

A woman with brown hair, wearing a green t-shirt, is lying on her back in a lush green field filled with white daisies. She is smiling broadly with her eyes closed, and her head is resting on her hands. Her right hand is raised, holding a single daisy flower. The background is a soft-focus field of many more daisies.

LIVING LESSONS

— Book 1 —

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“He Makes Me Lie Down in Green Pastures”

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The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.
Psalm 23: 1-3

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Foreword

For the most part, the church has failed to live God's Word in their lives simply because the leader or pastor often has no relationship with their Savior. Yes, this is a bold statement but I have God's Word, the only true source of the truth, to back up my claims. Speaking to the church in the very last book of the Bible, when judgment reigns down on mankind God says, "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love." Revelations 2:4

These Living Lessons were designed by my Husband, my Maker who took me on a journey to become more intimately acquainted with Him while He taught me how to live His principles, His promises as lessons." Now as a book they are available to women, like you, His bride.

Are you His bride? Well, the best way to discover this truth, in order to live the ultimate life lesson, you simply need to read what He says here and if it sounds like He may be speaking to you.

"Fear not, for you will not be put to shame;
And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;
But you will forget the shame of your youth,
And the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
"For your Husband is your Maker,
Whose name is the Lord of hosts;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel,
Who is called the God of all the earth.
"For the Lord has called you,
Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected,"
Says your God." Isaiah 54:4-6

Are you able to relate to any of this? If I had to guess, I'd say, Yes! All of us, even from when we were very young, have felt shame and humiliation. We have been forsaken (abandoned and forgotten) by so many people in our lives. As a result, we continually grieve deep in our hearts, souls and spirit. For every single woman, young and old, this feeling can change in an

instant the moment we understand just who our Husband is and who we are because we're His.

Most of what I'd love to say is on the LoveAtLast.ORG website, so please grab your phone or computer or tablet and read the introductory pages enough times that the truth is planted in your heart deep enough for it to take root and grow.

You've been robbed for long enough. You've suffered for much too long. Today, this very minute you can come to know your rightful place in the arms of the One who longs to love you to the point that you need no one else. Instead, the love you experience from Him will overflow into the lives of those closest to you and continue flowing into every person you know or meet. I know, because I LIVE this life, these lessons, that I hope you will grab hold of and embrace too.

~ [Erin Thiele](#)

Author of Living Lessons

Chapter 1

Living Lesson 1

“Whatever She Does, She Prospers”

“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither
And whatever they do prospers.”

— Psalm 1:3

The foundation of Living an Abundant Life, once you have a personal relationship with the Lord, is learning to live by God’s principles— life’s roadmap.

The first step is to tap into this astonishing and outrageous promise from God found in the very first Psalm. Read the entire verse, but pay close attention to the bolded portion.

Psalm 1, 2, 3

1 How blessed is the man who
does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

**2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.**

3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in *whatever he does, he prospers.*

This Life Principle says that if we will SIMPLY meditate on His law, and do so because we delight ourselves in it, He promises that in whatever we do we WILL prosper!

But how, exactly, can this principle EASILY be carried out?

The way I went about it back in 1991 (the year the Lord first put in my heart God's desire to restore my marriage) when I discovered this principle, was to begin using index cards, 3x5 cards, and I wrote down every verse that I wanted to read to renew my mind and to strengthen me spiritually. I wrote many verses on one card and kept adding to them. I kept them with me at all times and pulled them out when I felt myself slipping into fear. I never had to try to memorize them, but very soon I found that they were "feeding" my soul. When I needed them my mind would find them, and my heart would say them over and over again.

He [Jesus] answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" Matthew 4:4

However, if you are not currently in a state of desperation as I was, the easiest method is to put your "target" or "key" verses right next to your bed. Read them FIRST when you wake up, and also AGAIN right before you go to sleep at night—in other words—**meditating on them day and night!** You can also link them on your phone or computer to Biblegateway, so you can read and listen—making His Word, His promises stick!

This was the wisdom the Lord gave to my teenage son when we discussed this Life Principle. All young men and women want to prosper, but there are no real guarantees given by the world. Only God is faithful and is our assurance! My son began meditating day and night while everyone watched his life prosper!

GET STARTED right now! Write this key verse Psalm 1 on an index card OR copy and paste them into an email or another document. Read them on your phone or print the verses off. Let the Lord lead you, which will be the next Living Lesson!

About the Author

Erin Thiele, is an author and the founder of Restore Ministries International. Before Erin retired from ministering in late 2023, for years was also recognized as a motivational speaker.

Erin says, “My greatest blessing isn’t my ministry or being an author. My greatest blessing is being the mother of seven children and now a Mimi to more than a dozen grandchildren, hopefully with many more to come.

“It’s still astonishing that God has seen fit to use me to encourage and motivate hundreds of women (and men) through my published books. What makes my books so uniquely special is how He led me to write with the distinctive style of using the Bible, His Word, to minister to and it’s what He has used to heal the brokenhearted. It’s not what I say but what He says that can change lives!

“Yet my main focus will always be to encourage ALL women (and men) to seek the Lord intimately and passionately to allow HIM to restore each life just as He has and IS continually restoring mine! Through Him and His Word, you, too, can overcome every crisis.

“My ministry and becoming an author began when my second husband left me for another woman and divorced me in 1989 and then God restored my marriage two years later.

“Eighteen years later, in 2009, four years after my husband divorced me a second time in 2005, I discovered my first husband, my oldest son’s father, was alive. This happened after I’d published a life-changing Abundant Life Series, discreetly using a pen name to protect my children.

“Throughout my three plus decades of ministering, I have been ‘blessed’ to have been given the opportunity to go through various trials, often difficult and impossible valleys because each allowed me to know and love Him and feel loved by Him that much more!!

“My Restoration Journey, and later my Abundant Life Journey will continue to the day we each leave this world in order to meet our Beloved

face-to-face—but for now, for today, I want everyone to know that they were destined not to have to travel their journey alone.

What I want to share with you and what I hope you will share with everyone is that when I thought I **lost** my life, is truly when I **found** my life—by becoming the Lord’s bride who is my Husband, my Maker (Isaiah 54:5).

“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” Matthew 16:25

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