

the bread of life devotional

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not

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Dear Fellow Believers,

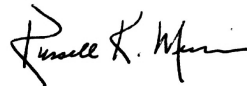
This month, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He conquered the grave and provided a way for mankind to live forever with Him in Glory! That is certainly a reason to celebrate!

Charles Wesley’s words have been sung repeatedly in celebration of Jesus’ resurrection and encourage us to ring the praises of our Savior:

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!*

May the truth and power of the resurrection be in your heart this Easter and every other day of the year. Jesus Christ is alive! Fellowship with Him and proclaim His resurrection to a lost and dying world.

In Christ,



Russ Merrin
Pastor

Thursday

April 1

Missing Pieces

“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

2 Peter 1:3

Do you like to work jigsaw puzzles? Generally, those who work jigsaw puzzles have a fairly common strategic approach. Most people will begin with the border pieces, move toward the distinct colour and shape sections, slowly resign to the shapes of the pieces, and finally tackle the sections of bland monotonous colour. It is innate in our being to work on the easiest or fairly obvious parts first. We gain a certain sense of accomplishment by connecting the easiest pieces.

When working a puzzle, however, one can become rather frustrated as the picture begins to be complete and a sudden sinking feeling of missing pieces becomes all too real. One can feel a sense of dissatisfaction when the picture cannot be complete.

In life, all too often, we can become frustrated when it seems we are missing the pieces. After the “border” pieces are in place, and we have worked on the monotonous blurry middle for far too long, you might think that you have not been given all the pieces. Rest assured, dear Christian, all the pieces are available to you.

Peter reminds his readers that we have been given “all things” that pertain to “life and godliness.” Not only do you have the ability to live, you have the ability to live in a godly manner. Peter reminds us that everything we need for life and godliness comes “through the

Morning: *Judges 6, 7*

Evening: *Luke 8:1-21*

knowledge of Him who called us.” The more you know Christ, the better you can live. All the pieces are there. As you reach into the Word, learn of Christ, and begin to live, the piece of life will fall into place. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

John 12:6-7 “This he [Judas Iscariot] said, not that he _____ for the poor; but because he was a _____, and had the _____, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her _____: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. At Christ’s crucifixion, of what was the crown made that the soldiers placed on His head? Matthew 27:29
A. Nettles B. Thorns
C. Jewels D. Thistles
2. For what of Christ’s possessions did the soldiers cast lots? Matthew 27:35
A. Clothes B. Jewels
C. Donkey D. Cross
3. How did Judas betray Christ? Lk. 22:47-48
A. Hand shake B. Pointed Him out
C. With a kiss D. Described Him

Quote of the Day

“In Himself, God is love; through Him, love is manifested, and by Him, love is defined.”

~Burk Parsons

Friday

April 2

What We Need

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."
James 1:5

We do not need more education. Nothing is wrong with education, more learning, better plans, and better methods; but we need more wisdom. "Wisdom is the principal thing...more precious than gold, silver or rubies...." WOW! Do you really realize that?

How to get it:

"If any lack wisdom" – NO ONE but God has enough wisdom. "Ask of God" – Keep on asking as the two parables on prayer teach in Luke 11:5-9 and 18:1-8. "Give us this day..." This ought to be every morning, every day for every person. Oh my, I get goose bumps; get this: HE GIVETH LIBERALLY. To me, a person would be very foolish not to ask for wisdom EVERY DAY. Doesn't that make sense?

A proof of having wisdom:

"He that winneth souls is wise." (Prov. 11:30)
What is the most important thing that ever happened to you? Why, getting saved, of course. Nothing even comes close to that. Then, what is the most important thing you can do for someone else? Lead them to Christ, and see them get saved. Make sense? Jesus said to the man who accumulated riches, *"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be?"* (Lk. 12:20)
"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world (How many jillions is the

Morning: *Judges 8, 9*
Evening: *Luke 8:22-56*

whole world worth?), *and lose his own soul?"* (Mk. 8:36) Oh, the value of one soul!
~SW

Scripture Fill-In

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Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions, based on Exodus 18.

1. Jethro was the priest of what land?

2. How was Jethro related to Moses?

3. After Jethro was told of God's deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptians, what did He do (vs.12)? _____

4. After Jethro saw Moses judging the people, what advice did he give? _____

5. After his visit with Moses, where did Jethro go? _____

Quote of the Day

"Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible."
~Author Unknown

Saturday

April 3

Envy No More

“Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.”
Proverbs 23:17

This verse reveals the inclination of the human heart to envy sinners. Sin can be fun. Some people make sin look especially fun and profitable, yet its pleasures are fleeting and its consequences are harsh. Envy is desiring what someone else has and even resenting them for having it. Our attitude toward sinners, who are unredeemed and slaves to sin, should be compassion. Warren Buffett, a brilliant investor and one of the richest men in the world, would be a prime target for envy. Yet, if Mr. Buffett never accepts salvation in Christ, his ultimate end will be spiritual death that includes separation from God and eternal punishment. All the money in the world will not comfort him, if that is his end. If we find ourselves envying sinners instead of praying for their salvation, then our hearts are more focused on the temporal than the eternal. The key is in the second half of the verse: ***“Be thou in the fear of the Lord.”*** A reverence, respect, and deep understanding of God and what He is capable of is the remedy to envy.

Nothing compares to the riches we have in Christ. God has blessed us immeasurably in salvation, erasing our sin-debt and making us righteous. That gift is worth more than all the riches of the world and every fleeting pleasure of sin. ~AJD

Morning: *Judges 10, 11*
Evening: *Luke 9:1-36*

Scripture Fill-In

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Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the place with the event.

Places:

Events:

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| _____ 1. Camon
(Judg. 10:5) | A. God smote Uzza
for touching the
Ark of the
Covenant. |
| _____ 2. Cana
(Jn. 2:1-12) | B. Absalom killed
Amnon. |
| _____ 3. Cherith
(1 Kings 17:3-5) | C. Jair was buried. |
| _____ 4. Chidon
(1 Chron. 13:9-10) | D. Birds fed Elijah. |
| _____ 5. Baal-hazor
(2 Sam. 13:23-36) | E. Miracle of water
changed to wine |

Quote of the Day

“Many are poor because they rob God.”
~C.H. Spurgeon

Praying Fervently

By Sumner Wemp

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16) You cannot fake it or force it. You cannot fool God. It must be real. There are times when a person's heart is burdened to the point that his prayer is fervently poured out to God. Hannah is a poignant example. With tears she acknowledged, ***"I have poured out my soul before the LORD."*** (1 Sam. 1:15) Because of her fervent prayer, God gave her Samuel who was mightily used of God to judge His people. He is the only man in the Old Testament to serve as prophet, priest, and judge. Her passionate prayers, from a crushed heart, were worth the burden. David literally poured himself out as he sang, ***"A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."*** (Ps. 51:17) If only we would pray with that fervor today.

Every prayer is not going to be of such intensity. Paul wrote that he "made mention" of the Ephesians in prayer (Eph. 1:16). This does not sound like "fervent" prayer, but it is effectual prayer. Quite frankly, most of our praying will be done in that manner. When Elijah prayed for the fire to fall and consume the sacrifice in 1 Kings 18:37, it was in contrast to the wailing of the prophets of Baal. Elijah asked (with sixty-seven words, KJV), and God answered with fire from Heaven. Only a few moments later, Elijah was praying fervently for the rain...and it came.

When fervent prayer emanates from a broken heart, it is a "sweet-smelling savor" to God. To pretend, though, stinks to high

heaven. No doubt you have heard certain people try to impress people and God with a holy whine in their voices or the pretense of a broken heart, complete with "crocodile tears"... and that just stinks. God hates hypocrisy, but genuine, fervent prayer from the heart is always in order. Do bear in mind, though, you are not going to pray "fervently" all the time.

Remember the Lord Jesus, in the garden, prayed fervently, ***"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done,"*** and He still went to the cross. (Luke 22:42). The Lord's prayer list (the Lord's prayer), ***"Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven"*** really does apply to everyone and in every situation. Even fervent prayer will not bring your will to pass when it is not in the ultimate will of God.

What is the secret to keeping a hot heart and praying fervently? For sure, you must stay in love with the Lord Jesus. Remember the fire that burned the incense (the picture of prayer Rev. 5:8; Ps. 142:1-2) in the tabernacle, came from the coals off the brazen altar where the lambs were slain and sacrificed, the picture of Calvary and the cross. Keeping near the cross will keep the fires burning and prayers fervent. "Remember the Alamo" kept people fired up with patriotism and likewise "remember Calvary" will keep us fired up to pray. Do not be indolent and apathetic, but stir yourself up to pray fervently for those things that really matter.♦

Sunday

April 4

He Is Risen Indeed

“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me . . . Thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day.” Luke 24:44-46

During the age of the early church, when two Christians would greet each other, one would say, “He is risen.” The other Christian would respond, “He is risen indeed!” In so doing, they acknowledged the event that became the basis of Christianity—the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

What was prophesied in the law of Moses, by the prophets, and in the psalms was fulfilled by Jesus Christ. He was crucified, and He rose the third day! He fulfilled the prophecy and provided a way for mankind to live eternally with Him in Glory! There is no wonder why the early church acknowledged this world-changing event within their greetings to one another.

What about Christians today? Are our conversations, actions, and lives centered around Christ’s sacrifice and His resurrection? Or is the resurrection of Jesus Christ mainly thought about during the annual Easter celebrations? May the church of today grasp the importance of remembering the resurrection and proclaiming the miracle to the world. **Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!** ~MFV

Morning: *Judges 12-14*
Evening: *Luke 9:37-62*

Scripture Fill-In

John 20:19 “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete the following passage in Ephesians 2.

1. Vs. 11 - “Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the _____, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is call the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;”
2. Vs. 12 - “That at that time ye were without _____, being _____ from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no _____, and without God in the world:”
3. Vs. 13 - “But now in Christ _____ ye who sometimes were far off are made _____ by the _____ of Christ.”

Quote of the Day

“Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways; He is the only way.” ~A.W. Tozer

Monday

April 5

Love Produces Obedience

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1

John makes it clear in verse 2:1a, that Christians do not have to sin. The secret to victory over sin is found in 1 John 1:7. To walk in the light also means to obey God’s Word. Read 1 John 2:3-4.

Many fall into sin and lose joy and assurance. They fear they are not saved. Poor living makes poor assurance.

Obedience to God’s Word is proof of our love for Him. A slave obeys because he has to. An employee obeys because he needs to. A Christian is to obey the Heavenly Father because he wants to. Read John 14:15 and fill in the blanks: “If ye _____ me, _____ my commandments.”

In 1 John 2:1, the word *advocate* means that Jesus Christ is qualified to intercede for us and plead our case before our Heavenly Father. *Propitiation* in verse 2 simply means that Jesus Christ Himself was the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Christ died for all, wants all, and seeks all. ~OV

Morning: *Judges 15-17*
Evening: *Luke 10:1-24*

Scripture Fill-In

John 20:19 “Then the _____ day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the place with the event.

Places:

Events:

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| _____ 1. Zair
(2 Ki. 8:21) | A. Manasseh was buried. |
| _____ 2. Uzza
(2 Ki. 21:18) | B. Joram defeated Edomites. |
| _____ 3. Nain
(Lk. 7:11-18) | C. Jesus resurrected Lazarus. |
| _____ 4. Jerusalem
(Jn. 2:13-15) | D. Jesus cleansed the Temple. |
| _____ 5. Bethany
(Jn. 11:1-37) | E. Jesus resurrected widow’s son |

Quote of the Day

“God doesn’t look at just what we give. He also looks at what we keep.” ~Randy Alcorn

Tuesday

April 6

God Knows What's Best

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”
Jeremiah 29:11

If you are or were an athlete, I am sure you can remember some part of your physical training program that you thought was surely designed to kill you. Maybe it was a set of "gassers" or running the lines on the court or a 10-minute run. These torturous drills were always at the end of a hard practice. My least favorite was a timed quarter-mile run at the end of a season-starting football practice. Coming around the last turn my legs would burn like they were on fire, and it would feel like someone had stabbed me in the side with a knife. I was certain the coach's goal was to kill us. But those coaches were not overly interested in how much we hurt that day. They were looking ahead to the season and were getting us ready for not just our first game, but our last game, as well. And throughout the season, as our bodies became better conditioned, those quarter-mile runs at the end of practice were not as painful. They were still difficult, but they were not as painful. The pain of that day made us better prepared for the season ahead.

Sometimes, we mistake God's promise not to harm us as His promise that we will have a pain-free life. In reality, mental and emotional pain is a part of our growing process. We watch a parent, grandparent or child die. A relationship comes to an end. We lose our place in the starting lineup. We fail a class. All of these are painful, but God knows, just like our coaches, that pain does not necessarily equal harm. ~AP

Morning: *Judges 18, 19*
Evening: *Luke 10:25-42*

Scripture Fill-In

John 20:19 “Then the _____ day at evening, being the _____ day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions, based on Proverbs 13.

1. According to verse 1, if we are wise, what will we do?

2. Verse 3 says that if we open wide our lips we will have what?

3. Verse 5 warns that the wicked man will come to what?

4. With pride comes what? (vs. 10)

5. The way of transgressors is what? (vs. 15)

Quote of the Day

“I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.”
~Martin Luther

Wednesday

April 7

Praying and Fasting

"Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Matthew 17:21

Jesus fasted (Mt. 4:2). Paul fasted (2 Cor. 6:5). Jesus predicted, ***"The days will come, when the bridegroom [speaking of Himself] shall be taken from them [his disciples], and then shall they fast."*** (Mt. 9:15) Jesus also commented in another place, ***"When thou fastest..."*** (Mt. 6:17). He expects believers to fast today, even as then, and gave instructions about fasting. Emergencies and critical issues will at times call for believers to pray and fast together in order to get answers. Fasting is a God-sanctioned spiritual exercise that too many believers have missed. Many today are learning afresh the powerful profit of prayer and fasting. There is a resurgence of fasting all across the Christian community today. Through prayer and fasting, God may well unlock sacred secrets and treasures for you.

Esther fasted and got everyone she could to fast with her. She thwarted wicked Haman and saved her people tragic consequences. Kings, such as Josiah, Jehoshaphat, and Asa, humbled themselves, rent their clothes, prayed and fasted, and turned the tide of their nation from despair and defeat into restoration and revivals. We can do it today. Who knows but what you, like Esther, ***"art come to the kingdom for such a time as this"*** (Esther 4:14)?

A student in his thirties came to see me. His son was incorrigible and breaking his heart. He wanted to know what could he do. Without hesitation I said, "Pray and fast for him." He went home and talked to his wife about it. They

Morning: *Judges 20, 21*
Evening: *Luke 11:1-28*

spent the weekend praying and fasting. Sunday night, his son came into the house, weeping like a baby. God had broken his heart. He prayed to receive the Lord Jesus, and his life was transformed. This kind comes only by prayer and fasting. ~SW

Scripture Fill-In

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Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- 1 & 2 Thessalonians were written by whom?
A. David B. Paul
C. Timothy D. The Thessalonians
- How many chapters are in the book of 1 Thessalonians?
A. 5 B. 4
C. 3 D. 2
- According to 1 Thessalonians 4:7, God called Christians unto?
A. Mercy B. Uncleanness
C. Holiness D. Trials

Quote of the Day

"If you are a Christian, you can expect folks to criticize, but you ought to live so no one will believe them." ~Author Unknown

Thursday

April 8

“If only . . . I would”

“He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.” Ecclesiastes 11:4

“If only we had a nicer house, I would invite that couple over so we could present the Gospel.” “If only I had more money, I would send the missionaries some money this year.” “If only I weren’t so busy, I would go to church on Sunday nights.” “If only . . . I would.”

King Solomon, the author of Ecclesiastes, though very wise, sought fulfillment in things, not in being obedient and living a life for God. However, throughout this book of the Bible, there are very profound truths that Solomon addresses. Our verse today is an example of one of these truths. Basically, Solomon is saying that there will never be an ideal situation to change your life; all your ducks will never be in a row. If you keep waiting for the tide to change, you may miss the opportunity.

There are moments in our lives when God requires us to take a leap of faith, to go forward even though we may be scared. God does not desire that we have faith in ourselves; He desires that we have faith in Him. **“Have faith in God.” Mark 11:22** When we truly decide to have faith in God alone, not our own strength and abilities, those fears that loom around the corner fade in the knowledge of God’s complete capability.

Morning: *Ruth 1-4*
Evening: *Luke 11:29-54*

So, what is God calling you to do? Are you making excuses? Are you afraid? Circumstances will never be completely perfect, but God will always be completely capable. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

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Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete the following commands given in 1 Thessalonians 5.

1. “_____ yourselves together.” (vs. 11)
2. “_____ one another.” (vs. 11)
3. “Be _____ toward all men.” (vs. 14)
4. “Follow that which is _____.” (vs. 15)
5. “_____ not the Spirit.” (vs. 19)

Quote of the Day

“The Christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God.”

~Robert M. McCheyne

Friday

April 9

Good Medicine

*“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:
but a broken spirit drieth the bones.”*
Proverbs 17:22

This is one of my favorite verses. I absolutely love being “on cloud nine” every day and can speak from experience that it is much better to be in a good mood rather than a grumpy mood. Have you ever noticed that happy people draw other people to them, while the grumpy ones repel people. Now, whom would you rather be with?

There are many benefits in being a happy person. The following are some possible results: good health, greater achievements, more persistence, better emotional health, and longer life.

The word *happy* is used 45 times in the Bible, and they have all the same meaning: blessed. The Hebrew word is *esher*. As a Christian, we have an awesome responsibility to display joy. We should experience ultimate joy in the fact that our sins are forgiven. Life and breath are wasted when we focus on the negative things in our lives, such as grief, bad temper, anxiety, and fretfulness.

Our hearts can be merry if we stay focused on the things of God and remember what Jesus did for us on the cross. God’s Word is a great medicine! ~KAT

Morning: 1 Samuel 1-3
Evening: Luke 12:1-34

Scripture Fill-In

John 20:19 “Then the _____ day at evening, being the _____ day of the week, when the doors were _____ where the disciples were assembled for _____ of the Jews, came _____ and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- In what was Jesus wrapped before he was buried? Mark 15:46
A. Goat skins B. Linen clothes
C. Sheep skins D. Gold robes
- Which disciple wanted to see the imprint of the nails before he would believe?
John 20:27
A. Andrew B. James
C. Thomas D. Bartholomew
- Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection beside which sea? John 21:1
A. Red Sea B. Dead Sea
C. Sea of Joppa D. Sea of Tiberias

Quote of the Day

“If lips and life do not agree, the testimony will not amount to much.” ~H.A. Ironside

Saturday

April 10

Dormant Power

***“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...”
Ephesians 3:20***

I once heard a radio preacher use the illustration of a bank to convey the idea of God’s power working in believers. We ask for money and God gives us the bank, he said. That simple thought has stuck with me for years. We ask for things, and when God answers, He goes beyond just giving us our request and gives us abundant resources. He has put His Spirit inside of us, an unlimited bank of power. If we have such power in us, then why is it that many of us do not seem to experience power in our lives? Why do we live like spiritual paupers? Why are many of us defeated?

You may own a bank, but if you never go to the bank, take out money and use it, then having a bank is useless. There are endless resources available to us, but if we never avail ourselves of them, then we are going to live our lives without power, beneath our potential. God does not ask us to do anything that He does not give us the ability and resources to do. The power of God is what holds the universe and every molecule together at this very moment. Let us pause and contemplate God’s power. Now, let us think about our problems. The dramatic difference between the two should bring us comfort. Recall what God asks Job in Job 38:4, ***“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding?”*** ~AJD

Morning: 1 Samuel 4-6
Evening: Luke 12:35-59

Scripture Fill-In

John 20:19 “Then the _____ day at evening, being the _____ day of the week, when the doors were _____ where the disciples were assembled for _____ of the Jews, came _____ and _____ in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

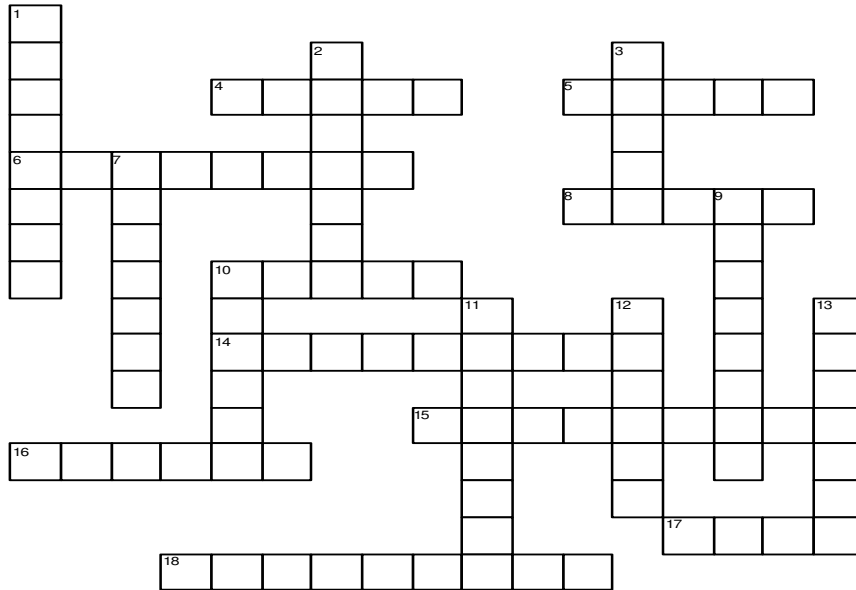
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 is speaking of what?
 - A. The Rapture
 - B. The Tribulation
 - C. The Millennium
 - D. None of the above
- According to 1 Thessalonians 5:2, the day of the Lord is coming as what?
 - A. A thief in the night
 - B. A sudden whirlwind
 - C. A destructive earthquake
 - D. None of the above
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9 states that God has appointed us to what?
 - A. Wrath
 - B. Salvation
 - C. Sonship
 - D. Life

Quote of the Day

“If you let culture make tolerance the preeminent virtue, pretty soon you won’t have anything else.” ~George Marsden

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- 4 Two _____ men sat by the road. Matt. 20:30
- 5 _____ of Cyrene assisted Jesus in bearing His cross to Golgotha. Matt. 27:32
- 6 Judas _____ Jesus with a kiss. Matt. 26:48
- 8 An _____ rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb where Jesus had been buried. Matt. 28:2
- 10 There was darkness over the land for _____ hours. Matt. 27:45
- 14 A great _____ followed Jesus. Matt. 20:29
- 15 Jesus sent two _____ to find a donkey and its colt. Matt. 21:2
- 16 The soldiers _____ Jesus. Matt. 27:29
- 17 When this crowd, Peter remembered what Jesus had told him and he wept bitterly. Matt. 26:75
- 18 The disciples did as Jesus _____. Matt. 21:6

DOWN

- 1 _____ was released instead of Jesus. Matt 27:29
- 2 Jesus was given this to drink. Matt. 27:34
- 3 The angel proclaimed, “He is not here: for He is _____.” Matt. 28:6
- 7 Two _____ were crucified with Jesus. Matt. 27:38
- 9 Pharisees tried to _____ Jesus in his talk. Matt. 22:15
- 10 Jesus went into the _____ in Jerusalem. Matt. 21:12
- 11 The soldiers _____ Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him. Matt 27:28
- 12 Peter _____ three times that he didn’t know Jesus. Matt 26:74
- 13 All the disciples _____ Jesus and fled. Matt. 26:56

“...I will come again, and receive you unto myself....” John 14:3

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Sunday

April 11

Today Is The Day!

“For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2

Procrastination is not generally dangerous, but where a person’s eternal salvation is concerned, it is downright life-threatening. Most people believe that they have all the time in the world. In fact, some people believe themselves to be invincible. They will never be left crippled by a horrible accident or be diagnosed with a terminal disease. “That will never happen to me,” they may say with confidence.

In reality, they have little upon which to base their belief. We are not promised another breath. Life is fragile, and the Bible says our lives are like a vapor or a withering blade of grass. Many who fail to understand the certainty of death also fail to see the promise of life in Christ. D.L. Moody, the great evangelist, asked his crowd the night of the great Chicago fire to think what they would do with Christ and have an answer by the following Sunday. Sadly, many of those individuals were killed in the fire that very evening. Moody said he would never again give an audience a week to think on salvation.

This verse in 2 Corinthians carries the same pointed message: Today, Today, Today is the day to decide what you will do with Jesus Christ. Proverbs 27:1 says ***“Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what one day may bring forth.”*** If you have never trusted Christ as your Saviour, what are you

Morning: 1 Samuel 7-9
Evening: Luke 13:1-21

waiting for? You may be breathing your last breaths. Trust Him today, settle your eternity, and then live for Him until He takes you home.
~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank to complete these statements.

1. _____ was the first man to build a city. Genesis 4:17
2. _____ was the first priest mentioned in the Bible. Genesis 14:18
3. _____ saw a ladder reaching up to Heaven with angels ascending and descending upon it. Genesis 28:10-12
4. _____ was the first prophet mentioned in the Bible. Genesis 20:6-7
5. In Leviticus 8, Moses anointed _____ with the blood of a ram?

Quote of the Day

“Doubts never send anyone to hell, but deception always does.” ~Author Unknown

Monday

April 12

Daily Seek Cleansing

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

1 John 1:5, 2:6

The Christian life is often referred to as a walk, beginning with a step of faith in Christ Jesus. 1 John 1:5-6 tells us that if we are to progress spiritually we must walk in God’s light.

Fill in the blanks to the following verse: 1 John 1:7 says, “But if we _____ in the light, as he is in the light, we have _____ one with another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ his Son _____ us from all_____.”

Some people like to call 1 John 1:9 the Christian’s bar of soap. The Bible clearly teaches that a Christian is capable of committing sin. Therefore, it is important that he confess his sin, and God promises to forgive and cleanse him from all unrighteousness. David prayed for sincerity in Psalm 139:23 when he said, “_____ me, O God, and know my _____: try me, and know my thoughts.”

Daily we must seek God’s forgiveness and cleansing. Memorize 1 John 1:9. ~OV

Morning: 1 Samuel 10-12
Evening: Luke 13:22-35

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the person with his/her relative.

- Person: _____ 1. Nahor (Gen. 22:23)
_____ 2. Jeroham (1 Sam. 1:1, 20-23)
_____ 3. Kohath (Gen. 46:11)
_____ 4. Abigail (1 Sam. 25:3)
_____ 5. Jerioth (1 Chron. 2:18)

Relation:

- A. Son of Levi
- B. Wife of Nabal
- C. Brother of Abraham
- D. Wife and concubine of Caleb
- E. Grandfather of Samuel

Quote of the Day

“Assurance is the fruit that grows out of the root of faith.” ~Stephen Charnock

Tuesday

April 13

All Things Are Possible

“And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.” Mark 10:27

In today’s society, it seems as though we all get stuck in ruts at certain points. We do not push ourselves to get to the next level or explore the talents God has given us to see who we are and what He wants for us. We settle into being lukewarm Christians. Athletes start worrying about “me” and not the team. Students cheat on tests and homework just to get by. Professional teams with chances to make history rest their starters. We all just accept that it is OK to be OK.

But with God, things are different. With Him, we can focus on His plans for us and have faith that He will help us become the best that we can be. We can accomplish goals, be great leaders, take a new class, or look for jobs that line up with the passions He has given us. We can even make the choice to be happy and joyful!

As you read this devotional, start to think about who you are and what dreams God has given you. Ask yourself for what you want to be remembered. “With the power and vision God’s given me, I believe I can _____ (fill in the blank).” Ask God to show you what great things He wants you to accomplish. Ask Him for vision, and then pray and dive in. And always remember, through Him, all things are possible. ~AP

Morning: 1 Samuel 13, 14

Evening: Luke 14:1-24

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. After Jesus’ resurrection, what were His first words to Mary Magdalene and Mary? (Mt. 28:9-10)
 - A. Go tell my brethren
 - B. All hail.
 - C. Be not afraid.
 - D. None of the above
2. When Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples in Mark 16:14-18, what did He do?
 - A. Scolded them for their unbelief.
 - B. Instructed them to preach the Gospel to every creature.
 - C. Neither A nor B
 - D. Both A & B
3. How many times did Jesus ask Simon Peter if he loved Him? (Jn. 21:15-17)
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 5

Quote of the Day

“Without the way, there is no going; without the truth, there is no knowing; without the life, there is no living (see John 14:6).”

Wednesday

April 14

Recipe For Living A Godly Life

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.” 2 Peter 1:5-7

Perhaps this passage was written to be the forerunner of the “Food Network.” Here, the Apostle Peter gives a “recipe” for living the godly life. He begins with “faith” and adds to it seven ingredients necessary to complete the fruitful Christian life. Ingredient #1: virtue. Once one is saved, he should add “the quality of moral excellence” to his life. Ingredient #2: knowledge. To that, he should add, “a correct understanding of God gained through experience with the Scriptures.” Ingredient #3: temperance. To knowledge, add “control over one’s desires and passions.” Ingredient #4: patience. Add “longsuffering and endurance even in the face of difficulties.” Ingredient #5: godliness. One’s behaviour should “reflect the character of God.” Ingredient #6: brotherly kindness. One should add “kind affection and love for others.” Ingredient #7: charity. One should have “love directed first toward God but also toward one’s self and one’s neighbours as objects of God’s love.”

Remember, Peter reminds, in verse three, that “all things” for “life and godliness” are available. It is not impossible to add these things to one’s life. If life is to be complete, every ingredient is necessary. Nothing can be left out. A healthy blend of faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, broth-

Morning: 1 Samuel 15, 16

Evening: Luke 14:25-35

erly kindness, and charity makes for a fantastic recipe, one that is not only favourable in the eyes of others, but in the eyes of God as well. It is time to start cooking! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true or an *F* in the blank if the answer is false, based on Luke 2:36-38.

- _____ 1. Anna was a prophetess.
- _____ 2. After seven years of marriage, Anna became a widow.
- _____ 3. Anna was of the tribe of Benjamin.
- _____ 4. Anna spoke of the redemption of Jerusalem.
- _____ 5. Anna lived in the temple and served God there.

Quote of the Day

“Christianity is not something you do; it is something you are.” ~Russ Merrin

Thursday

April 15

Unsolved Puzzles

*“As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.”
Ecclesiastes 11:5*

When my grandmother would visit our home, most mornings her routine would be the same. She would get up before our family, make coffee, eat toast with peanut butter, and start working her crossword puzzles. I have tried on numerous occasions to complete those puzzles, and without fail, I always had to cheat and look up some of the answers.

There is a sense of accomplishment in figuring out a puzzle. Some evenings, my family will sit down and watch an old Perry Mason movie. We each predict who was the murderer and watch to see who solved the case correctly.

Here in Ecclesiastes, though, Solomon explains that there are some puzzles that we will never be able to solve. A miniscule fertilized egg growing into a human life with tissue and bone is a miracle. The works of God, the Maker of all creation, cannot be understood by man. Our finite minds simply cannot comprehend the vast all-knowing wisdom of God.

Dating back to the Garden of Eden, mankind has always wanted to have the wisdom of God, but sometimes God chooses not to reveal certain things to us. There are some things that we will not understand until we are with Him in Glory. Next time you cannot understand the

Morning: 1 Samuel 17, 18
Evening: Luke 15:1-10

trial or circumstance that is puzzling you, just leave it in the hands of God, the Maker of all.
~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto _____ to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. The book of 2 Thessalonians was written to whom? (2 Thess. 1:1).
A. Timothy
B. The Church of Thessalonica
C. Silvanus
D. The Church of Ephesus
2. The book of 2 Thessalonians contains how many chapters?
A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5
3. 2 Thessalonians 3:11-12 warns against what kind of people?
A. Lazy busybodies
B. Ruthless avengers
C. Complaining hypocrites
D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

“It is common for Christians to foolishly mismanage their money and then blame God for not blessing them financially.”

~Rod Rogers

Friday

April 16

What God Hates

“These six things doth the LORD hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”
Proverbs 6:16-19

God hates sin because it hurts His creation and more specifically, His children. God hates the proud look because it arrogantly declares “I don’t need God,” or “I haven’t done anything really bad.” Sadly though, the smallest mark of sin proves we do need God, and pride leads to the rejection of God and an eternity in Hell.

Sin began with the lie of Satan in the Garden of Eden. For that reason, it should be no wonder that God hates lying. That first lie has led us all into sin and has separated God from us, the creation He loves. Furthermore, lying serves as a constant divider of God’s people, yet another reason for Him to hate lies.

Murder was the result of pride. God hated it then, and He has not changed His mind. Genocide, murder, and abortion are no less an abomination today.

Left unchecked by the Holy Spirit, our hearts and imaginations lead us into darkness. God hates the wicked imagination and feet running to mischief because He knows the pain they bring. We need to heed Paul when he tells us to flee from sin.

Discord causes broken relationships, hurt

Morning: 1 Samuel 19-21
Evening: Luke 15:11-32

feelings, and loss of ability to be used by God. God loves His church and is angry with any who would attempt to poison it by purposely causing division.

If God hates it, we should also. He loves us, even those who are in these sins. We should work to avoid them at all costs. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto _____ to _____ one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank to complete the statement.

1. The Israelites put _____ on the doorposts so the angel of death would pass over their homes. Ex. 12:21-22
2. A _____ cloth was to be placed over the altar in the tabernacle. Num. 4:11
3. _____ and _____ rent (tore) their clothes when the Israelites murmured against the Lord about going into Canaan. Num. 14:6

Quote of the Day

“Persistence in sin destroys the assurance of salvation.” ~John Piper

Saturday

April 17

The Real Truth

“He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.” Psalm 96:13b

Tolerance, a buzzword in our times, is used with the connotation that “the only thing that is wrong is saying that something is wrong.” Truth has been reinterpreted as “doing whatever works best in your reality.” One of the most quoted lines of the Bible is “Judge not, lest you be judged.” Although terms are redefined, truth is subjective, and a general relativism pervades our culture.

The day is already appointed when God will judge the world in righteousness. He will judge according to His standards and by objective truth that applies to all people, for all times, and in all places. I long for the day when I will no longer “*see through a glass darkly*” but will see *Truth* in all its brilliance and purity. Every subtle deception and twisted half-truth will be exposed on the Day of Judgment. All will stand before God and be revealed for what they truly are. In that day, when the human heart will be excruciatingly naked, I am so thankful that I will be wearing a robe of righteousness, purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ. Although we don’t know when that day will come, we can swim against the cultural current and winsomely fight for righteousness and truth today. ~AJD

Morning: 1 Samuel 22-24
Evening: Luke 16:1-18

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 1:16 “For I am not _____ of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto _____; to _____ one that _____; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the son with his father.

- Son:** _____ 1. Jerah (1 Chron. 1:20)
_____ 2. Nebaioth (1 Chron. 1:29)
_____ 3. Jeush (1 Chron. 1:35)
_____ 4. Rehoboam (1 Chron. 3:10)
_____ 5. Jehoiakim (1 Chron. 3:15)

- Father:** A. Solomon
B. Ishmael
C. Esau
D. Josiah
E. Joktan

Quote of the Day

“There are basically only two kinds of religion in the world: those based on human achievement and those based on divine accomplishment. One says you can earn your way to Heaven; the other says you must trust in Jesus Christ alone.” ~John MacArthur

Pray for Our Current Culture

By Sumner Wemp

Over the last half-century, earth-shattering events have occurred to the extent that Mr. Average American is left breathless. To the Christian whose "redemption draweth nigh," these would seem to be signs that the end or consummation of the age is near. Bible-believing Christians still believe that Jesus is coming at any moment. Wars and rumors of wars have increased from one or two going on at a time until there are innumerable wars being waged simultaneously all over the world. They have increased in frequency and intensity. Earthquakes and volcanoes erupt in the most unexpected places; famines and floods are killing millions; hurricanes and cyclones are wrecking havoc as never before. As you read these words, millions of people are dying of starvation on every continent with the exception of Antarctica, which is mainly inhabited by penguins and polar bears. Famine is of such proportions that it staggers the imagination.

Lawlessness is rampant as Jesus prophesied it would be (Matt. 24:12). Evil men and impostors are increasingly worse (2 Tim. 3:13). Violence and senseless killings scare the daylights out of us all. These earth-shattering and shaking developments are far more explosive and volatile than rockets. Israel has become a nation, and millions of Jews have returned to Israel which many believe is the budding of the fig tree, a sign that the end is near.

Now, we are viewing events in the media, if not in person, beyond our most horrible nightmares. What is happening is not a "Nightmare on Elm Street." It is "Reality on Main Street U.S.A." Who would have believed our courts would have legalized murder in the womb of a mother? Who would have conceived in their

wildest imaginations that homosexuality would become "acceptable" as an "alternate lifestyle"? Who would have believed we cannot read the Bible or pray in our public schools—and in most schools not even teach the Bible as valid literature that has helped shape our civilization.

Are we seeing a repeat of Romans chapter one? Verses 28-32 say that the people, *“did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”* God said all of this is the "beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:8). The word "sorrows" in the Greek is the word "birth pains." The more frequent the pains and the more intense, the closer is the coming of the child. The events described above are all more frequent and more intense by the way. That means the coming of the Son of God must be very near! Does that ever describe our nation and world? Does it not scare you to death for those who do not know the Lord? Does it not stir you to get serious and serve the Lord with a fervency and faithfulness as never before? ~

Sunday

April 18

Learn, Lean, and Leap

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

The life of every believer should contain these three L’s. A Christian comedian once referred to these three L’s, saying that every believer begins with learning, then moves to leaning, and finally makes a move to leap. In all reality, we should each be pursuing all three continually.

II Timothy tells us that all Scripture is profitable for teaching and reproof (2 Tim. 3:16). Unless we have a perfect memory of every Scripture and its Biblical truth for our lives, we still have a lot to learn. In this case, we should be ever learning but also growing through application.

In Proverbs 3, we find the promise of God that He will direct our path. As we lean on Him, even when it seems that we should take other actions, we will find Him faithful. The more we lean on Christ in the good and bad times, the more we will find ourselves able to lean upon Him.

Jesus told the father of the boy possessed by a dumb spirit in Mark 9, that all things are possible for those who believe in Christ. Jesus is waiting for us to dream big and ask Him to fulfill our dreams in Him. Maybe it is time that we are just “foolish” enough to dream that God will do a mighty work in our lives. We need to stand at the edge of faith and leap whole-

Morning: 1 Samuel 25, 26

Evening: Luke 16:19-31

heartedly into the arms of our Saviour. We can know that He will exceed our plans if we just allow Him. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blanks to complete the commands given in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20.

1. “_____ ye therefore.”
2. “_____ all nations.”
3. “_____ them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
4. “_____ them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

Quote of the Day

“Saying, ‘I’ll do better’ is not true repentance!”
~Author Unknown

Monday

April 19

The Book of 1 John

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.”

1 John 1:1

John wrote this letter that he might share Christ with us. Dr. Warren Wiersbe feels that the Apostle John had five purposes in mind for sharing.

1. That we might have _____. 1 John 1:3 Fellowship means to have in common. As sinners who have trusted Christ as their Saviour, we have fellowship with each other and with a Holy God.
2. That we may have _____. 1 John 1:4 Joy is the by-product of fellowship. Sin promises joy, but it always produces sorrow.
3. That we may not _____. 1 John 2:1 The Christian life is one of victory, not of sin.
4. That we may not be _____ 1 John 2:26 The life that is real is characterized by discernment. Christians today must distinguish between right and wrong and not be deceived.
5. That we may know that we are _____. 1 John 5:13 The Christian life is not built on empty hopes, but on a real person, the man Jesus Christ. You can know you are saved. ~OV

Morning: 1 Samuel 27-29

Evening: Luke 17:1-19

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true or an *F* in the blank if the answer is false, based on Matthew 28:1-10.

- _____ 1. The angel of the Lord rolled back the stone from Jesus’ grave.
- _____ 2. The keepers of the grave ran away when they saw the angel of the Lord.
- _____ 3. The angel of the Lord sat on the stone that was rolled away from Jesus’ grave.
- _____ 4. When Mary Magdalene and Mary came to the sepulcher, the angel of the Lord did not speak to them.
- _____ 5. The angel of the Lord had clothing that was white as snow.

Quote of the Day

“It’s not what you do with the million if fortune should ere be your lot, but what are you doing at present with the dollar and quarter you got.” ~Author Unknown

Tuesday

April 20

Total Commitment

***“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31***

The fastest kid on my track team was an imposing figure. He was 6 feet tall and weighed 170 lbs. He was absolutely ripped and had thighs like tree trunks. When he ran, he looked like a gazelle. He had all the makings of a top-class sprinter, but there was one thing he lacked: commitment. He missed practices, showed up late for meets, and had a hard time finishing workouts. Although he possessed all of the physical tools, he rarely gave his all.

This kid reminds me of the rich young ruler, whose story is found in the New Testament. He was a man who thought he had done everything he needed to get eternal life. But when he asked Jesus, “What do I still lack?” Jesus told him to sell his possessions, give to the poor, and follow Him. The young man could not do it. He could not give up all that he had.

Since then, God has not changed. Jesus wanted total commitment back then, and He still wants total commitment from us today. It is only when we fully surrender ourselves TO Him that we can accomplish anything FOR Him. He has equipped us with many mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical tools. In order to maximize all He has given us, however, we must remain committed. ~AP

Morning: 1 Samuel 30, 31

Evening: Luke 17:20-37

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the answer is true or an *F* in the blank if the answer is false, based on Matthew 24:36-44.

- _____ 1. This passage is about watching for Christ’s unpredictable return.
- _____ 2. God the Father knows when the rapture will take place.
- _____ 3. The angels know when Christ will return.
- _____ 4. Jesus compares the time before the flood to what it will be like before Christ’s return.
- _____ 5. This passage indicates that some will be taken in the rapture and some will be left behind.

Quote of the Day

“We cannot give God anything; for everything is already His, and all we have comes from Him. We can only give Him praise, thanks, and honor.” ~Martin Luther

Wednesday

April 21

Fear

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:18

A small child may fear an imaginary monster under his bed or having no friends to play with during recess. A teenager may fear having no date to prom or not making enough money for college. A young adult may fear never getting married or not getting through a certain level of education. A mature adult may fear losing his job or a family member passing away.

Whatever period of life, we all face fears that threaten to rob us of joyful Christian living. Personally, there have been blessed moments of my life that have been tainted with nagging fear or worry. This is not God’s plan for our lives. He desires for us to rest in His all-knowing plan.

“Perfect love casts out fear.” Fear and worry in our hearts is evidence of our lack of love toward God and can show us just how far short we fall from our perfect Savior. Fearing is a result of our love not being perfected in Christ.

Friend, what are you fearing today? I can tell you, from personal experience, that living in fear robs you of experiencing a joyful Christian life, complete with all that God has for you. Confess your fear and worry to God. Confess your lack of love toward God, and ask Him to help you overcome the mountain of fear that is robbing you of joy. ~MFV

Morning: 2 Samuel 1-3

Evening: Luke 18:1-17

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God _____ our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blanks to complete the statements.

1. According to Leviticus 20:10 the punishment for committing adultery was _____.
2. In Leviticus 16:2 the cloud of God’s glory appeared over the _____.
3. _____ and _____ were devoured by fire for offering strange fire (offerings) before the Lord in Leviticus 10:1-2.
4. After the consecration of Aaron and his sons, what happened to the offering on the altar? Leviticus 9:22-24 _____

Quote of the Day

“Throughout the world, in nation after nation, men and women have died for their Christian faith. The very least we can do is live for our faith.” ~Author Unknown

Thursday

April 22

Pleasant Words

“Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.”
Proverbs 16:24

Pleasant means pleasing or agreeable. Proverbs 16:24 says that our words should be agreeable and pleasing. Our words should always encourage and uplift the hearer, words that are sweet and wholesome. When we speak to others our goal should always be for them to leave having been blessed by our words. I have been on the other end of conversations where I have walked away or said, “I can’t hear this.” Words have been spoken to cripple my very being, to hurt me to the core. Not a pleasant experience. These are the experiences where I have learned valuable lessons, lessons that will stay with me for a lifetime, lessons that taught WORDS do hurt!

Our goal as Christians is to edify other believers, Ephesians 4:29 says, ***“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”*** When we have spoken with a calm, sweet spirit, hearers delight to hear you. It is wise to remember that what we reap we will sow. If you are a bitter, angry, mean spirited person, chances are people are avoiding you and what you have to say. On the other end of the spectrum, if you use lovely words, people seem to flock to hear what you have to say.

So, if you want to be a good witness, be sweet and speak with love and humility; it is wise to speak pleasant words. ~KAT

Morning: 2 Samuel 4-6
Evening: Luke 18:18-43

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God _____ our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have _____ by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Christ was led away to which high priest first? John 18:13
A. Annas B. Vitellius
C. Caiaphas D. Josephus
2. What was inscribed over Jesus’ cross? John 19:19
A. Prince of the Jews
B. King of the Jews
C. Saviour of the Jews
D. Captain of the Jews
3. When Jesus died, for how long was there darkness over the land? Luke 23:44
A. 3 days B. 3 minutes
C. 3 hours D. 3 weeks

Quote of the Day

“If you don’t think about the second coming, it won’t impact your life.”

~Author Unknown

Friday

April 23

Content In Christ

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation, meaning your lifestyle, be without covetousness. In other words, we need to live happily with what God has provided for us. We should be able to look around at what God has provided, whether great or small, and bless God for it.

Some of the most miserable people that I have known are those believers who never seem to be pleased with what they have been given. Their spouse is not all they had hoped for, their house not big enough, or the promotion did not come with enough of a raise. They may even have admirable desires to further their education, seeking degree after degree, climbing the corporate or educational ladder, yet never finding spiritual success. They are “ever learning” and not truly knowing their God.

Conversely, I have known men and women, educated and uneducated, rich and poor, who understood that all they “owned” was a gift from God. These individuals were content, not that they were complacent or unwilling to grow, but they understood God would provide for their needs. What a different heart they have! Instead of a constant search for the next new toy, big thrill, promotion, or accolade, they search out God’s will and wait for His direction.

Are we content, or are we ever searching for something new? Be content with your God, and

Morning: 2 Samuel 7-9

Evening: Luke 19:1-28

His providence, but be continually searching for ways in which you can increase your faith, serve more, and be prepared for His return. Be content, but be ready! ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God _____ our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have _____ by faith into this _____ wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank to complete the statement.

1. _____ was not allowed to go into the Promised Land because of his rebellion. Num. 20:24
2. _____ fashioned a bronze serpent on a staff to heal the people when they looked upon it. Num. 21:9
3. _____ was a large man, and he had a huge bed made of iron. Deut. 3:11

Quote of the Day

“Look at Calvary and you will see the value of your soul.” ~Author Unknown

Saturday

April 24

Winds of Doctrine

“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” Ephesians 4:14–15

The buildings at the college I attended in Florida were designed to withstand the inevitable seasonal hurricanes. I remember huddling in a hallway with fellow students during Hurricane Ivan and feeling the nine-story brick building creak and bend. Because of the sturdy materials and careful design, the building withstood the strong winds and protected those in its shelter. Other buildings in the city were not as fortunate and were mangled and destroyed by the hurricane.

The truth is our stronghold. Having a strong foundation will prevent us from being damaged by winds of deceitful doctrine. It is not a matter of *if* the winds will come, but *when* they will come. We must take care to be discerning, wise, and mature. We must not believe everyone who has a new, clever, or appealing teaching. Knowing the truth is fundamental to discerning error. The Bible is our guide; we must take refuge in its power to protect us from falsehood. Prayerful immersion in Scripture will develop in us a strong spiritual structure that will stand through any storm. ~AJD

Morning: 2 Samuel 10-12

Evening: Luke 19:29-48

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 5:1-2 “Therefore being _____ by faith, we have _____ with God _____ our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have _____ by faith into this _____ wherein we stand, and _____ in hope of the glory of God.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Choose the correct answer.

1. Who of these was first on the scene after the resurrection of Christ? John 20:1
A. Peter B. Mary Magdalene
C. Cleopas D. Judas Iscariot
2. Pilate offered to release one prisoner—which prisoner did the Jews request to be released? Matt. 27:26
A. Jesus B. Paul
C. Barabbas D. Barnabas
3. What was the color of the robe placed on Jesus? John 19:2
A. Purple B. Blue
C. White D. Red

Quote of the Day

“If we want proof of God’s love for us, then we must look first at the cross where God offered up His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Calvary is the one objective, absolute, irrefutable proof of God’s love for us.” ~Jerry Bridges

The Rapture

By *Stephen Stallard*

The Rapture of the Church has been the subject of a lot of teaching in recent years. The dawn of a new millennium occasioned endless doomsday speculation. The advent of the wildly popular *Left Behind* series stirred an interest about prophecy within pop culture. This was followed up by responses to the *Left Behind* series by those Christians who believed it portrayed an unbiblical perspective of the end times. The debate has raged back and forth, and many books have been written, both fiction and non-fiction.

I am a pre-tribulational, pre-millennial, dispensationalist. This means that I believe that Christ will rapture His Church before a time of great judgment and then will return to establish a global Jewish kingdom. I do not intend, however, to make the theological case for the abovementioned views. Instead, I want to focus on the practical implications of a pre-tribulational rapture.

The Apostle Paul described both the Rapture and the Tribulation in his first epistle to the Thessalonian church (1 Thess. 4:13-5:11). He expounded two basic ramifications of a pre-trib Rapture.

First of all, ***the Rapture is a cause for encouragement***. Paul understood that the Thessalonians struggled to cope with death and suffering. He wanted them to understand that the concept of the Rapture provided hope (1 Thess. 4:13-14). Paul encouraged the Thessalonian believers to look up, because they would one day be reunited with their dead loved ones who had trusted in Christ (1 Thess. 4:16-17). The Thessalonians could also be encouraged because they would be spared from the wrath to

come (1 Thess. 5:9). In the context, this clearly refers to God's tribulational wrath. Paul wanted the Church at Thessalonica to be encouraged by this doctrine of the Rapture. He wanted them to have hope based on their future deliverance and their future reunion in the clouds.

Second, ***the Rapture is a call to evangelism***. Paul spoke of those who would be blindsided by the coming wrath of God (1 Thess. 5:3-7). The Apostle Paul described a world that would be caught off guard by the crushing force of God's tribulational wrath. And there would be no escape.

As Christians, we must realize that many people will be left behind when we are raptured to the clouds of glory. What will be their fate? While I believe that some, perhaps many, will be saved, we can also conclude that untold millions will die in their sin. Many unbelievers will rear the ugly head of defiance and embrace the ultimate expression of rebellious humanism: the antichrist.

How can we rescue these perishing souls? There is only one solution: we must reach them with the Gospel before it is too late. If you believe in a pre-trib rapture, as I do, then you must also believe that our last hope for evangelism lies in the here and now. We must seize the moment, develop a sense of urgency, and win our world for Christ.

Jesus will one day return in the clouds to take His waiting Bride home. What a glorious day that will be! But until then, we should focus on the cause for encouragement and heed the call to evangelism. Even so, come Lord Jesus.♦

Sunday

April 25

Pray Through the Son

"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5

We are to approach the Father through the Son. We are instructed to pray "in Jesus' name." Jesus stated, **"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it."** (Jn. 14:13-14) Asking "in Jesus name" is not a cliché to be tacked onto the end of our prayers. It is our sole access to God and our only right to ask and expect anything from God. **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** (Acts 4:12) There is no other name by which we come to God in prayer. If you walked into a bank with a check written for a million dollars and signed with my name, they would laugh you right out of there. But if it were signed by a well-known billionaire, you would have your money. Obvious, isn't it? You must ask "in Jesus' name" if you expect to receive anything.

It is appalling how often prayer is closed blandly. At more and more public events, prayer is either left out, or the person leading the prayer is asked to make it "nonsectarian," being cautioned beforehand not to end with "in Jesus' name." How sad to hear a minister pray at a public event--and lest he offend other religious groups, or even agnostics and atheists--merely close with an "amen." Many would have no respect for a Muslim who did not make his prayer to Allah. Christians should not

Morning: 2 Samuel 13, 14

Evening: Luke 20:1-26

dishonor God by leaving out His Son's name. When you pray "in Jesus' name," weigh those words and make it sincerely the prayer of your heart. ~SW

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the answer to the question.

1. How many stones did David gather from the brook before his attack on Goliath? 1 Samuel 17:40 _____
2. Who was the female judge of Israel? Judges 4:4 _____
3. Who had a donkey that spoke? Num. 22:28 _____
4. Who was the wife of Moses? Exodus 2:21 _____
5. Name two men who did not die. Gen. 5:24 & 2 Kings 2:11 _____

Quote of the Day

"Do you feel more loved when God makes much of you or do you feel more loved when God, at the cost of His Son, allows you to make much of Him?" ~John Piper

Monday

April 26

Love Not the World

“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.”

1 John 2:12-14

1 John 2:15 says, *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”* The *world* here is the invisible spiritual system opposed to God and Jesus. Satan is the leader of this world. Name the three devices used by the world system to trap Christians (1 John 2:16).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

It is important to note that a Christian never becomes worldly all of a sudden, but it is a gradual process. First, he becomes a friend of the world (James 4:4). Next, a Christian becomes spotted by the world (James 1:27). This means the believer gradually accepts and adopts the ways of the world. Finally, the believer conforms to the world (Romans 12:2). Then, it is hard to tell the two apart.

Morning: 2 Samuel 15, 16

Evening: Luke 20:27-47

The world does not appeal to the growing, maturing Christian. You must make a decision. Will you live for the present only, or will you live for the will of God and abide forever?

~OV

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. When Rahab hid the Israelite spies on her rooftop, what did she hide them under?
Josh. 2:6
 - A. Stalks of flax
 - B. A coil of rope
 - C. A blanket of sheep skin
 - D. None of the above
2. Who was Ruth’s sister-in-law? Ruth 1:1-2
 - A. Orpah
 - B. Naomi
 - C. Hannah
 - D. Mara

Quote of the Day

“The man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another has by his words.” ~Phillips Brooks

Tuesday

April 27

Walking in His Path

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

Olympic speed-skater Chad Hedrick was part of a two-medal finish in the 1,000-meter finals during the 2010 Winter Olympics, winning a bronze medal. After winning gold in the 2006 Olympics, Hedrick is one of the most prominent figures in Olympic speed-skating today. Recently, Hedrick was featured on the radio broadcast of Haven Today with the key line of the intro, “Chad Hedrick is not the same Chad Hedrick of four years ago.”

During this interview, Hedrick discussed his recent conversion experience. He admitted that most people knew him as a guy who worked hard and played hard. In describing his commitment to Christ, he said, “Now I find myself...really living a godly life. I feel like I’m going in the right direction. I gave my life to Christ, and now I know where I am going.

Christian, once you accepted Christ as your personal Savior, you started walking on His pathway. Now, let His words illuminate your steps. ~AP

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we _____ not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Morning: 2 Samuel 17, 18
Evening: Luke 21:1-19

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided, based on John 20:24-29.

1. Who was the last disciple to believe Jesus Christ had risen from the dead? _____
2. What was the other name this disciple was called? _____
3. What convinced him to believe?

4. What did Jesus say about those who believe in Him but never have seen Him?

Quote of the Day

“It is clear that obedience is intimately related to assurance; if we do not live and practice righteousness we have no reason to think that we are “born of God.” ~Ernest C. Reisinger

Wednesday

April 28

God's Word Is True

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”
2 Peter 1:16

“Once upon a time.” “A long time ago, in a land far away.” “It was a dark and stormy night.” The world is replete with stories and novels and, with each one, comes the first line. In just a few short words the author either has captured your attention or he has not. The words, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” have captured the attention of generations. When one reads the line, “Call me Ishmael,” he cannot help but be drawn into the story that follows. “I am the invisible man.” “It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.” Yes, the world is replete with fictional stories and novels...but the Bible is not one of them.

The Apostle Peter tosses out all possibility of anyone ever imagining that the Bible is something less than the truth. There is no “Once upon a time.” Although it happened “a long time ago in a land (that for us is) far, far away,” the message is not a fable. Peter, nor any of the other writers of Scripture, did not invent or create what they wrote. The message of the Word of God is fact and is based on actual events. In fact, Peter strengthened his argument when he wrote, “but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”

Your Bible is true! You have, in your grasp, the very Word of God. You can trust it more than Dickens, Melville, Ellison or Orwell. “We

Morning: 2 Samuel 19, 20

Evening: Luke 21:20-38

have not followed cunningly devised fables,” for “In the beginning God...” ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we _____ not what we _____ pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who was the first judge of Israel?
Judges 3:9-10
A. Deborah
B. Barak
C. Othniel
D. Sampson
2. A soldier dreamed of a Midianite tent being overturned by an unlikely object. What was it? Judges 7:13
A. Wheat
B. A cow cart
C. A cake of barley
D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

“All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him.”
~John MacArthur

Thursday

April 29

A Wise Woman

**“Every wise woman buildeth her house....”
Proverbs 14:1**

Every woman ought to strive to have the best atmosphere in her home. It should be a home that bears love, love of God and of family. A wise woman’s home should be discrete and judicious, not foolish or void of understanding.

Let’s look at the wise woman. Proverbs 31:10-31 is a perfect place to look. The wise woman is virtuous, trustworthy, and hard working. She handles money with great care, speaks wisdom, is kind, and called blessed by all in her family.

Like an architect, we want everything to be in perfect order, sturdy, and able to handle all the storms this life brings forth. In order to obtain a strong home, we need to prepare, plan, and build. Ephesians 2:20-21 states that believers, **“are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.”** According to the Scripture above, we see that Jesus is our answer to all the wisdom we need. Be immersed in the Word of God, gaining daily His wisdom and knowledge. Be in constant prayer for loved ones.

Ladies, strive to be all that God wants you to be for your family. Men, pray that your wife will be all that the Lord has made her to be and encourage her daily in her walk. ~KAT

Morning: 2 Samuel 21, 22

Evening: Luke 22:1-30

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we _____ not what we _____ pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself _____ intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer:

1. Which king’s body was thrown down at the city gate and then covered with rocks?
Joshua 8:29
A. Azekah
B. The king of Ai
C. Hiram—King of Gezer
D. Barak
2. Which king opposed Joshua’s army and was totally defeated, with none of his soldiers left alive? Joshua 10:33
A. Azekah
B. The king of Ai
C. Hiram—king of Gezer
D. Barak
3. What enemies of Israel were pelted by hailstones from the Lord? Joshua 10:11-12
A. Azekah
B. The king of Ai
C. Hiram—king of Gezer
D. Barak

Quote of the Day

“Behind every self-defeating behaviour is a lie you believe.” ~Author Unknown

Friday

April 30

Mentoring

“The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands.” Titus 2:3-5

Sitting in McDonald’s, I witnessed a beautiful exchange between two people. A young college-aged girl, an off-duty employee of the establishment, patiently waited in a booth. She was on her way to classes for the day. After a few minutes, a middle-aged employee stepped out of the work area. The college student and older woman exchanged a lengthy hug, and the young girl began to get teary-eyed as she said, “I am going to miss you.” Fighting back the tears, the girl pulled away and started to head for the door. The middle aged woman yelled to her something to this affect, “Don’t give way to the pressures; stay strong!” To which the girl replied as she held back the tears, “I won’t.”

Within those few minutes of observing the scenario, I came to a couple of conclusions. The older woman was an encouragement and mentor to the younger girl, and perhaps as a result, the young girl loved the older woman. Isn’t that a perfect picture of how Christianity should work? The older should mentor the younger, and the younger should accept advice from the older. However, both parties are instructed and warned in 1 Peter 5:5 to be subject to one another and to be clothed with humility.

God had a perfect plan when He instructed

Morning: 2 Samuel 23, 24

Evening: Luke 22:31-53

the older to teach the younger. May the young be swift to hear and accept advice, and may the older give advice and love with humility.

~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

Romans 8:26 “Likewise the Spirit also _____ our infirmities: for we _____ not what we _____ pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself _____ intercession for us with _____ which cannot be uttered.”

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the blanks to answer the following questions.

1. Who had five Amorite kings sealed up in a cave by rolling large rocks up to its entrance? Josh. 10:16-18 _____
2. Who accepted an invitation to hide from his enemies in a tent, and was then murdered by the woman who invited him? Judges 4:17-21 _____
3. Who sang a victory song that mentions white donkeys? Judges 5:1,10 _____

Quote of the Day

“As a result of the loss of ‘true truth,’ the defining value of our culture has become tolerance. If there is no truth, then everything should be tolerated.” ~Joseph Stowell

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle: The Greatest Story Ever Told

Word Search: Crucifixion and Resurrection

Bible Quiz Answers:

Apr 1 Pg 2 1B, 2A, 3C
 Apr 2 Pg 3 1Midian, 2He was Moses' father-in-law, 3He sacrificed to God, 4He told him to appoint capable rulers to judge the smaller matters, 5He went back to his home land
 Apr 3 Pg 4 1C, 2E, 3D, 4A, 5B
 Apr 4 Pg 6 1Flesh, 2Christ, aliens, hope, 3Jesus, nigh, blood
 Apr 5 Pg 7 1B, 2A, 3E, 4D, 5C

Bible Quizzes

Apr 6 Pg 8 1Hear instruction, 2Destruction, 3Shame, 4Contention, 5Hard
 Apr 7 Pg 9 1B, 2A, 3B
 Apr 8 Pg 10 1Comfort, 2Edify, 3Patient, 4Good, 5Quench
 Apr 9 Pg 11 1B, 2C, 3D
 Apr 10 Pg 12 1A, 2A, 3B
 Apr 11 Pg 14 1Cain, 2Melchizedek, 3Jacob, 4Abraham, 5Aaron
 Apr 12 Pg 15 1C, 2E, 3A, 4B, 5D
 Apr 13 Pg 16 1B, 2D, 3C
 Apr 14 Pg 17 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5T
 Apr 15 Pg 18 1B, 2B, 3A
 Apr 16 Pg 19 1Lamb's blood, 2Blue, 3Joshua and Caleb
 Apr 17 Pg 20 1E, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5D
 Apr 18 Pg 22 1Go, 2Teach, 3Baptizing, 4Teaching
 Apr 19 Pg 23 1T, 2F, 3T, 4F, 5T
 Apr 20 Pg 24 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5T
 Apr 21 Pg 25 1Death, 2Mercy seat, 3Nadab & Abihu, 4Lord consumed it
 Apr 22 Pg 26 1A, 2B, 3C
 Apr 23 Pg 27 1Aaron, 2Moses, 3Og
 Apr 24 Pg 28 1B, 2C, 3A
 Apr 25 Pg 30 1Five, 2Deborah, 3Balaam, 4Zipporah, 5Enoch & Elijah
 Apr 26 Pg 31 1A, 2A
 Apr 27 Pg 32 1Thomas, 2Didymas, 3Jesus appeared and let Thomas see and feel the scars in His hands and let him put his hand in His side. 5 "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."
 Apr 28 Pg 33 1C, 2C
 Apr 29 Pg 34 1B, 2D, 3A
 Apr 30 Pg 35 1Joshua, 2Sisera, 3Deborah & Barak