



the **bread** *of* **life**

devotional guide

“And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” - Luke 4:4

March 1, 2011

Dear Friend in Christ,

Spring is in the air! Isn't it wonderful to see everything come back to life after a long winter? Trees and flowers begin to bud and bloom. The weather is warmer. It just feels good.

Sometimes, we get into the “winter months” in our spiritual lives. Our time with the Lord is not what it used to be. Does that characterize your walk with the Lord now? Maybe you need a revival in your spiritual life. Maybe you need to start growing again.

This month, before you do the daily routine in your devotional book, we challenge you to start by spending time in prayer asking God for spiritual revival in your personal life. Ask God to renew you this month. *“Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13*

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Devotional Staff

Tuesday

March 1

Morning: Numbers 26-27

Evening: Mark 8:22-38

Dangerous Distractions

In high school, I worked at a small diner as a cook. One day, as I was carrying out my normal duties, I accidentally dropped a fish patty directly into the friar instead of placing it into the basket as was the normal custom. I grabbed a pair of short tongs because they were the closest tool available. Just as I was reaching to fish the patty out of the molten grease, I was distracted by a new order. I then submerged my hand into the popping oil. Fortunately, I was able to remove my hand before any permanent damage took place; but the pain was excruciating for hours afterward.

Getting distracted in our Christian lives can lead to pain and possibly disaster. When we stay focused on Christ, we keep our eyes on the prize. Philippians 3:14 says, ***“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*** Whatever is taking the focus off of Christ in our lives, we need to shed.

What are you doing today that will count for eternity? What things are slowly pulling your heart away from Christ? Take time to reevaluate your priorities for today, tomorrow, and ten years from now. Even good things can distract us from the best. ~JSV

Scripture Fill-In

“What time I am _____, I will _____ in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.” Psalm 56:3-4

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What was the name of Jonah’s father? (Jonah 1:1)
A. Amittai C. Abimelech
B. Achan D. Abidah
2. God told Jonah to go to what city? (Jonah 1:2)
A. Nob C. Nisan
B. Nineveh D. Nimrim
3. Jonah fled to what city? (Jonah 1:3)
A. Tarsus C. Tarshish
B. Tartan D. Tekoa
4. How did the sailors know that the storm was caused because of Jonah? (Jonah 1:7)
A. They started guessing.
B. They interrogated every man.
C. They prayed and asked God.
D. They cast lots.
5. When Jonah said that he feared the LORD God of Heaven, what was the sailor’s reaction? (Jonah 1:9-10)
A. They laughed.
B. They did not understand.
C. They were very afraid.
D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

“The possession of the good news of the Gospel involves the obligation to share it.”
~William Barclay

Wednesday

March 2

A Sincerely Contrite Heart

*“Against thee, thee only, have I sinned.”
Psalm 51:4*

Have you ever considered that each time you sin through transgression, iniquity, or rebellion that it is against God? Many times we are overcome by our transgressions, confessing them as sin and becoming very remorseful. For what reason are we remorseful? Is it because we got caught? Is it remorse over our own failure? Or, do we suffer guilt and shame over our insult against God with every trespass?

David had a correct perspective on his sin. In many instances David looked at his sin and said, “Against thee have I sinned, O Lord.” He knew these sins to be primarily an affront to God. As he sinned against God, his sin affected those around him as well.

What if we viewed each of our sins as a direct attack upon the holiness of God? Would we then take each transgression more seriously? Would we flee with terror the desires of the flesh? Would we have a greater reverence when we approach the throne of God? Would we make a change that required a fundamental altering of our understanding of sin and repentance?

David knew the truth about sin; and in response, he fell at the feet of his Heavenly Father with a sincerely contrite heart. While on his face, he pleaded for forgiveness and restoration. He has been known, as described in Scripture, as “a man after God’s own heart”

Morning: Numbers 28-29

Evening: Mark 9:1-29

because of these pleas and earnest repentance. When was the last time we had such a heart?
~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

What time I am _____, I will _____ in thee. In God I will _____ his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.” Psalm 56:3-4

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the verse with the reference.

- _____ 1. “Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”
- _____ 2. “For of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”
- _____ 3. “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.”
- _____ 4. “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”

- A. Luke 6:45 B. Psalm 51:10
- C. Isaiah 57:15 D. Psalm 57:7

Quote of the Day

“He who teaches the Bible is never a scholar; he is always a student.” ~Anonymous

Thursday

March 3

Deborah & Jael

“And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.” Judges 4:4-5

“Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite.” Judges 4:17

Deborah was the fourth prophetess and only female judge in the Bible. I can only image that she was a strong and independent woman. God certainly trusted her with the responsibility of getting Barak where He needed him to be.

Here’s the story. God told Barak to go to Mount Tabor to engage Sisera’s army in battle. Barak was afraid, so he asked Deborah the prophetess to go with him. Can you just hear him whining now? “Please Deborah, I won’t go if you don’t come with me; please, please, please.” So she goes with him into the mighty siege.

It was battle day, and Deborah sent him out. The battle was God’s that day, and Sisera’s army was defeated. But, Sisera ran away and into the tent of Jael the wife of Heber. Here is another woman used of God. Judges 4:21 says this, *“Then Jael Heber’s wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.”*

Morning: Numbers 30-31

Evening: Mark 9:30-50

God seems to use a variety of circumstances and people to do His will. We must be ready to be that person! Be ready, and be willing! ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“What time I am _____, I will _____ in thee. In God I will _____ his word, in _____ I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.” Psalm 56:3-4

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- Which of the following women in the Bible was NOT a prophetess?
A. Deborah (Jdg. 4:4-5)
B. Miriam (Ex. 15:20)
C. Huldah (2 Ki. 22:14)
D. Anna (Lk. 2:36)
E. None of the above
- What was another word used for the word, prophet? (1 Sam. 9:19; 2 Sam. 15:27)
A. Seer C. Shrink
B. Sorcerer D. Sight Beholder

Quote of the Day

“Be dogmatically true, obstinately holy, immovably honest, desperately kind, fixedly upright.”
~ Charles Spurgeon

Friday

March 4

Avoid Temptation

“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.” James 1:13

Satan brings temptation in our lives, and the temptation is encouraged by our fallen nature. In this section, James deals with temptations on the inside.

How can we avoid temptation? First, consider God’s judgment (1:13-16). Just as children, immature Christians operate on feelings and easily fall into temptation. However, an adult or mature Christian should act godly because it is right, no matter how he feels. Whenever faced with temptation, get your eyes off the immediate desire or satisfaction, and look ahead to see the consequence of sin: the judgment of God. Romans 6:23 says, *“For the wages of sin is death.”*

Second, consider God’s goodness. God gives only good gifts. James 1:17 says, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* “Cometh down” is a participle meaning, “It keeps coming down constantly.”

Third, in order to avoid temptation, consider God’s divine nature within you (1:18). If you have been born again, look within and realize you have the divine nature within yourself.

~OV

Morning: Numbers 32-33

Evening: Mark 10:1-31

Scripture Fill-In

“What time I am _____, I will _____ in thee. In God I will _____ his word, in _____ I have put my trust; I will not _____ what flesh can do unto me.” Psalm 56:3-4

Bible Quiz

True and False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement. Refer to 1 Kings 13.

- _____ 1. King Jeroboam’s hand was cut off.
- _____ 2. The man of God that cried against the altar at Bethel was unable to restore the king’s hand.
- _____ 3. The prophet in 1 Kings 13 died because of his disobedience in going to the king’s house.
- _____ 4. The man of God was killed by a bear.
- _____ 5. The man of God was buried in the old prophet’s grave.

Quote of the Day

“Man has always been dexterous at confusing evil with good. That was Adam and Eve’s problem, and it is our problem today. If evil were not made to appear attractive, there would be no such thing as temptation.”

~Billy Graham

Saturday

March 5

Disappointing God

“O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?” Deuteronomy 3:24

Philip Yancey wrote a book in the eighties titled, *Disappointment With God*. I recently read the book and found myself wanting to hide the title when other people were around. How could I be disappointed with *God*?

Our view of God is critical to how we live our lives. The question of His existence is so hotly debated because it has huge implications, and for those who believe He exists, the question of His nature is constantly discussed because it is paramount to understanding how to act in this world.

I picked up the book because I realized I had expectations of God that He was not fulfilling. Were His actions wrong or were my expectations? Obviously, my expectations and understanding of Him were not according to reality. I needed a perspective adjustment. I needed to dig deeper into the character of the majestic, mysterious God of the universe.

Eventually, I came to the point where what I feared more than being disappointed in God was that I would disappoint Him. Everything I do falls short of His perfection, thus causing Him disappointment. This bleak picture is incomplete. Jesus Christ took away all my disappointing sinfulness and replaced it with His perfect righteousness. Jesus has allowed me to stand before God without shame.

Morning: Numbers 34-36

Evening: Mark 10:32-52

If you find yourself disappointed with God, I urge you not to hide it, but face it. God is great and mighty and can handle any question you ask. ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“What time I am _____, I will _____ in thee. In God I will _____ his word, in _____ I have put my trust; I will not _____ what _____ can do unto me.”
Psalm 56:3-4

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Then, take some time to talk to your Heavenly Father.

1. Have you ever been disappointed with God? Explain.

2. Has there been a time recently in which you felt God was disappointed with you? Explain.

Quote of the Day

“I have no hope beneath the canopy of heaven, neither in time nor in eternity, save only in this belief—that Jesus Christ, in my place, bore both my punishment and sin.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Sunday

March 6

Grace in Vain?

“For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

The Apostle Paul profoundly stated that he was not worthy to be called an apostle, because he persecuted the church of the God. He saw himself the way God saw him—not only a wretched sinner (the farthest thing from holiness), but above all sinners due to the fact he purposefully took the blood of those who were trusting in Christ as their Savior. Now, that’s a past that would be hard to live with. However, Paul challenges us with his next statement. He says he is what he is. He can’t change the facts. He starts verse 10 with a huge **BUT**. *“But...His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain.”* Paul proceeds to tell how fervently he has labored for the cause of Christ. He doesn’t do so with boasting; it’s just fact. 2 Corinthians 11:23-27 gives a good picture of the perils of Paul’s perseverance as a defender of the Gospel.

What stands out to me in 1 Corinthians 15:10 is the message that God’s grace extended to him by God was not in vain. This prevailing thought should make any one of us look at our lives and evaluate how we have utilized God’s grace in our lives since we have been saved. Paul’s “saving” was immensely worthwhile. Paul treasured God’s marvelous grace in his

Morning: Deuteronomy 1-2

Evening: Mark 11:1-19

life and demonstrated that fact through his living and works. Thus, Paul could say that God’s grace was not wasted on him.

How many of you are satisfied that you are saved and on your way to Heaven? I know of someone who once said that that was all he wanted out of his Christian life. For him and others like that I feel great sorrow. You will miss much on earth and in Heaven. Don’t you want Christ to use you when He has given you an eternity with Him? He bought you with His blood. Are you living under grace in vain? Do you not feel a sense of debt? I hope you will consider the passages and determine to let the power of God’s grace come upon you in full surrender as you live out your Christian life.

Paul closes this chapter with this verse: *“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” ~ NBM*

Scripture Fill-In

“I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.” Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

Who’s Who? Write the name of the person in the blank who fits the description.

- _____ 1. Rehoboam’s mother
(2 Chron. 12:13)
- _____ 2. Rehoboam’s favorite wife, daughter of Absalom (2 Chron. 11:20-21)

Seven Reasons to Not Get Married

By Sumner Wemp

“But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.”

I Corinthians 7:28 Can you imagine this passage of Scripture quoted as part of a wedding ceremony? The Apostle Paul's realistic take on marriage smacks against the romantic ideal of "love at first sight" and even more, the belief that wedlock will bring perpetual bliss. But, Paul's opinion on marriage (not surprisingly, Paul chose to remain single) does spotlight a truth that couples cannot afford to ignore - whether they are contemplating getting married, are already engaged, or have been wed for years.

Being a husband or wife is not easy. More specific, marriage will, at times, bring great difficulty. Divorce remains prevalent because many couples do not realize this, so when trouble comes, they give up too soon, hurt and disillusioned as their definition of what a marriage should be becomes shattered.

I do not want that to happen to you. Therefore, I put together this unusual list, and even did an entire radio program on this topic - The Seven Reasons Not to Get Married - to give you the reality check you need to go into marriage, or continue onward in your existing mar-

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riage, with your eyes wide open. Consider each one carefully and honestly.

You should probably not get married if...

1. You are unwilling to put the needs of another person above your own.

Romans 12:10 says, *“Be kindly affectioned (devoted) one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.”* In the Greek, "devoted" is defined in this verse as reciprocal tenderness, while "honor" is identified as showing deference to another person. How often are these characteristics apparent in how you behave toward your fiancé or spouse?

2. You are easily offended, carry grudges, and are unwilling to forgive.

An overly sensitive, vengeful, or calloused attitude has no place in any relationship, especially a marriage. The Bible gives you the challenging yet correct standard: *“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”* *Colossians 3:13*

3. You are an abusive person (mentally, emotionally, physically).

Author and domestic violence expert Lundy Bancroft finds that abusers - who, by the way, are primarily men but also include women - abuse for a variety of reasons, including a need for power and control, finding someone to blame for their problems, and wanting to be the center of attention.

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Monday

March 7

A Passion for People

Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.” Philippians 4:1

This is one of many verses where we see the heart of the Apostle Paul. He had a great passion for the souls of lost men and a great concern for the growth of believers.

Take another look at this verse and see what Paul says regarding the believers in Philippi. First, he considered them brethren, part of a unique spiritual family united to fulfill the purpose of the church. They were working together to win the souls of men and women. But to Paul they were not only brethren, they were dearly beloved. Paul genuinely loved the fellow Christians. What about your brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you consider them beloved brethren?

Paul looked at these believers as his joy and his crown. They were a source of happiness to Paul. He found true joy in their successes. They were also Paul’s crown, and his future reward. If we will look closely at this verse, we see more than the feeling that Paul had for these believers. We can see his desire for them. He wanted them to stand fast in the Lord. He loved them, so he wanted them to experience spiritual success. He wanted them to be all that they could be for the Lord.

What about your relationship with the family of God? Do you have a true passion for them? What are you doing to see them stand fast in the Lord? ~DLW

Morning: Deuteronomy 3-4

Evening: Mark 11:20-33

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.” Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Refer to 1 Kings 14:1-20.

- _____ 1. Abijah was the son of King Jeroboam.
- _____ 2. The king’s wife had the idea to deceive the prophet.
- _____ 3. The prophet Ahijah predicted the death of the king’s son.
- _____ 4. Abijah died as a result of Jeroboam’s sin.
- _____ 5. Jeroboam did more evil than all before him.
- _____ 6. Jeroboam reigned for twenty years, and his son Nadab ruled after him.

Quote of the Day

“We have to note very carefully the word the Christian ethic uses for love. It is the word *agape* . . . It means an undefeatable attitude of goodwill; it means that no matter what the other man does to us we will never under any circumstances seek anything but his good.”

~William Barclay

Tuesday

March 8

Jude

The church must stand against the growing apostasy that is all around us. There are those who would claim Christ and yet live so violently opposite to His Gospel that believers gaze upon them dumbfounded. We must raise the standard of truth using it as our shield and our guide.

In verses 5-16, Jude gives examples of the judgment God brought upon those who refused to follow His leading. These are not people who have never heard the truth but are ones who have heard and turned away. They are not only following a lie but are actively trying to spread it. Jude throws back the curtain on their deception and reminds the church to be on their guard. Vigilance is the key; without it, we slide ever so easily down the slope of a watered down Gospel, more concerned about feelings and feeding the lost than winning them to Christ. Jesus Himself gave us an example to follow in the feeding of the five thousand. It was a means to an end. He fed them so that He could give them the real bread, Himself and eternal life.

In verses 22-23, Jude lays out the pattern for the church. We need to know what we know. If we don't know God's Word and His purpose, then we will be ineffective in its defense and furtherance. We must read and know it, instead of being spiritual novices who are not even sure where our armor and weapons are. Satan will capitalize on any advantage we give him. We must become prayer warriors. The greatest battles and victories in Scripture took place around those who regularly got on their

Morning: Deuteronomy 5-7

Evening: Mark 12:1-27

faces before God. We need to stay in love with our Savior, reminding ourselves of His goodness. Having enjoyed mercy, we should extend it to others. Finally, in following God, we must run into the battle proclaiming the Gospel message of salvation through Christ alone, plucking the lost from the very fires of hell. ~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

"I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will _____ unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."
Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer. Refer to Judges 15:16-20.

1. What unusual place did God supply water for Samson?
A. A shallow hole in the ground
B. The jawbone of a donkey
C. A jug hidden behind a cactus
D. None of the above
2. What did Samson name the place where God provided him with water?
A. Enhakkore C. Eber
B. Edom D. Endrei

Quote of the Day

"I wish I could send all my workers to hell for one day, then send them out to work for God."

~William Booth

Wednesday

March 9

Morning: Deuteronomy 8-10

Evening: Mark 12:28-44

Are You Ready to Give Up?

“Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” Acts 14:22

Do you just want to give up? Maybe you want to quit your job. Maybe you had a fight with another believer, and now you do not want to come to church anymore. Maybe you are tired of trying to lose weight, and working out and dieting are just about to be history. Maybe you are sick of going to school. Maybe you have not seen many results in the ministry in which you are involved, and you are just about to quit. Maybe your marriage has been on the rocks for years, and you are just tired of fighting. Maybe you are weary with life in general.

Acts 14:22 says, *“We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.”* Trials are inevitable. Throughout the Christian life, there will be obstacles that seem to threaten your very existence. At those moments, you may just want to give up. But during those moments, you have such a wonderful opportunity to persevere and continue in the faith as a good disciple of Jesus Christ. As a result of your faithfulness, your personal faith will grow, and your heavenly Father will be glorified. AMEN!

Oh dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I wish I could express how much the Father loves each of you. He sees and knows your pain. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 says, *“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”* God will

complete the work He started in you. He will enable you to persevere. Pour your whole heart out to Him today. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will _____ unto thee among the nations. For thy _____ is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.” Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following verses about trials.

- 1 Peter 1:7—“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of _____ that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”
- 1 Peter 4:12-13—“Beloved, think it not _____ concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but _____, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's _____; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”

Quote of the Day

“Pain and sufferings do not cause the greatest damage in times of trial. Confusion is the factor that shreds one’s faith.” ~James Dobson

Thursday

March 10

The Problem of Evil

“But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.”
1 Corinthians 1:27

What is the definition of evil? You may have various descriptions come to mind. Maybe you give pause at the lack of adequate words to define such a vast and horrific thing. Answers may vary among believers, but if you ask this question of a person who does not believe in God, the answer is very murky. When you have no standard, no absolute, no perfection, then describing evil is nearly impossible. Yet, we all know it exists.

Often Christians are made to look foolish because they have inadequate answers for the existence of evil. However, we are not the only ones responsible to give answers for the evil in this world. When you turn the question around and ask an unbeliever to explain evil, then the thinness of their world-view becomes evident.

Christians may not be able to give airtight answers, but there is a lot we can say about evil, not only theoretically, but also practically. Frederick Nietzsche, from whom the phrase “God is dead” originated, spent the last years of his life insane. Hitler and Stalin, both influenced by Nietzsche’s writings, scourged humanity with some of the most unspeakable evil ever.

When a person refuses to face the existence of God, then the existence of evil is questionable as well. If evil does not exist then every

Morning: Deuteronomy 11-13

Evening: Mark 13:1-13

action, no matter how despicable, can be justified.

With love and graciousness, be prepared to question an unbeliever’s pre-suppositions and expose their lack of supportable answers to the problem of evil. ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will _____ unto thee among the nations. For thy _____ is _____ unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.” Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false.

- _____ 1. 1 Peter 5:8 compares the devil to a roaring lion.
- _____ 2. Revelation 12:9-10 tells that Satan accuses the brethren before God day and night.
- _____ 3. In Matthew 12:24, Satan is called Beelzebub.

Quote of the Day

“A real firebrand is distressing to the devil; and when a wide-awake believer comes along, taking the Gospel seriously, we can expect sinister maneuvering for his downfall.” ~Vance Havner

Friday

March 11

Where's the Possum?

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

On the wall of the teen room at Monclova Road Baptist Church hangs the front end of an old checker cab. In an attempt to decorate the teen room, several teens and teen staff members painted the wall behind the cab to look like a road. To spruce up the road a bit, they attached a stuffed possum to it to imply road-kill. Because the possum would not stay attached to the wall, someone in the teen group moved it to another area of the teen room. From that simple movement, the game of "Where's the possum" began. Waldo, as he is now called, has hid in the pop machine, in the rafters, behind signs, in Christmas presents, and various other places. Each week, when teens arrive to teen group or Sunday School, the daily possum hunt is on. Waldo, is highly sought after.

The Apostle Paul reminded his readers that in life, they were to seek after things of greater importance than the things of this world. It is interesting to note that in Paul's use of the word "seek," he implies both a desire to obtain and the exertion of effort. Basically, Paul is saying "make the things that you desire heavenly things and invest your time obtaining the things that are heavenly." It should be noted that the only reason why anyone would seek after anything is a result of possessing the desire to obtain it. Do you desire the things of God or are the things of the world more

Morning: Deuteronomy 14-16

Evening: Mark 13:14-37

important to you? Paul reminds us that if we are "risen with Christ," (AKA: true believers) then our desire should be to obtain heavenly things more than earthly things. So, I guess Waldo will never get found, right? Not exactly, search all you want for the possum, but make the desires of your heart heavenly things. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

"I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will _____ unto thee among the nations. For thy _____ is _____ unto the heavens, and thy _____ unto the clouds."
Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who was the king after Asa? (1 Ki. 15:24)
A. Jehoshaphat C. Abijah
B. Joshua D. Hodiah
2. In what year of King Asa's reign was Nadab killed by Baasha? (1 Ki. 15:25-28)
A. Second year C. Ninth year
B. Third year D. Tenth year

Quote of the Day

"We look on prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves. The Bible's idea of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself."
~Oswald Chambers

Saturday

March 12

Are You Like Jonah

“But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.”
Jonah 1:3

Are you like Jonah? The question may startle you. The question may immediately provoke the response—ABSOLUTELY NOT! But let’s be realistic. Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, God shows us what He wants each of us to do. At salvation, the Holy Spirit indwells you. He shows you how to live your Christian life. 1 John 2:27 says, *“But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is true, and is no a lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him.”* Luke 4:1 tells us of a time when Jesus was led by the Spirit to go into the wilderness. *“And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.”*

So, after you are prompted by the Holy Spirit, you have a choice to make. Will you go over to the neighbor’s house and tell of the Hope that lies within you? Will you commit to teaching that Sunday school class the superintendent keeps asking you to teach. Will you increase your giving to missions? Will you _____ (Fill in the blank)?

God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh. *“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out*

Morning: Deuteronomy 17-19

Evening: Mark 14:1-25

against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me.” But, instead of heeding the Lord’s call, Jonah actually went the opposite direction and fled to Tarshish. Now, you know the rest of the story. After God’s chastening, Jonah preached in Nineveh, but Jonah had to endure quite a bit due to his original disobedience to God.

Dear friend, God’s chastening is NOT something you want to endure. What has He asked you to do? Why are you not doing it?
~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ thee, O Lord, among the people: I will _____ unto thee among the nations. For thy _____ is _____ unto the heavens, and thy _____ unto the _____.”
Psalm 57:9-10

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Has God recently asked you to do something? _____
2. Are you doing it? Why or why not?

3. Do you fear the chastening of God in your life? _____

Quote of the Day

“God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself because there is no such thing.”
~C. S. Lewis

Sunday

March 13

Is Christ Preeminent?

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.” 3 John 9

I have always found this passage interesting. Diotrephes was an apparent leader in the church. He did not want the Apostle Paul to come and minister to the church because he wanted to have the preeminence. He wanted to have the first place.

God desires and deserves the first place in our lives. In Colossians 1:18, Paul said that Christ should have the preeminence in all things. Christ earned the right to have the first place in our lives. He earned that right through creation. He made us; we did not have the ability to create ourselves. Had God not created us, we would not be here. Because we are here as a result of Him and His love, we owe Him the first place in our lives.

There is another reason why He has the right to be first in our lives. He deserves the preeminence because of salvation. The price He paid to purchase our salvation makes Him worthy of all we are and all we have. Christ is worthy without question. Does He have the preeminence in your life? Is He first in every area of your life? If not, why not? He created us; He died for us; He deserves the first place.
~DLW

Morning: Deuteronomy 20-22

Evening: Mark 14:26-50

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the Biblical character with his description.

- ___ 1. Gaal
- ___ 2. Menahem
- ___ 3. Gabriel
- ___ 4. Elon
- ___ 5. Abishai

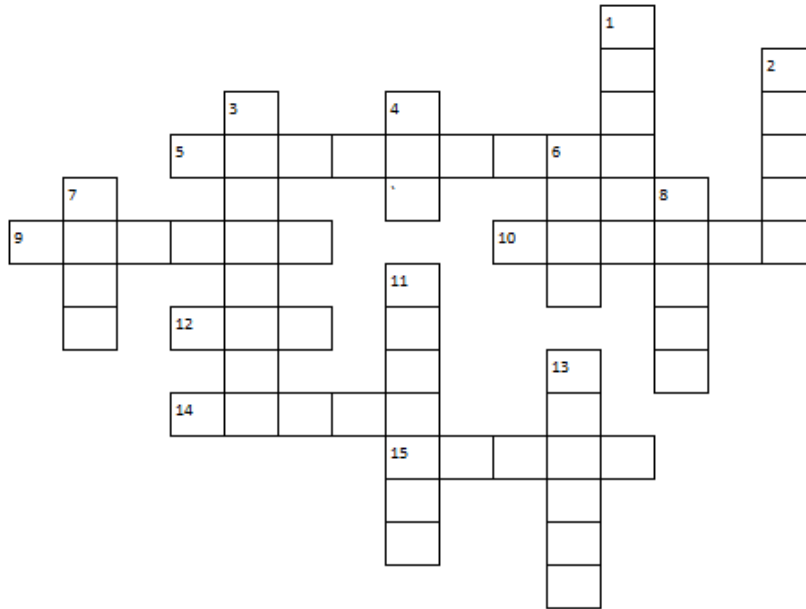
- A. Saved David from being slain by a Philistine (2 Sam. 21:17)
- B. Conspired against and is defeated by Abimelech (Jdg. 9:26-41)
- C. Killed Shallum (2 Ki. 15:14)
- D. Father-in-law of Esau (Gen. 26:34)
- E. Appeared to Daniel (Dan. 8:16-17)

Quote of the Day

“The word *grace* emphasizes at one and the same time the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God.” ~William Barclay

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Animal Frenzy



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5. The beast mentioned in Job 41 and Psalm 104.
9. Samson used a jawbone of this creature to kill a thousand men. (Jdg. 15)
10. Fed Elijah (1 Ki. 17:4-6)
12. Gideon compared the men drinking from the river to the drinking of this animal. (Jdg. 7:5)
14. Animal used by Abel for sacrifice (Gen. 4:4)
15. David talks of this bird in Psalm 103.

DOWN

1. Samson used this animal in a riddle (Jdg. 14)
2. One of the kind of animals used in the ten plagues (Ex. 8)
3. Animal mentioned in Job 40:15 that is probably extinct now
4. Used this animal instead of sacrificing Isaac (Gen. 22:13)
6. Named the animals (Gen. 2:19-20)
7. Brought an olive leaf to Noah (Gen. 8:8-11)
8. These animals killed the young men that mocked Elisha. (2 Ki. 2:22-24)
11. Moses' rod turned into this (Ex. 4:2-3)
15. Spoken to by a donkey (Num. 22)

**"And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air."
Genesis 2:19**

Monday

March 14

Pain Is A Doorway

“Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.”
Proverbs 25:4

When I first started running, my muscles would scream with fatigue, and my breaths would come in ragged gasps after less than three miles. Relief seemed far away, and I could not imagine how running could ever seem effortless. The early days of my marathon training were characterized by days of painfully pushing through bodily discomfort. The gasping and pain did not last though. As my lungs and muscles strengthened, a door opened into a whole new world—the pleasure of running. Eventually, I could run for miles with little discomfort.

Sometimes to move forward spiritually, pain is our doorway. It is scary and dark to enter because we think we may never leave. Yet God says that those who persevere will be rewarded. One moment with God in Heaven will erase any days of pain on earth.

Are you choosing an easy path and staying in a comfort zone instead of facing potential discomfort that will bring you to a deeper knowledge of God? Pain is a doorway that can open into greener pastures. It takes trust to walk in the valley, but the change in your life and soul is worth the risk. ~AJD

Morning: Deuteronomy 23-25

Evening: Mark 14:51-72

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”
Psalm 61:1-2

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who was the king of Egypt that gave asylum to Jeroboam? (1 Ki. 11:40)
A. Shishak C. Shoco
B. Shobab D. Shuni
2. What man killed Nadab and then reigned in his stead? (1 Ki. 15:27-31)
A. Baasha C. Bezai
B. Basmath D. Binnui
3. Jehoshaphat’s son, Jehoram, began his reign at what age? (2 Chron. 21:1-5)
A. 30 C. 40
B. 32 D. 52

Quote of the Day

“[The] poorest shepherd boy on our South Indian hills is careful to choose, for the making of his flute, a reed that is straight and fine and quite unbruised. But our heavenly Shepherd often takes the broken and the bruised, and of such He makes His flutes.” ~Amy Carmichael

Tuesday

March 15

Miriam

“And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.” Exodus 15:20

Miriam, a prophetess, was the sister of Moses and Aaron, and the wife of Hur. God used her mightily.

First, she came into play in Exodus 2 where God used her to save Moses' life, by putting him in the river where Pharaoh's daughter could find him.

Second, God used her to encourage the people to glorify Him. After Pharaoh and his army were swallowed up in the Red Sea, she sang a poetic song about the Lord's strength, power, and His salvation, bringing the Israelites back into focusing on God.

In Numbers 12, Miriam was used to show that no one is above the law. She spoke out about Moses marrying an Ethiopian woman (more like gossiping and backbiting). God was displeased with her behavior and made her leprous. Miriam repented, and with Moses' prayer, God restored her to His people.

Miriam's life was a life of leadership and service; she set a fine example for all to follow!

~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my _____. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

Morning: Deuteronomy 26-27

Evening: Mark 15:1-26

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Which of the following was NOT a prophetess?
A. Deborah (Jdg. 4:4)
B. Noadiah (Neh 6:14)
C. Isaiah's wife (Is. 8:3)
D. Jochebed (Num. 26:59)
2. Who was the wicked woman mentioned in Revelation 2:20 who called herself a prophetess?
A. Deborah C. Jael
B. Jezebel D. Herod's wife
3. “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your ____ shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.” Joel 2:28
A. Fathers C. Son's sons
B. Wives D. Daughters
4. Based on today's devotional, Miriam, a prophetess, was smitten with what because of her sin?
A. Boils C. Cancer
B. Leprosy D. Blindness

Quote of the Day

“Inbred corruption is the worst corruption. “Lord,” said Augustine, “deliver me from my worst enemy, that wicked man-myself.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Wednesday

March 16

The Old Lifestyle

“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.”
Colossians 3:5-7

Do you want to invoke the wrath of God? Anyone in their right mind would say, “Of course not.” The Apostle Paul reminds his readers that when one allows certain behaviours in his life, he is invoking the wrath of God. Paul lists several sins that are, in the eyes of most, “big” sins: fornication, inordinate affection, etc. At the end, however, he lists covetousness and calls it by its real name, “idolatry.” To be honest, it is easy to read that list and come to the conclusion that one is not guilty of these sins. It is easy to act as if they “don’t apply.” But notice who Paul is talking to and exactly what he tells his reader to do. Colossians 1:2 says that Paul was writing “To saints and faithful brethren in Christ.” He was writing to believers! Remember that thought as you re-read exactly what Paul said to do.

He said, “mortify...your members.” We are to put to death the things that Paul listed; and the list is referred to as “your members.” “Your,” as in, pertaining to you. “Members,” as in, things that are a part of a whole. This list of evil sins, which we, all too often, as “good church folk” do not claim as “our” sins, are to be put to death. The old man, our sinful flesh,

Morning: Deuteronomy 28

Evening: Mark 15:27-47

needs to be put to death daily. If it is not, there is no way to guess what will pop out. Paul said that these people used to live this way, but now that lifestyle needs to be put to death. What will you kill today? ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my _____. From the end of the _____ will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Do you have a besetting sin that you constantly battle? If so, what is it?

2. Find a Scripture verse that will help you when tempted, and write it in the spaces.

Quote of the Day

“Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing yet had been done.”

~C. S. Lewis

Thursday

March 17

The Test of Obedience

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” James 1:22

This section emphasizes the dangers of self-deception. It is one thing to be deceived by Satan, but far more serious to be self-deceived. Many people are deceiving themselves into thinking they are saved when they are not. Read Matthew 7:22-23.

Some true believers are deceiving themselves concerning their Christian walk. It is a mark of maturity when a person faces himself honestly, knows himself, and admits his needs. Many people attend Bible classes and church services, but they never seem to grow. Matthew 13:13 says, *“Hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.”* Luke 8:18 says, *“Take heed therefore how ye hear.”* It is possible to be “dull of hearing” (Heb. 5:11) because of decay of the spiritual life. It is not enough to hear the Word. We must do it. It is not the hearing but the doing that brings the blessing. Dr. Jack Hyles said, “Too many Christians mark their Bibles, but their Bibles do not mark them.” ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my _____. From the end of the _____ will I cry unto thee, when my heart is _____: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

Morning: Deuteronomy 29-30

Evening: Mark 16

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the book of the Bible from the New Testament with its description.

____ 1. Philippians

____ 2. Titus

____ 3. Revelation

____ 4. Acts

____ 5. Mark

- A. Paul wrote this letter from prison to encourage fellow believers in the faith to be faithful and joyful even through trials.
- B. This book, written by Paul to a member of his team, gives advice on how to take care of the church.
- C. This is the last book in the New Testament and encourages believers to take heart for God has the end of the story all under control.
- D. This is the shortest Gospel in the New Testament.
- E. This book was written by Luke and is the story of the Christian church.

Quote of the Day

“Our task is not to decipher exactly how all of life’s pieces fit and what it all means, but to remain faithful and obedient to Him Who knows all mysteries.” ~James Dobson

Friday

March 18

**It' Not My Job . . . But It is
Matthew 28:19**

*“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”
Matthew 28:19*

“It’s not my job!” This is the attitude of many today. They say “I don’t have to do that; it is not in my contract.” Or perhaps they say, “I’m not getting paid for it, so I’m not doing it.” It may be something as simple as picking up a piece of trash or doing a little extra work to get the job completed on time.

It seems that people with this type of attitude do not enjoy the same success of those with an attitude of service. People that are go-getters do more than what they are asked. They don’t finish their work and sit down. They get done what they have been asked and go looking for more. They become valuable to their employers and always appear to have work to do.

Some would say that soul-winning is not their job. They would be of the belief that the church staff and deacons are the people that are to be out winning. That certainly is a lie that Satan has told people. By convincing people they are not “gifted” in the area of evangelism, he convinces them into believing that they are off the hook. Unfortunately, this does line up with Scripture. God has called some to be pastor/teachers and some to be evangelists. He uniquely gifts them with their abilities. This does not release every other believer from their

Morning: *Deuteronomy 31-32*

Evening: *Luke 1:1-23*

responsibility to share the Gospel.

Every Christian has been commanded to share the Gospel. If they do not, they are in-subordinate to Christ. People who only do “their job” take a great chance of being replaced. If we choose to be of little value to the Kingdom, God may choose to place us on the shelf and put someone else in our place.

Our prayer should be, “Lord help me to see the job that you have for me, and then help me to be busy looking for even more ways to serve you and further Your Kingdom.” ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my _____.
From the end of the _____ will I cry unto thee, when my heart is _____:
lead me to the _____ that is higher than I.”
Psalm 61:1-21

Bible Quiz

Which One? Label the following description with the book Obadiah or Nahum.

- _____ 1. Fall of Nineveh
- _____ 2. Prophecy regarding Edom

Quote of the Day

“If you believe the blind are falling into the furnace, is there any conceivable way you can hold your peace?” ~Dr. James Kennedy

Saturday

March 19

Seven Verses to Live By

Memorize them daily and live by the Word!

1. Salvation—John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

2. Security—2 Timothy 1:13: *“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”*

3. Scriptures—2 Timothy 3:16: *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

4. Supplication—John 15:7: *“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”*

5. Service—Acts 1:3: *“To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”*

6. Separation—2 Corinthians 6:17: *“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”*

7. Second Coming—John 14:3: *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” ~GM*

Morning: Deuteronomy 33-34

Evening: Luke 1:24-56

Scripture Fill-In

“Hear my _____, O God; attend unto my _____. From the end of the _____ will I cry unto thee, when my heart is _____: lead me to the _____ that is _____ than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following cities mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

- _____ 1. RIASSD
- _____ 2. RPMAOSEG
- _____ 3. SHEPEUS
- _____ 4. MYNARS
- _____ 5. PHPAAILLHEID

Quote of the Day

“Fear. His modus operandi is to manipulate you with the mysterious, to taunt you with the unknown. Fear of death, fear of failure, fear of God, fear of tomorrow—his arsenal is vast. His goal? To create cowardly, joyless souls. He doesn’t want you to make the journey to the mountain. He figures if he can rattle you enough, you will take your eyes off the peaks and settle for a dull existence of the flatlands.”
~Max Lucado

Sunday

March 20

Forbear and Forgive

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:13

“Mr. Wil-son! Mr. Wil-son!” The five-and-a-half year old, freckled-faced boy makes his way across the yard as Mr. George Wilson runs for cover. “Ring-a-ding-ding-bum-bum-bum-ba-ba-ba-ba.” The sounds from Daniel Malmedahl’s voice impression of a two-stroke moped engine coming from the animated character “Crazy Frog,” (aka: “The Annoying Thing”) and from your cell phone ring tone cause most people to want to bash in your phone. Someone is reading over your shoulder. Someone else is repeating everything you say. Someone else is repeating everything you say. ONE GUY TYPES IN ALL CAPS. The driver in front of you has had his turn signal on for the last 6 1/2 miles. That guy constantly sniffs. She folds your socks wrong. He hangs the toilet paper backwards. She squeezes the toothpaste from the middle of the tube!!! “Ah!! You are driving me crazy!”

We all have tics and behaviour patterns that can drive those we love insane. The Apostle Paul’s instruction to us is to “forbear” one another. In other words, “put up with each other.” The second instruction that he gives is for us to “forgive.” We all have people that have not treated us right. Paul reminds us that, just like Christ has forgiven us, we should forgive others. Without a doubt, forbearing and forgiving others are two of the hardest actions to

Morning: *Joshua 1-3*

Evening: *Luke 1:57-80*

perform. However, the next time you have the opportunity to forbear and/or forgive, keep in perspective how Jesus Christ treats you. “Ring-a-ding-ding-bum-bum-bum-ba-ba-ba-ba.” Start today! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

How Many? How many chapters does each of the following Biblical books contain—One, Two, Three?

___ 1. Habakkuk

___ 2. Haggai

___ 3. Obadiah

Quote of the Day

“In the final analysis, forgiveness is an act of faith. By forgiving another, I am simply trusting that God is a better justice maker than I am. By forgiving, I leave issues of fairness for God to work out. I defer to Him the scales of justice. Wrong does not disappear when I forgive, but it loses its grip on me and is taken over by God. He know what to do.”

~Philip Yancey

Seven Reasons Not to Get Married

By Sumner Wemp

Continued from p. 8

Do you see yourself anywhere in these attributes?

4. You do not share the same beliefs, values, life priorities, or vision.

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Gen. 2:24)

Oneness is essential in marriage, and its foundation is built on these characteristics.

5. You have an unresolved addiction problem.

Proverbs 25:28 says, *“He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.”* The website Addictions.org lists a variety of harmful addictions affecting millions of people, including addictions to sex, shopping, sleeping, people pleasing, perfectionism, pornography, and overworking. Each will undermine a marriage if ignored.

6. Your career is the most important thing in your life.

Philippians 2:3 says, *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”* Selfish ambition is interpreted in the Greek as "a desire to put one's self forward, a partisan and fractious spirit," while vain conceit is identified as "groundless, empty pride." Examine how your profession shapes who you are. Does it bring out these traits in you?

7. You are unwilling to be an active sexual partner with your spouse.

As a couple, read 1 Corinthians 7:1-5. The Bible speaks directly to this vital issue; verse 3 is clear: *“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.”* (Ex. 21:10; 1 Pet. 3:7) There's no room in a healthy marriage for sexual games. An active sexual relationship works to ward off temptation to sin.

Do not be discouraged if you struggle with any of the above reasons. A quality marriage is not defined as one that's perfect. But do yourself and your future or current spouse a favor by committing to change or grow stronger individually in each area. You will not regret it and will be able to face and overcome the "troubles" of marriage with unity and in God's power.

“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.”

1 Corinthians 7:3

Monday

March 21

Jesus, the Son of God

Read John 1

Would the mere presence of the Son of God change your life? Maybe not His mere presence; but if you experienced Him in your life, He could eventually turn your life upside down. Think about it. The disciples observed the Christ and were convinced He was Who He said He was. They became “followers” of Christ with convictions that sent them singing in prison to martyrdom. I love the way A. W. Tozer puts it in his book *God’s Pursuit of Man*: “The solemn delight which those early disciples knew sprang straight from the conviction that there was One in the midst of them. They knew that the Majesty in the heavens was confronting them on earth: They were in the very Presence of God.” (Tozer, p. 7) They came into direct contact with “His Majesty,” and they were never the same.

In John 1, we see John the Baptist looking upon Jesus as he walked, and he said, “**Behold, the Lamb of God!**” Simon says in verse 41, “**We have found the Messiah.**” In verse 45, Philip says “**We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**” John also states in verse 34 that he was an eyewitness of the Spirit descending like a dove upon Christ at His baptism and that he “**bares record that this is the Son of God.**”

Yes, the disciples recognized His deity, as well as many others like Zaccheus, the Woman at the Well, Jarius, and Mary Magdalene. Through the ages, men of all nations have rec-

Morning: *Joshua 4-6*

Evening: *Luke 2:1-24*

ognized the deity of the Son of God. However, many have rejected the truths of the eyewitness accounts, His divine works, the fulfilled prophecies, and His divine characteristics. If you have placed your eternity in the hands of the Son of God, praise His Name for calling you and revealing Himself to you. If you have not accepted His great salvation, take heed. The evidence is stacked that He truly was the Son of God. Don’t wait until you are in His presence at the throne of judgment to seal your fate of living OUT of His presence for eternity. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

Completion: Fill in the blanks to complete John 1:14.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (1) _____ us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and (2) _____.”

Quote of the Day

“The will of God is not something you add to your life. It’s a course you choose. You either line yourself up with the Son of God . . . Or you capitulate to the principle which governs the rest of the world. ~*Elisabeth Elliot*

Tuesday

March 22

The God of Grace

“And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time.” Jonah 3:1

Earlier in the month, we read the beginning of this intriguing book. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh. He disobeyed, and as a result, God chastened him. But after the chastening, God came to Jonah AGAIN for the second time. Don't you think God could have found another prophet? Don't you think God had another man that could get the job done after only being asked once. Why Jonah? Why come to a man who was weak in the faith?

This is a beautiful picture of the character of our God! Instead of tossing Jonah aside and declaring him useless to the cause of the Lord, God picked him up after being vomited from the mouth of a big fish and gave him a job to do. God gave the prophet a second chance.

We serve a God Who is full of grace! The American Tract Society Dictionary defines grace: “Divine grace is the free and undeserved love and favor of God towards man as a sinner, especially as exhibited in the plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.” He demonstrated grace to its fullest on Calvary. II Corinthians 8:9 says, “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

Dear friend, do you need a second chance today? First, repent of your sin. Then, start running in the direction you should, and call upon the God of grace to give you a second chance.

~MFV

Morning: Joshua 7-8

Evening: Luke 2:25-52

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my _____. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

- 1. Define grace in your own words.
2. According to Titus 3:7, because of the grace of God through salvation, we are considered what?
3. Is the grace of God freely given? (Psalm 84:11)
4. How have you seen the grace of God in your life? Explain a time when God gave you a second chance

Quote of the Day

“I thought I could have leaped from earth to heaven at one spring when I first saw my sins drowned in the Redeemer's blood.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Wednesday

March 23

Stories of Hope

“Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” Luke 10:36-37

Jesus told a parable about the Good Samaritan to answer the question, “Who is my neighbor?” Instead of a technical definition, Jesus examined motives and poignantly illustrated the superiority of compassionate action over pious social posturing.

Children love stories. Adults love stories. Think of the amount of television and movies consumed daily; it all portrays stories. Characters, plots, tension, heroism, conflict, resolution and drama fascinate us.

Often the Bible is perceived as a dry religious book that does not pertain to reality in the twenty-first century. That perception is not the fault of the Bible, but of those who fail to enthusiastically and passionately tell the grand, painful, victorious stories it contains. Scholarly study is important, but if we fail to be gripped by the story of redemption and hope, then it is likely we will not convince anyone else to be either.

The next time you talk with someone hostile or indifferent to the Bible, draw them into its narrative power and relate it to their life. Tell a parable. Tell them a story of Jesus rebuking the religious elite of His day.

Every good teacher of history is a compelling storyteller. Let us learn to apply that to our

Morning: *Joshua 9-10*

Evening: *Luke 3*

communication of the best news ever told. *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”* That is the start of a true story worth telling well. ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my _____. He only is my _____ and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.”
Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the Bible story with the passage in which it is found.

- _____ 1. Noah and the Ark
- _____ 2. Moses and the Burning Bush
- _____ 3. The Feeding of the Five Thousand
- _____ 4. The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
- _____ 5. The Parable of the Talents

- A. Exodus 3-4:17
- B. Matthew 14:14-20
- C. Matthew 27
- D. Matthew 25:14-46
- E. Genesis 6-8

Quote of the Day

“The whole meaning of prayer is that we may know God.”
~Oswald Chambers

Thursday

March 24

Huldah

“So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.” 2 Kings 22:14

The prophet Huldah appears in nine verses: II Kings 22:13-20 and II Chronicles 34:22-28. Wikipedia says, “This short narrative is sufficient to make clear that Huldah was regarded as a prophetess accustomed to speaking the Word of God directly to high priests and royal officials, to whom high officials came in supplication, who told kings and nations of their fates, who had the authority to determine what was and was not the genuine Law, and who spoke in a manner of stern command when acting as a prophetess.” Please read the passages mentioned above.

God used Huldah to change a nation and bring it back to Him. First, she must have had a right relationship with God and others, in order for Him to give her a message for King Josiah. Second, she must have had an abundant amount of confidence and courage to tell kings and authorities of God’s words which included words of judgment. Third, she had to be faithful to God and His Word. Can you imagine telling kings and authorities how it was going to be! I would be scared. Not Huldah, she trusted and believed God’s Word to the fullest. I challenge you to trust Him and be more faithful than ever before! ~KAH

Morning: *Joshua 11-13*

Evening: *Luke 4:1-32*

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my _____. He only is my _____ and my salvation; he is my _____; I shall not be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blanks: Complete the following Scripture verses.

1. I Corinthians 1:9—“God is _____, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”
2. I Thessalonians 5:24—“Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will _____ it.”
3. II Thessalonians 3:3—“But the Lord is faithful, who shall _____ you, and keep you from evil.”

Quote of the Day

“When God gives us a vocation to die, He sends us on a mission. We are indeed entered into a race. The course may be frightening. It is an obstacle course with pitfalls in the way. We wonder if we have the courage to make our way to the finish line. The trail takes us through the valley of the shadow of death—a valley where the sun’s rays often seem to be blotted out. To approach it is to tremble. We would prefer to walk around it, to see a safe bypass. But men and women of faith enter that

Friday

March 25

A Crumb to God

“And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Matthew 15:27

What a wonderful story of faith in Jesus and His grace and power. In the passage, a Gentile woman came and pleaded to Jesus that He would come and heal her daughter who was possessed with a demon. Jesus’ response to her request was that He would come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then she began to worship Jesus requesting help for her daughter. This time Jesus said that it was not right to give the children’s bread to the dogs, to which she responded that the dog eats from the crumbs that fall from the master’s table. In other words, in light of Jesus’ spiritual authority, deliverance from a demon was nothing more than a leftover, a crumb.

When Jesus saw her faith, He agreed to heal her daughter. What a lesson in faith for us! Can you imagine what this woman must have gone through trying to get help for her daughter? Who knows how many years that she was afflicted. Who knows how many doctors she had visited or to what lengths she had gone to receive help. But in the end, we find that what is impossible to us is nothing to Jesus.

What are you facing? Are you in a physical crisis, relationship, trouble, or financial difficulties? Just remember that whatever is overwhelming to you is nothing more than a crumb to Jesus. Make your request in faith, and see what God will do. ~DLW

Morning: *Joshua 14-15*

Evening: *Luke 4:33-44*

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my _____. He only is my _____ and my salvation; he is my _____; I shall _____ be greatly moved.” Psalm 62:1-2

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Where was Jesus at when He called His first disciples? (Mt. 4:18-22)

2. Where was Jesus at when He healed Lazarus? (Jn. 11) _____
3. What city was Jesus leaving when he healed blind Bartimaeus? (Mk. 10:46-52)

4. Where did Jesus perform His first miracle? (Jn. 2) _____

Quote of the Day

“God’s revelation does not need the light of human genius, the polish and strength of human culture, the brilliance of human thought, the force of human brains to adorn and enforce it. But it does demand the simplicity, docility, humility, and faith of a child’s heart.”

~E. M. Bounds

Saturday

March 26

Morning: *Joshua 16-18*

Evening: *Luke 5:1-16*

Be Ye Filled

“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18

The world would tell us that we should fill our lives with the seeking of pleasure, monetary stability, and material grandeur, but these things in the end only will leave a person feeling empty and alone. If the world is our standard, then we might be convinced that a lifestyle bent on partying will bring real joy.

This verse here in Ephesians speaks about being consumed by alcohol. This is another example of a temporary fix for those looking for a “good time.” When the buzz wears off, you are left empty again.

Those seeking to be pleasing to the Lord should not be involved in the practice of becoming drunk; but more importantly than just avoiding this pitfall, we are to be “filled.” When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the emptiness of this life will pass away, and we find purpose in the work of the Lord.

Be ye not drunk (consumed by the emptiness), but be filled (consumed by the power of God) with the Holy Spirit; and get busy serving the Lord Jesus Christ today. ~DJD

Bible Quiz

Completion: Fill in the blanks to complete Ephesians 5:15-21.

“See then that ye walk (1) _____, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are (2) _____. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the (3) _____ of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (4) _____ with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your (5) _____ to the Lord; giving thanks (6) _____ for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; submitting yourselves one to (7) _____ in the fear of God.”

Scripture Fill-In

“Truly my soul _____ upon God: from him cometh my _____. He only is my _____ and my salvation; he is my _____; I shall _____ be greatly _____.” Psalm 62:1-2

Quote of the Day

“Watch where Jesus went. The dominant in his life was to do His Father’s will. His is not the way of wisdom or of success, but the way of faithfulness.” ~Oswald Chambers

Sunday

March 27

Peace Amid Chaos

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” Colossians 3:15

As this devotional is being written, the streets of Cairo, Egypt, are filled with soldiers, tanks, and protestors; both violent and non-violent. To many Americans, what happens in the other side of the world is just news on the television, but to those in the streets of Cairo, this uprising is a stressful reality. As this devotional is being written, American military personnel are most likely walking the streets of Kabul, Afghanistan, trying to restore order to a country with a shaky government that is constantly under the threat of another suicide bomber. To those in Kabul, the lack of peace is a way of life.

As this devotional is being written, somewhere in any given town in the United States, a husband and wife are having the argument that will lead to a messy divorce; and most likely a young child or teenager sits in his room wishing for peace in the home. Peace. The very mention of the word causes, if just for a moment, a slight pause in the chaos that one might find himself. Peace. From one side of the globe to the other, the desire for peace is great.

On a smaller scale, there is a battle raging inside each human being. Those who have never trusted Christ have no peace with God. In fact, “the wrath of God abideth on him.” Those who have trusted Christ as Saviour, have made peace with God, but all too often, do not have the peace of God in their life. No matter

Morning: *Joshua 19-20*

Evening: *Luke 5:17-39*

what your situation is today, whether in Cairo, Egypt, or podunk town USA, you can have peace. **“Let the peace of God rule in your heart.”** Whether you need to have peace *with* God or have the peace *of* God, come to Christ today. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.” Psalm 63:3-5

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Circle the person (s) who was not a character in the Book of Ruth.

- A. Ruth
- B. Naomi
- C. Boaz
- D. Mahlon
- E. Orpah
- F. Abidah
- G. Elimelech
- H. Meroz
- I. Chilion

Quote of the Day

“Grace and peace are twin sisters, grace being the firstborn. Where grace abounds, peace thrives. Where grace is stunted, peace shrivels.”
~Charles F. Stanley

Monday

March 28

The Test of Brotherly Love

“My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.” James 2:1

James chapter two teaches the important principle that a mature Christian is patient and practices the truth. James gave a simple test by sending two men to a church service— a rich man and a poor man. He watched to see how they were treated. THE WAY WE BEHAVE TOWARD PEOPLE INDICATES WHAT WE REALLY BELIEVE TOWARD GOD.

It is important as we look at people to not look at their outward appearance as much as we look at their heart. Sometimes we are prone to judge people by their past, not their future. II Corinthians 5:17 says, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

Strive to give new converts time to grow in the Lord, and be willing to forgive and to love them just as they are. Jesus does. Christian love means treating others the way God has treated you. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“Because thy _____ is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.”
Psalm 63:3-5

Morning: *Joshua 21-22*

Evening: *Luke 6:1-26*

Bible Quiz

True and False: True or False: Put a *T* in the blank if the statement is true and an *F* in the blank if the statement is false. Refer to 2 Kings 24:18-25:7.

- _____ 1. Zedekiah was the last king of Judah.
- _____ 2. Zedekiah began his reign at the age of eighteen.
- _____ 3. He did good in the sight of the Lord.
- _____ 4. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Jehoiakim.
- _____ 5. King Zedekiah served under King Nebuchadnezzar’s control and was submissive.
- _____ 6. King Zedekiah’s sons were executed in front of him. Then, he was blinded.
- _____ 7. After the execution of his sons, King Zedekiah became a prisoner in Babylon for the rest of his life.
- _____ 8. Zedekiah reined 9 years in Jerusalem.

Quote of the Day

“When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.” ~C. S. Lewis

Tuesday

March 29

God's School of Life Lessons

“And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.” Jonah 4:2

After fleeing from the presence of God and being chastened, God came again to Jonah and gave him a second chance. In chapter three of this book, there was a great revival in Nineveh. The people repented of their sins and turned to God. One would think Jonah would be excited, enthused about what God did in the land. But instead of rejoicing, he pouted. Now, don't be too quick to judge this prophet.

Jonah knew the characteristics of God. He knew that God was full of grace, mercy, and kindness. In Jonah's mind, he knew that the wicked people of Nineveh were not getting what they deserved. Instead, God in His mercy decided not to destroy the nation at this time.

In order to teach Jonah another lesson, God prepared a plant to grow over Jonah to give him shade, but the next day God prepared a worm to wither the plant. Then, God sent a scorching wind. Jonah cried unto the Lord in his distress. God said to Jonah, *“Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: and should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their*

Morning: *Joshua 23-24*

Evening: *Luke 6:27-49*

right hand and their left hand.” (4:10-11) Basically, God was saying that Jonah cared more about “things” than about people.

What about you? Are you compassionate for the lost, or are you too busy worrying about God's judgment on the wicked? Are you praying for the salvation of the those who openly oppose Christ? Have you witnessed and diligently prayed for the person who causes you so much grief at work? Are you more compassionate for your “things” than for people?
~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“Because thy _____, _____ is better than _____, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.” Psalm 63:3-5

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the question in the space provided.

1. Is God trying to teach you a lesson? How are you responding?

Quote of the Day

“Indifference, not hate, is the strongest enemy of love.”
~C. S. Lewis

Wednesday

March 30

Anna

“And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity.”
Luke 2:36

The Bible describes Anna as an older widow, who spent her days with fastings and prayers. Can you imagine being a widow after only seven years of marriage? She didn't just give up on life. No, instead she devoted the rest of her life to God. The Bible says in verse thirty-seven that she never left the temple, praying day and night. Anna proved that her priority and loyalty was in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse thirty-eight tells that Anna recognized Who the Lord Jesus Christ was the instant she saw Him. She thanked God for the Lord Jesus Christ and the redemption He brought to all mankind. What a glorious moment that must have been for Anna! She had already spent all her days proclaiming the coming of the Messiah, and then her desire to actually see Him came true.

Anna was an aged woman; she didn't give room for retirement. She purposed in her heart that she would serve God until she died. Don't let age or circumstances get in your way of serving the Lord. ~KAH

Morning: Judges 1-2
Evening: Luke 7:1-30

Scripture Fill-In

“Because thy _____ is better than _____, my lips shall _____ thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.” Psalm 63:3-5

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the woman in the Bible with her description.

____ 1. Pilate's wife

____ 2. Mary Magdalene

____ 3. Julia

A. One of the women who came to visit Jesus' tomb after His death (Mk. 16:1)

B. She said, “Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.” (Mt. 27:19)

C. Paul greeted this sister in Christ at the end of the Book of Romans. (Rom. 16:15)

Quote of the Day

“Sick or well, blind or seeing, bound or free, we are here for a purpose, and however we are situated, we please God better with useful deeds than with many prayers of pious resignation.”
~Helen Keller

Thursday

March 31

Where to Find Comfort

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:18

There are times when we need to experience God’s comfort. God comforts us in many ways. One of those ways is through His Word. Here we are admonished to find comfort in His Word. If you look to the verses above this one, you will find some truths about God’s comfort.

The first truth is that the comfort is based on His promises. He promises that He will return to receive His children unto Himself, taking them to Heaven for eternity in this case. The words are filled with so many promises. We can always find a promise to meet our every need if we will look to the Word.

The comfort is not only based on a promise, it is intended to be effective even in the worst of circumstances. This verse is speaking of comfort when facing the death of loved ones. I don’t know if there is a time when we need comfort more than when death takes someone you love. That is the kind of comfort the Word of God has for us.

This special comfort is not only based upon God’s promises and is sufficient for the worst of suffering, but it is given to you that you might use it to bring comfort to others. So when things go bad and you find yourself struggling, find comfort in the promises of God, and share those promises with others.
~DLW

Morning: Judges 3-5

Evening: Luke 7:31-50

Scripture Fill-In

“Because thy _____ is better than _____, my lips shall _____ thee. Thus will I _____ thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.”
Psalm 63:3-5

Bible Quiz

What Does Belong? Circle the thing (s) God used to teach Jonah in the Book of Jonah.

- A. A Storm
- B. A Scorching Wind
- C. A Plant
- D. An Earthquake
- E. A shipwreck
- F. A Worm
- G. A Beating from the Ninevites
- H. A snakebite
- I. Being thrown into the raging sea

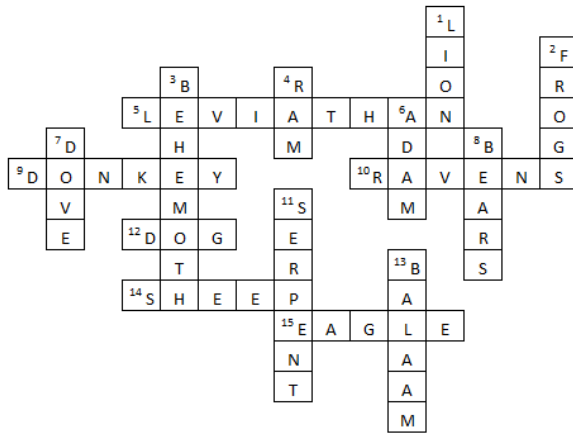
Quote of the Day

“It is a foolish woman who expects her husband to be to her that which only Jesus Christ can be: always ready to forgive, totally understanding, unendingly patient, invariably tender and loving, unfailing in every area, anticipating every need, and making more than adequate provision. Such expectations put a man under an impossible strain . . . The same goes for the man who expects too much from his wife.”

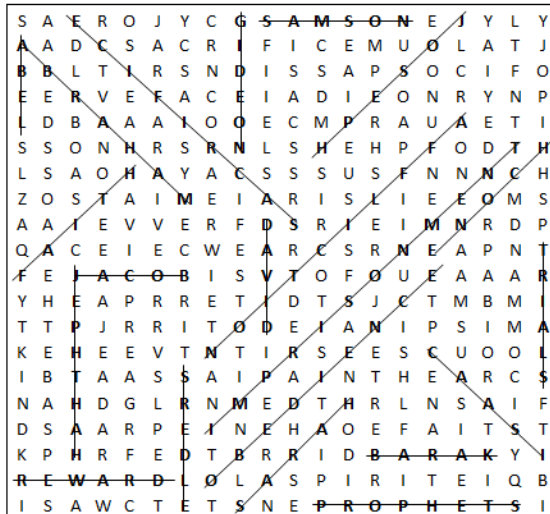
~Ruth Bell Graham

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

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 March 2 Pg. 3 1. B 2. A 3. D 4. C
 March 3 Pg. 4 1. E 2. A
 March 4 Pg. 5 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T
 March 5 Pg. 6 Answers will vary.
 March 6 Pg. 7 1. Naamah 2. Maachah
 March 7 Pg. 9 1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. T 6. F
 March 8 Pg. 10 1. B 2. A
 March 9 Pg. 11 1. Gold 2. Strange, Rejoice Sufferings
 March 10 Pg. 12 1. T 2. T 3. T
 March 11 Pg. 13 1. A 2. B
 March 12 Pg. 14 Answers will vary.
 March 13 Pg. 15 1. B 2. C 3. E 4. D 5. A
 March 14 Pg. 17 1. A 2. A 3. B
 March 15 Pg. 18 1. D 2. B 3. D 4. B
 March 16 Pg. 19 Answers will vary.
 March 17 Pg. 20 1. A 2. B 3. C 4. E 5. D
 March 18 Pg. 21 1. Nahum 2. Obadiah
 March 19 Pg. 22 1. Sardis 2. Pergamos 3. Ephesus 4. Smyrna 5. Philadelphia
 March 20 Pg. 23 1. 3 2. 2 3. 1
 March 21 Pg. 25 1. Among 2. Truth
 March 22 Pg. 26 1. Answers will vary. 2. Heirs of God 3. Yes 4. Answers will vary.
 March 23 Pg. 27 1. E 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. D
 March 24 Pg. 28 1. Faithful 2. Do 3. Stablish
 March 25 Pg. 29 1. Sea of Galilee 2. Bethany 3. Jericho 4. Cana
 March 26 Pg. 30 1. Circumspectly 2. Evil 3. Will 4. Filled 5. Heart 6. Always 7. Another
 March 27 Pg. 31 F & H
 March 28 Pg. 32 1. T 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. F 6. T 7. T 8. F
 March 29 Pg. 33 Answers will vary.
 March 30 Pg. 34 1. B 2. A 3. C
 March 31 Pg. 35 A, B, C, F, & I