

Beyond Sunday

For groups, friends, families, couples, or individuals to reflect on the message you heard this Sunday.

FOCUS: During our 8-week **Made for Mondays** series, we will discover what it looks like to go from simply working as an employee, student, stay-at-home mom, retiree (or even when unemployed) to fulfilling God’s unique mission for each of us. This week, we reflect on how to handle the challenges (thorns) that come with our work.

1. When it comes to the work you do, what joys and challenges does God allow it to bring to you?
2. Read through three times slowly the key passage 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What observations, questions, and conclusions does it bring to mind? What word(s) or phrase(s) stands out?
3. How does the key passage 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 relate to these other passages: Zechariah 4:6, Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 13:4, Philippians 4:13, Hebrews 4:15? How does this help you related to Jesus’ journey, including His crown of thorns?
4. Guest speaker Laurie Short stated, *“Thorns often become a gift. Sometimes our thorns lead us to a bigger story that involves more people who are going to be touched. And our thorns help us discover God’s sufficient grace.”* In what ways have you experienced this in your life?
5. Identify a weakness, insult, hardship, persecution, or difficulty that is a thorn associated with the work you do. How could you delight in it with the Lord, so that you could experience His gracious perspective and power?

BONUS CONTENT

1. Pray for women to bring the kingdom of God into all sectors of life.
2. Complete this survey [[Bit.ly/made4mondays](https://bit.ly/made4mondays)] to help you and us understand your view of work.
3. View Redeeming Work on our free RightNow Media platform. It provides six weeks of guided conversations, interviews, and documentaries reflecting examples of Christians integrating their faith and work. wearepcc.com/resources/rightnow-media/

HEALING PRAYER - Wed, 5/26 | 5pm | Room 20

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Sufficient Grace for All Moms

Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.
2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Thorn #1: Having kids

“The mother’s heart is the child’s classroom.”

—Henry Ward Beecher

Thorn #2: Not having kids



Thorn #3: Having to share kids

I'M LONELY

Please help me to know that you are with me and that you will never leave me.

HEBREWS 13:5

I'M DISCOURAGED

Please help me to know that I have hope because I can put my hope in you.

PSALM 42:5

I'M HURT

I know that you are close to the brokenhearted and those with broken spirits so please comfort me.

PSALM 34:18

I'M AFRAID

Dear God, I know that you can protect me and that you will give me refuge because you are mighty.

PSALM 91:4

I FEEL INADEQUATE

God, I need you to remind me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made, and perfect in your eyes.

PSALM 139:14

I FEEL REJECTED

Please help me to feel the affirmation of the good you have for me and the love you have for me.

PSALM 31:16

I'M WORRIED

God, thank you for telling me that you will take all of my anxiety and worry because you care for me.

1 PETER 5:7

"It's not easy being a mother. If it were easy, fathers would do it."
—The Golden Girls

"I realized when you look at your mother, you are looking at the purest love you will ever know."
—Mitch Albom