter of Scripture a day
- A weekly Sabbath rhythm
- Screen-free evenings
- Prayer walks
- Journaling one prayer a day
- Meeting with a friend for faith talks
- Silence before sleep

**Who could walk this with me?** (a friend, spouse, small group)

PART 3 · LOOK AHEAD

# My vision for *2027*

Keep it simple. One word, one verse, one sentence. Something you can come back to on the ordinary Tuesdays.

MY WORD FOR THE YEAR

MY VERSE FOR THE YEAR

IN 2027, I WANT TO MAKE ROOM FOR…

BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, I HOPE…

# Making room in *every* part of life

God isn't only in your quiet time. For each area, ask: where do I want to make room for God here? Then name one small step.

## Faith & *spiritual habits*

## Body & *health*

## Family & *relationships*

## Finances & *generosity*

## Rest & *self-care*

## Work & *calling*

ALL YEAR LONG

# Quarterly *check-ins*

Put these on your calendar now. Fifteen minutes, four times a year, to notice what God is doing and adjust with grace.

### SPRING · MARCH

What's working? What needs to shift? Where have I seen God?

### SUMMER · JUNE

What's working? What needs to shift? Where have I seen God?

### FALL · SEPTEMBER

What's working? What needs to shift? Where have I seen God?

### WINTER · DECEMBER

What's working? What needs to shift? Where have I seen God?

PRAY IT THROUGH

# Prayer *Prompt*

PERSISTENT + BRAZEN + AUDACIOUS

Use these four steps to pray over your year. Write your own words under each one.

## 01 Address God

*"When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.'"*

Focus on God first: His kingdom, will, power, love, and glory.

## 02 Seek Forgiveness

*"Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Create in me a clean heart, O God."*

Present yourself: Be honest before God about your intentions and sins.

## 03 Boldly Ask

*"Give us each day our daily bread. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."*

Make your requests known to God. Be persistent.

## 04 Give Praise

*"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forevermore, Amen."*

End praying by glorifying and honoring God with praise. Be thankful.

MAKE ROOM TOGETHER

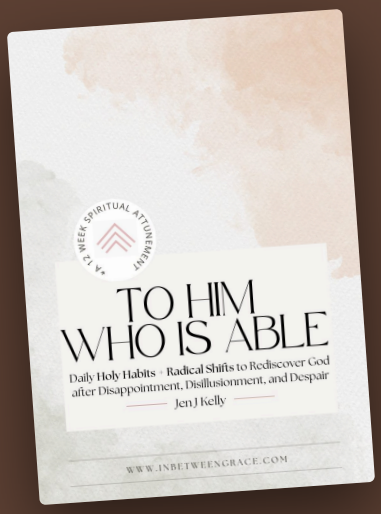
# This is better with *a friend.*

Who comes to mind as you finish this guide? Send it to her. Grab coffee in January, share your word for the year, and check in on each other when the quarter turns.

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