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an invitation to create through Psalm 16 from Hosanna Revival



Your Invitation to Create PLEASANT PLACES



We invite you to engage with Scripture in a new and beautiful way through intentional creativity. Join us for *Pleasant Places:* An Invitation to Create Through Psalm 16, a 4-week creative journey where each week we will introduce a new section of Psalm 16 and provide 3 prompts to spark your creativity.



Although we believe that every person is creative, we understand that the word "creativity" can quickly alienate individuals who feel like they are not traditionally artistic. This journey was intentionally created to engage all levels and kinds of creativity and intended to stretch your inspiration, imagination, perception, and medium.



We are excited and expectant for the Lord to work in your hearts and minds during this creative journey. He is a creative God, and you are made intentionally and wonderfully in his image.



A CALL TO CREATE from writer Alicia Hamilton

We're all creators, aren't we?

Jack creates structures and environments where people are served, drawn in, and loved. We call it "coding software" and "leading tech at church" and "rebuilding the retaining wall," but it's creating.

Allie creates plans to help people thrive and spaces where people are free. We call it "nutrition counseling" and "being a good listener," but it's creating.

God told us to go out and create—families, churches, cultures, disciples. We image our Creator when we create with love for the kingdom.

I create Bible studies, resources, short essays, and poetry. But what I hope I'm actually creating is:

A fresh breath of spiritual air.

A place to rest.

A community of believers lifting our eyes to the beauty of a Father so holy we can't even look on his face—

and when we come away from the mountaintop, our own faces are so bathed in God's glory that we glow.

Just touching the edge of his garment heals.

We reach out with trembling hands.

We meet with the divine.



The Passage PSALM 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



How to Create Your PLEASANT PLACE

- 1. Read through week's Scripture.
- 2. Take a moment to sit with the passage. Prepare your heart to engage with God creatively.
- 3. Read the creative prompts to fuel your creativity.
- 4. How does this passage prompt you to experience God in a new way? Create a response to this passage in any way you choose.
- 5. Invite the Lord into this process and let God's Word guide your work.
- 6. Share your response with the hashtag #MyPleasantPlaces and tag us @HosannaRevival.

We can't wait to see what you create!



Week One PSALM 16:1-4

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The Prompts

With your hands: Choose a color based off of the passage and create something from that color inspiration. Consider using a new medium.

With your words: Let one single word inspire a poem or song. Let your work glorify the Lord by writing something that's meant to be shared.

With your actions: Journal through the passage visually. You could make a verse map, hand-letter a section, or doodle. Engage with the text on paper.



Week Two P S A L M 16:5-6

The Passage

- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

The Prompts

With your hands: Ask the Lord to show you a pleasant place in your mind. Create an art piece that makes you think of this place.

With your words: Go to a pleasant place and write a reflection on longing for a pleasant place or what it's like to be in that pleasant place with the Lord.

With your actions: Make a pleasant place for someone else. Host a friend for dinner, throw a brunch with the theme of "pleasant places," take a walk, or gift a home decor item.



Week Three PSALM 16:7-8

The Passage

- ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

The Prompts

With your hands: Pick two mediums and create a piece using both. Consider the intersection of art and faith and focus on how your work would exalt God.

With your words: Do a word study on one word in the passage. Let that study prompt a written piece. Consider writing a short story or simplifying this passage for a kid to understand.

With your actions: Choose a color, find three things in that color, and place them somewhere where you will see them often. Let those things remind you of this passage.



Week Four PSALM 16:9-11

The Passage

- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Prompts

With your hands: Ask a friend their thoughts on the passage and create a piece based off of their perception. Consider gifting it to them when you're done!

With your words: Pray this verse over someone else and write an encouraging note or written piece for them based off of your prayer.

With your actions: Make a moodboard based on the words "the path of life." You can use Pinterest, create a collage, doodle, or check out the app Shuffles. Add imagery that expresses the joy of being in the presence of God.



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