



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

August 1, 2011

Dear Friend in Christ,

“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!” (Ps. 8:9) We serve the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty God, the everlasting Father! It is a privilege to be in the service of the King of kings.

Sometimes life gets so busy that we fail to acknowledge Who we are actually serving. We take for granted the awesome responsibility of being God’s servant. As you spend time with Him this month, thank Him for the unique privilege of being His workman. Ask Him for renewal as you continue to serve.

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Devotional Staff

Monday

August 1

Morning: Psalm 65-67

Evening: Romans 2

Yoked with Christ

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

This is one of the great invitations of Scripture that soul winners may use to speak to the lost, and it is also a comfort for Christians.

Many may see their own world view as this quote from the novel *Zoli's Legacy* by Dawn Watkins: “Life is a burden, and unhappiness is the yoke we pull it by. Everyone comes to know that.” How unfortunate to see the world through those glasses.

Sadly, life does bring various pain and sorrows to mankind; but it becomes a burden when you have to carry it all yourself. Christ never intended that for any of us. He desires that we yield to Him as Lord over our lives and be uniquely yoked to Him.

Christ extends a life-changing invitation to the world in this passage. He desires to be the Master of your life. He delights in carrying the burden of your sin and nailing it to the cross. Christ would like for you to settle your eternity by placing your life in Him. Cast your faith on the One who bled and died for you. He desires to give you peace and rest. All of your past can easily be forgiven.

Let's look closer at verse 29. Christ is saying that He is gentle and humble. He is quite approachable for any of us seeking Him. For

the Christian, we too can place our sin burdens at His feet, or any other burden for that matter. All of us have burdens, but we have the Maker of the universe to discuss them with. We find rest and peace when we transfer our burdens to Him. Refuse to carry them throughout your day. Declare His sovereignty. Don't fight against what you can not change. You are His, and He loves you.

Make sure you are yoked with Christ for your salvation. Also, stay yielded to the yoke, and He will bring you rest and peace to your mind and soul. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.” Psalm 93:1-2

Bible Quiz

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

1. What names is given for Jesus in Acts 3:14? _____
2. II Peter 3:9 gives what characteristic of God? _____

Quote of the Day

“If your Christianity won't work where you are, it won't work anywhere.” ~Vance Havner

Tuesday

August 2

It's All About His Grace

“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:2

I have heard grace described as God's Righteousness At Christ's Expense. This definition deals with the grace of God in light of salvation. Another way the grace of God has been described is God's unmerited favor. This definition goes beyond salvation to include God's continued blessing. Though both of these descriptions shed light on the roles that grace plays in the life of a believer, neither of them consider how grace enables us to serve God. Grace is also God's supernatural strength that empowers us to accomplish His will. When the Apostle Paul was confronted with his thorn in the flesh in 2 Corinthians, he asked God to remove it. God's response was, **“My grace is sufficient for thee.”** God's grace . . .

Saves us (Eph. 2:8)

Is exceeding abundant (1 Tim. 1:14)

Is full of riches (Eph. 1:7)

Justifies us (Titus 3:7)

Is Glorious (Eph. 1:6)

Enables us to stand (Rom. 5:2)

All that is good about us and all that we will ever accomplish of eternal value is all a result of God's grace. I hope that as the rest of the month unfolds we can discover afresh and anew all the ways that grace has blessed our lives. ~DLW

Morning: Psalm 68-69

Evening: Romans 3

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with _____; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.” Psalm 93:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match Jesus' miracle with the Scripture in which it can be found.

- _____ 1. Miraculous fish catch
- _____ 2. Healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law
- _____ 3. Healed an immobile man
- _____ 4. Cast devils out of men and into swine
- _____ 5. Walked on a lake

- A. Matthew 8:28-35
- B. Matthew 14:22-33
- C. Luke 5:1-11
- D. Matthew 8:14-15
- E. John 5:1-16

Quote of the Day

“As long as I can sit in this chair and as long as my lungs hold out, I will echo Isaiah 12:5 and “sing to the Lord for he has done great things; let this be known to all the world.’ Come to think of it, even if I can't sit up in my chair, I'll avail myself of His grace.”

Wednesday

August 3

Morning: Psalm 70-72
Evening: Romans 4

Suffering for Christ

“For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.” I Corinthians 4:9

There is a Biblical principle in this verse—those people that will be mightily used of God must suffer more. Paul had the burden of the church upon him. All eyes were upon him. The angels were watching. The unsaved world was watching, and those in the church were watching. He was a spectacle, or theater, for all to see.

This placed him under a tremendous burden. If he were to fail, many would fall with him. If he was discouraged, many were discouraged. His words were examined by both good and evil. He was held up as an example to all for his belief in Christ. In the next verse, he tells us why he was willing to be a spectacle and its results.

“We are fools for Christ’s sake.” (I Cor. 4:10) Paul was willing to suffer because it was for Jesus Christ. God gave His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die for us; and Paul was willing to suffer for Christ. What an example Paul set for the Christian.

The power of God and influence on men does not come at an easy price. If you desire to know God’s power, be prepared to suffer for Him. What was the result of Paul’s suffering? He was despised by the world. The world hated Christ without a cause, and Paul was also hated.

However, we find the final result for Paul in Romans 8:18, “. . . *the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*”
~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with _____; the LORD is clothed with _____, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.” Psalm 93:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with the correct Scripture passage in which he/she can be found.

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| ___ 1. Barnabus | A. Acts 8 |
| ___ 2. Mary Magdalene | B. John 20:1-2 |
| ___ 3. Philip the Evangelist | C. Acts 18:24-28 |
| ___ 4. Gamaleil | D. Acts 13 |
| ___ 5. Apollos | E. Acts 5:34-40 |

Quote of the Day

“It is better to incur the world’s hatred by testifying against its wickedness than gain its goodwill by going down the stream with it.”
~Matthew Henry

Thursday
August 4

Morning: Psalm 73-74
Evening: Romans 5

The Armor of God

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”
Ephesians 6:11*

The definition of armor is any habit worn to protect the body in battle. In Ephesians chapter six, it talks about spiritual battle and the things you need to have to protect yourself. It is important to have each piece of armor to be effective in battle.

The Bible says you need your loins girt with truth, the truth of God’s Word; when you have this truth, Jesus becomes your hiding place, your shelter in the time of storm. You will need the breastplate of righteousness, Jesus’ righteousness. Your feet need to be shod with the gospel of peace, an inner peace from Jesus which passes all knowledge and understanding. Above all you will need the shield of faith; this shield will protect you from Satan’s fiery darts. Then, you will need to put on the helmet of salvation. Acts 4:12 tells us this, *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* Last, but not least, you will need the sword of the Spirit, the sword with the Word of God. John 1:14 tells of this sword, *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

Now that you have all the components for a successful battle, I challenge you to be prepared for spiritual battle. We are told to be ready at all times. ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with _____; the LORD is clothed with _____, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is _____, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.” Psalm 93:1-2

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. Are you in a spiritual battle in your life today? _____
2. What tools are you using to equip yourself against the power of Satan? _____

3. Copy Hebrews 4:15-16 on the following spaces. _____

Quote of the Day

“Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” ~Hebrews 12:3

Friday
August 5

Caleb: A Man Who Followed God

*“And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.”
Numbers 13:30*

The children of Israel had been delivered from Egypt. They had been fed by God. Now they were ready for the real blessing of God. In Numbers 13:3a God said, *“Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan which I give unto the children of Israel.”* Moses was to call out rulers from each tribe and send them to look at land which God had presented to the children of Israel. It was in doing this job that God commended Caleb and said of him. *“Caleb hath followed me fully.”* Let us see some unique points about Caleb and why God may have said this about him.

1. Caleb’s position never kept him from serving.
2. Caleb was able to work with other people.
3. Caleb was willing to listen to his leader.
4. Caleb was willing to be obedient instantly.
5. Caleb was willing to fight for the fruit that God gave.
6. Caleb was willing to be in the minority.
7. Caleb was not a vindictive man.
8. He was willing to get involved.
9. He was willing to entrust himself to the protection of God.
10. He was a patient man.
11. He served when he was an old man.

If God was willing to bless Caleb and say that he had followed Him fully, an unchanging

Morning: Psalm 75-77
Evening:

God expects the same service from His people today. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with _____; the LORD is clothed with _____, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is _____, that it cannot be _____. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.”
Psalm 93:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with his description.

____ 1. Matthew (Matt. 9:9)

____ 2. Peter (Acts 2)

____ 3. Thaddeus (Matt. 10:3)

A. This fisherman became a passionate disciple of Christ. He preached the sermon at Pentecost.

B. This tax-collector, also called Levi, became a disciple of Christ.

He was the brother of James and became one of the twelve. He was also called Labbaeus and Judas (not Iscariot).

Quote of the Day

“Character building begins in our infancy and continues until death.” ~Eleanor Roosevelt

Saturday

August 6

Deliverance from Dust

“For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.” Psalm 103:14

Sometimes I hate being human. My body seems to betray me with its weakness again and again. That is why Psalm 103:14 is such a hope-giving verse. God knows that we are earthly, weak creatures drawn towards selfish fulfillment of our desires. Rather than give us an excuse to sin more in the attitude of “God understands, so it is okay,” it should cause us to turn to Him in our weakness for help. The natural tendency after sinning is to turn away from God and hide our faces. We feel guilt and we think the guilt will be unbearable facing a holy God. It would be unbearable, except for Jesus. He died so we have a place to find restoration, forgiveness, healing, and hope. Satan wants to keep us locked in the prison of guilt and self-atonement, which only collapses ourselves upon ourselves until we are a writhing mess incapable of seeing anything beyond our misery.

If you are wandering in the dark wasteland of sin, run to Jesus. He knows your weak condition; and instead of condemnation, He offers grace and forgiveness.

Repent, turn away, and walk in the light once again. Do not let pride or fear keep you from the only source of mercy. Psalm 86:13 says, *“For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”* ~AJD

Morning: *Psalm 78*

Evening: *Romans 7*

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD _____, he is clothed with _____; the LORD is clothed with _____, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is _____, that it cannot be _____. Thy _____ is established of old: thou art from _____.” Psalm 93:1-2

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 Job 1.

- ___ 1. Job was from the land of Hur.
- ___ 2. Job lost 7 daughters and 3 sons.
- ___ 3. Satan said that Job was a good and upright man.
- ___ 4. Job’s sheep were taken in a hurricane.
- ___ 5. Job’s wife was killed by the Sabceans.
- ___ 6. Job grieved for his losses and worshiped.

Quote of the Day

“A trial is an experiment or search made upon man, by some affliction to prove the value and strength of his faith.” ~Matthew Henry

Why Join A Local Church

By Sumner Wemp

1. Too often you find people who see no need to belong to a local church. The New Testament emphasis is on the local church. In Scripture there are 109 references to the local church and less than 10 about the "universal" church. Most of the New Testament letters and the seven letters in Revelation 2 and 3 are written to local churches. God's emphasis should be our emphasis. Jesus wants to "build" His church, and we should too. You cannot help build it like you should if you are not a part of a local church. Every believer should join a local church and help build it so he makes a bigger impact on his community and the world. The Lord Jesus said, ***"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*** (Mt. 18:20) Be a part of it.
2. The church is to carry out the great commission and administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper (Matt. 28:19-20). Baptism is part of the great commission and one of the first steps of discipleship. To do a good job of discipleship, churches should urge people to follow the Lord in believer's baptism after being saved.
3. Sheep need a shepherd. The most natural thing is for a lamb to go astray. It needs a shepherd to lead. Sheep need to be led to food and water, and they need a shepherd for provision. Sheep are helpless prey to the wolves and need a shepherd for protection. A pastor is a shepherd. Pastors are commanded to ***"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof . . . but being examples to the flock."*** (1 Pt. 5:2-3) That great pastor, Paul, said, ***"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."*** (I Cor. 11:1) We are the sheep of His pasture, and sheep need a shepherd. People ought to join a local church so they can have a spiritual shepherd as God taught. Every believer needs a pastor to have the "oversight" over them.
4. A pastor has no spiritual authority over non-members, and many love it so. God says, ***"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account."*** (Heb. 13:17) This is an awesome responsibility! When I was a pastor I felt the depth of this and realized I was going to have to give an account for every person who walked into our church. Pastors are not to be dictators over them but to shepherd and care for them like sheep. Every sheep needs a pastor to lead them and provide them spiritual food and direction for life.
5. Non-members feel no obligation to the local church. Most of these, who come even regularly, seldom get involved. They come for what they can get rather than what they can give to build a strong and effective local church. They need to be members to motivate them to invest themselves here and for eternity.
6. All believers should belong to a local church to exercise their spiritual gifts and talents. They must become deacons, teachers, and workers as they are commanded to do. Preachers and churches have learned through heart-breaking experiences that you cannot put people in responsible places of teaching and leadership unless they are in agreement

Sunday

August 7

Purified Life

*“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”
I Thessalonians 5:2*

In today’s world almost everyone locks the doors of their homes every night or when they are leaving for any length of time. The reason is a simple one: we are afraid of being robbed. With our doors locked and our lights on, we are better prepared for a thief.

In this verse, Paul is writing about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we should not be caught by surprise at His coming. Our lives should be in order. Just as God warned Hezekiah to “set your house in order” because death was coming, we should also be prepared for the eminent coming of Christ.

God warns us in I John 2:28 that many Christians will be ashamed when Christ returns. They will be ashamed because they are not abiding in Christ but are living in sin. For a person that is really expecting Christ to return quickly, the result is a pure lifestyle. *“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”* (I Jn. 3:3)

On the other hand, to a Christ-rejecting world, Christ will come as a thief in the night. The Buddhist world, the Hindus, the atheists, and so on, have no expectation of Jesus Christ returning to earth. To these people and millions more who have not believed in Christ, His coming will be a total surprise. They will be unprepared, and there will be great loss—their soul missing out on eternal Heaven.

Morning: Psalm 79-81

Evening: Romans 8:1-18

Are you prepared if Christ would come today? If not, would you be willing to lay your sin out before God and ask Him for His mercy and forgiveness? ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete the following Bible verses.

1. James 4:7-8—“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. _____ your hands, ye sinners; and _____ your hearts, ye double minded.”
2. II Corinthians 7:1—“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting _____ in the fear of God.”

Quote of the Day

“Purity of soul cannot be lost without consent.”
~St. Augustine

Monday

August 8

The Truth

*“And Micaiah said, ‘As the LORD lives, even what my God saith, that will I speak.’”
II Chronicles 18:13*

Micaiah was a prophet of the Lord living in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab. Ahab was a wicked king and had surrounded himself with what we would refer today as “yes men.” These were prophets who likely spoke what Ahab wanted to hear. This assured them of a comfortable way of life and the protection of the king but separated them from the living God.

Micaiah had a different mindset. He had a standard that he would only preach what the Lord called him to preach. The result of such a commitment made him very unpopular in the courts of King Ahab. In fact, Ahab said that he hated Micaiah because he only prophesied “evil” against him. Ahab hated him because Micaiah spoke truth.

Sometimes the truth hurts. A person content in their sin does not want to talk to people whose biblical influence makes him squirm. Instead, he would rather be with people who tell him that he is doing okay or that he is still better than some people. Lies say “you are a good person” which convinces the hearer that his behavior requires no change.

Ahab hated Micaiah because he spoke the word of the Lord. It was uncomfortable for Ahab to hear God’s heart about his behavior or that judgment was on its way. Like the fairy tale of the emperor’s new clothes, those around Ahab refused to confront his sin and

Morning: Psalm 82-84
Evening: Romans 8:19-39

left him to continue to death.

We, like Micaiah, must speak truth even when it is uncomfortable. We must speak truth that is in line with God’s Word. We must speak truth that will cause people to recognize their sin, so they can turn from their sin, and so they can be saved from their sin. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical story with the Scripture passage in which it can be found.

- ____ 1. Nebuchadnezzar’s insanity
- ____ 2. The fiery furnace
- ____ 3. Hezekiah’s water tunnel

- A. II Chron. 32/II Kings 20
- B. Daniel 3
- C. Daniel 4

Quote of the Day

“Stand against that which is wrong, show why it is wrong, overcome it, and plant truth in its place.”
~A. W. Tozer

Tuesday

August 9

Follow the Directions

“He that doeth these things shall never be moved. He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.” Psalm 15:5b, 2

I do not know about you, but I am not a fan of the words, “Assembly Required.” Usually, when I buy anything with those words written on the package, I can assure myself of a coming challenge. It looks like I should bolt part A to part C. Attach part B to part D. Connect parts D and C to parts E; and if I tighten all the screws, it will stay together. Usually, with my perception of how it all should go together, I end up with a pile of parts on the floor or a three legged TV stand. It is not until I follow the instructions and assemble the parts correctly that my purchase stays together.

If the things that I buy are important enough to put together correctly, when putting together my life, I should be quick to read and follow the directions on how to stand firm.

It is interesting to note the final phrase of the fifteenth chapter of the book of Psalms. The Psalmist says, “He that doeth these things shall never be moved.” Immediately, my desire is to see what I have to do to stand firm. The directions for my stability are all found in the preceding verses.

I must walk uprightly, work righteousness, and speak the truth in my heart. My life must be characterized by godly living. The actions I perform must be righteous. And most difficult of all, I must speak the truth IN MY HEART. Oh, it is a little easier to just speak the truth to

Morning: Psalm 85-87

Evening: Romans 9

others, but speaking the truth to myself sometimes is another story. I try to convince myself many times that I do not need changing. I convince myself that I am right where I am supposed to be. When I find myself here, usually it is when my world collapses. The instructions say, “Bolt the Upright Lifestyle on your actions. Attach Works of Righteousness to your hands. Connect Truth to your heart. And your life will stay together.” You may think you know how to keep your life together, but **before** all else fails follow the directions. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete John 12:26.

“If any man serve me, let him (1) _____ me; and where I am, there shall also my (2) _____ be: if any man serve me, him will my Father (3) _____.”

Quote of the Day

“Wicked men obey from fear, good men, from love.”
~Aristotle

Wednesday

August 10

The Father of Mercies and the God of All Comfort

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God through inspiration revealed Himself as the Father of mercies. Mercy is not getting what we deserve. When we consider all the time that our thoughts, actions, and attitudes have been contrary to His beautiful character, it is amazing God has not destroyed us. The Scriptures tell us that His mercies are new every morning. How wonderful is His mercy that keeps His wrath from being poured out on us.

Not only is God the Father of mercies, He is also the God of all comfort. We can find comfort in God’s wisdom by understanding that He created all things including you and me. He knows all things including what is best for us. We can find comfort in His consistency. For 6,000 years, God has worked in the lives of millions of people, and He has never made a mistake. We can also find comfort in His compassion. God saw our need for salvation, and He sent His son to provide for that need. God saw that we had a need for direction, and He through His compassion gave us His Word. When He recognized our need for training and fellowship, He established the church. We find comfort in God’s wisdom and compassion, but

Morning: Psalm 88-89

Evening: Romans 10

comfort can also be found through His power. There has never been a problem too difficult for our God to overcome through His infinite strength. ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the _____ of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Using the following verses, list some of the character qualities of God.

- _____ 1. I Corinthians 1:9
- _____ 2. Titus 3:4
- _____ 3. I Peter 1:15
- _____ 4. Hebrews 6:17
- _____ 5. II Peter 3:9

Quote of the Day

“The law tells me how crooked I am. Grace comes along and straightens me out.”

~D. L. Moody

Thursday

August 11

Morning: Psalm 90-92

Evening: Romans 11:1-21

Distractions

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.” Ephesians 5:15

As I was stopped at a red light on one of the busiest roads near my home, I looked over at the SUV on my right. The driver was a young girl, perhaps in her late teens. In her left hand was a barely eaten ice cream cone. Her head was gazing intently in her lap as it appeared she was texting with her right hand. This did not sit very well with me, as you can imagine. I wanted to get away from her vehicle just as fast as I could. The driver’s main responsibility at that point in time was to be a good, responsible driver. Obviously, she was very distracted.

In chapter five of the book of Ephesians, Paul warned the church of Ephesus to walk uprightly. Verses 3-4 say, *“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.”* He also warns the church to guard themselves against associating with evil doers and being deceived (vs. 6-7). Verse 11 says, *“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”*

Then, our verse for today says to “walk circumspectly.” This means to be watchful or cautious. Pay attention! Don’t get distracted or side-tracked! Keep your eyes on the road!

When the world is screaming, “Truth is relative,” find absolute truth in God’s Word. When you are tempted to move in with your

“significant other,” remember what the Bible says about immorality. When housework and your job are crying for attention, don’t forget to spend time with the Lord.

It is so easy to get distracted—to not focus on the MAIN THING! It is easy to get caught up in today’s culture and sear your conscience, deceiving yourself that the “popular” thing is the “right” thing. But, do not be a fool as the key verse says. Walk wisely; walk uprightly; walk carefully. Finish well. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the _____ of his hand. _____ if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. Is there an area in your life which has distracted you from living a life that pleases the Lord? Explain. _____

2. What can you do to change this pattern?

Friday

August 12

Jezebel

“But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.” 1Kings 21:25

Jezebel’s name in Phoenician translates roughly as "The Lord (Baal) exists," but in biblical Hebrew her name means "without nobility." In I Kings 16:31, we see that she was the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Zidonians. According to *Josephus*, “Ethbaal originally had been a priest of Ashtoreth, a goddess and consort of Ba'al. Historical accounts record that Ethbaal usurped the Phoenician throne and reigned over Sidon and Tyre for 32 years.”

In I Kings 16:31, Jezebel makes her appearance as the wife of King Ahab. King Ahab loved her so much that he reared up an altar for Baal. The Bible states that he did more to provoke the Lord God, than all the kings of Israel that came before him.

Jezebel seems to be most famous for her wickedness toward the prophets. In I Kings 18, it talks about how Obadiah the prophet took a hundred prophets and hid them from Jezebel, because she had already cut off many other prophets.

In II Kings 9:30-37, we see Jezebel’s demise; she was thrown off a balcony and crushed under the feet of horses. Her flesh was then eaten by dogs.

The moral of the story; you reap what you sow! Truly, Jezebel learned the lesson the hard way. ~KAH

Morning: *Psalms 93-95*

Evening: *Romans 11:22-36*

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the _____ of his hand. _____ if ye will hear his voice, _____ not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Wicked people are compared to many things in the Bible. In the following verses, write the comparisons.

- _____ 1. Psalm 1:4
- _____ 2. Luke 6:43
- _____ 3. Proverbs 26:11
- _____ 4. Psalm 21:9
- _____ 5. Matthew 13:38
- _____ 6. Isaiah 57:20

Quote of the Day

“He was a fool who killed the watchdog because it alarmed him when thieves were breaking into his house. If conscience upbraids you, feel its rebuke. It is your best friend.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Saturday

August 13

Commissions from God

“Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none.” Ezekiel 7:25

In the book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel was given two commissions of God. He was to warn the wicked man to turn from his wickedness, and he was to warn the righteous man not to go into wickedness. Medical Science would call this “preventive medicine.” Zephaniah prophesied to the people during the revival what would happen if they turned away and went back into sin.

There are two things that the church is supposed to do. First, the church is to reclaim the sinner who has gone into deep sin. Secondly, the church is to help the person who has not gone into sin to avoid its pitfalls. Sin is not supposed to be condemned only when sin is present; we are supposed to warn people of sin before their lives become entangled in sin.

Zephaniah was doing what we try to do with our young people who have not yet tasted the bitter end of sin. He was reminding the people never to go into sin in the first place. The people were in revival; yet the awfulness of sin was exposed to them so that the people would stay away from it.

This is what we want for our young people of our church. We want to paint sin so black that they will never want to go into sin in the first place. ~OV

Morning: *Psalms 96-98*

Evening: *Romans 12*

Scripture Fill-In

“O come, let us worship and _____ down: let us kneel before the LORD our _____. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the _____ of his hand. _____ if ye will hear his voice, _____ not your _____, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.” Psalm 95:6-8

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

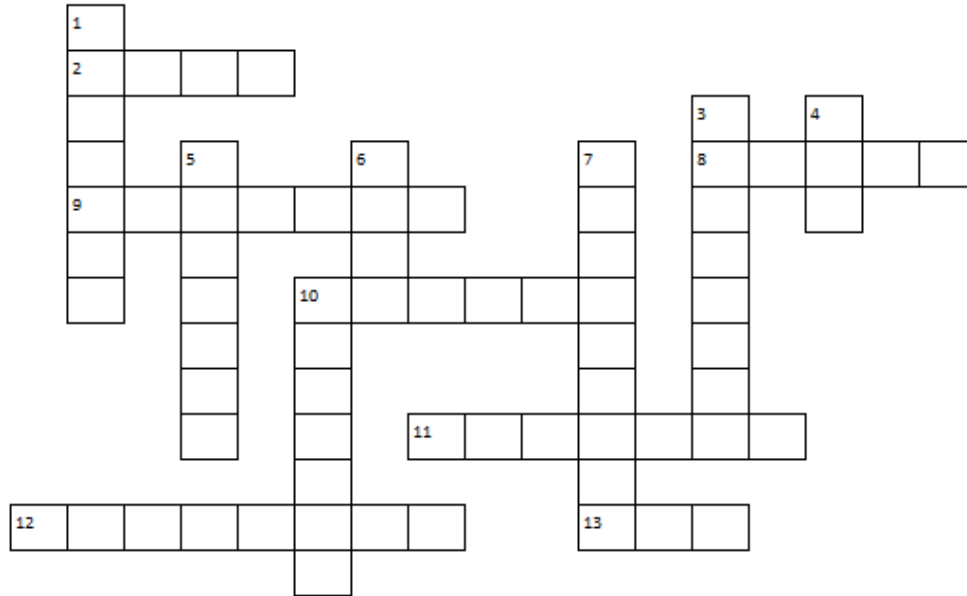
1. Ezekiel received the Word of Lord through visions while he was a captive to what people group? (Ez. 1:1-3)
A. Ninevites C. Egyptians
B. Chaldeans D. None of the above
2. Ezekiel was which of the following? (Ez. 1:1-3)
A. Prophet and King
B. Prophet and Ruler
C. Priest and Magician
D. Priest and Prophet
3. Which of the following was NOT a vision of Ezekiel?
A. A Man with a Measuring Line (Ez. 40)
B. The Jews’ punishment (Ez. 9:10)
C. The Valley of Dry Bones (Ez. 37)
D. None of the Above

Quote of the Day

“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.”
~James 1:22

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Psalm 1: The Righteous and Ungodly Man



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2. "His delight is in the law of the ____." (vs.2)
8. The ungodly are like this which the wind blows away. (vs. 4)
9. The blessed man does not stand in the way of these people. (vs.1)
10. This will happen to the way of the ungodly. (vs. 6)
11. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ____." (vs. 1)
12. "The ungodly shall not stand in the ____." (vs. 5)
13. Number of verses in the chapter

DOWN

1. First word in the chapter (vs. 1)
3. The godly does not sit in the seat of these people. (vs. 1)
4. The blessed man meditates on this day and night. (vs. 2)
5. "The LORD ____ the way of the righteous." (vs. 6)
6. The blessed man is like this planted by the rivers. (vs. 3)
7. Sinners will not be in the congregation of these people. (vs.5)

"His delight is in the law of the LORD." Psalm 1:2

Sunday

August 14

Religion Versus Relationship

Read Isaiah 1:11-18

Tradition for the sake of tradition had become the focus of the Hebrew nation. Instead of heartfelt desire to act in obedience, the children of Israel had slipped into vain repetition. They were going through the motions. Where once the feast days served to remind them of God's faithfulness and guidance, now they had become little more than mundane rituals.

God says to His children in verse thirteen to stop bringing their sacrifices when they mean nothing from their hearts. All of their feasts, Sabbaths, and assemblies were empty of any real relationship driven desires. He goes even further to say, in verse fourteen, that He hates these ceremonies that perpetuate the testimony of their separation.

God's desire was that they worship and celebrate out of love for Him and then heed His instructions. In verses sixteen through eighteen, He calls them to wash, put away evil, cease to do evil, learn to do well, and reason with Him. He wanted to forgive and make them righteous before Him. He never wanted religion; He desires relationship.

If we are not careful, church can become the same for us—an empty display of religion based upon guilt or even worse just tradition. Instead, we should be like the groom who constantly reminds himself of the treasure he has in his bride. We need to rehearse daily all that we have and will have in Christ. We should come to each service with an attitude of expectancy. When we do, church is not an exercise

Morning: *Psalms 99-102*

Evening: *Romans 13*

of religiosity but a relishing of the relationship.

The redeemed enjoy closeness with the God of the universe. Church should be an intimate meeting with Jesus and with others who also love Him. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” Psalm 101:2-3

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete James 1:23-27

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a (1) _____, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a (2) _____: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of (3) _____, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be (4) _____ in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is (5) _____. (6) _____ religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself (7) _____ from the world.”

Monday
August 15

Your Stewardship

“And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.” Luke 16:1

Our church always observes a stewardship month each year. It is a joy for me to listen to the testimonies of our congregation and watch and wait on all that God will do. The pastor will spend time on tithing and stewardship of our entire lives. It is a rewarding month for our church. Many people become convicted of their lack of giving each year, and others are reminded what stewardship means.

Stewardship involves so much more than just our money. It is a matter of being totally surrendered with all that God has entrusted to us. For being a steward is “one who is employed in a large household or estate to manage domestic concerns” according to Webster. Try making a list of all your affairs and domestic concerns that you manage. Evaluate each one according to your time and success in those areas. Then decide which ones require more of your time. Evaluate the eternal investment.

This leads me to discuss the stewardship of our time. I have found in life that I generally have time to do the things I want to do. Jesus longs for our fellowship; in fact, that is why we were created. If you have trouble sitting down for a lengthy period of time in Bible study and prayer, begin asking God “to restore the joy of your salvation.” Just hit your knees anytime during the day or evening. Make use of the 10 or 15 minutes of time that you might waste just

Morning: *Psalms 103-104*

Evening: *Romans 14*

fiddling around with something insignificant. Don't allow nighttime to fall without prayer and Bible study. Refuse eating a meal until you have that time alone with God. The love of being with Him will return. Try it. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” Psalm 101:2-3

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Using key words in today's devotional unscramble the following words.

_____ 1. P S S W A I E R T H D

_____ 2. V C I T O E N D

_____ 3. N E T T S U D E R

_____ 4. V E U L A A T E

_____ 5. L L O I P S E F W H

_____ 6. S T W A E

Quote of the Day

“The Dead Sea is the dead sea, because it continually receives and never gives.”

~Anonymous

Tuesday

August 16

Morning: *Psalms 105-106*
Evening: *Romans 15:1-20*

God Will Answer

“Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.” I Samuel 30:4

David hurt so much that he cried until he could not cry anymore. Maybe you have experienced such a deep hurt, so deep that you finally lose your power to cry.

In this verse and passage, David had returned to Ziklag with his men. He had been in hiding from King Saul but now returned expecting to find his wives and children. When he returned, he found that Ziklag had been burned with fire and his wives had been taken captive, as well as his sons and daughters. He is overwhelmed with grief—so much so, that he cries so hard and long that he cannot cry anymore.

Someday, it will be interesting to ask God why He allowed such tragedies to take place. We know from I Corinthians 4:6 that when God puts light on everything that has happened, we will all praise Him. But here, David had to face the crisis.

In great distress, David’s life was even threatened because his men had also lost their families. His own men were planning his death. In this great suffering, grief, and danger, what did David do? In verse six we read, *“David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”* David looked to Jehovah God, Jesus Christ. He looked to God’s promises and His faithfulness, and David was encouraged. And then in verse eight we read, *“David inquired at the*

LORD” He asked the Lord what he should do, and God answered him.

You can be certain—trouble will come into your life; when it does, encourage yourself in Christ and ask for direction. God will answer.
~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself _____ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.”
Psalm 101:2-3

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Respond to today’s devotional. Is there trouble in your life? Are you looking for direction or for a specific answer?

Quote of the Day

“We tiptoe around in the throne room of God, afraid to ask what we really want. We don’t go to Him on the basis of what He said He would do. We go weakly and fearfully.”
~Charles Stanley

Wednesday

August 17

God of Heavens

“For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens.” Psalm 96:5

The God who made the heavens is worthy of profound worship—worship not just in song or service but worship of life in choices small and large. Those things and people we place in God’s place are worthless idols.

We may view heathen idols as ignorant and childish. Who bows to a chunk of stone? But, the idols of our age are just as counterfeit and empty despite their sophistication. They may be more dangerous because they creep so subtly to the altar of our lives, and we worship them with time, money, and affection.

Taking an astronomy class during college increased my reverence for God exponentially. Studying the heavens, the work of God’s hands, stretched the boundaries of my finite mind. I simply could not comprehend His glory. It is incomprehensible. If you find yourself short on awe of God, purpose to renew it. We naturally worship that which awes us. Take a walk in nature, sit in the stillness of creation, or lose yourself in the majesty of the night sky. The heavens will declare the glory of God to you. ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself _____ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect _____. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” Psalm 101:2-3

Morning: *Psalms 107-108*

Evening: *Romans 15:21-33*

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. The following statements all deal with measurements given in the Bible. Note that a cubit is approximately 18 inches and a span is approximately 9 inches.

- _____ 1. Noah’s ark was 300 cubits in length which is approximately 450 feet. (Gen. 6:14-15)
- _____ 2. The Tower of Babel was planned to be as tall as Mt. Sinai. (Gen. 11:1-9)
- _____ 3. Goliath was about 10 feet tall. (I Sam. 17:4)
- _____ 4. In Matthew 6:27, the measurement of an ephah was used to illustrate a point about worrying.
- _____ 5. The length the width and the height of the New Jerusalem are of equal value. (Rev. 21:16)
- _____ 6. The ark which contained the two tables of the law was four and a half cubits in length. (Ex. 25:10)

Quote of the Day

“The most important thought that ever occupied my mind is that of my individual responsibility to God.” ~Daniel Webster

Thursday

August 18

Sweeter Than Pie

*“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”
Psalm 8:1, 9*

When I was living in Chattanooga, Tennessee, I was friends with a middle-aged couple who attended my church and worked at my school. Many times I would end up at their house for Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Betsill was your typical southern cook. Almost anything that she made was wonderful. I never liked corn bread until I ate hers. I, being the typical “northerner” (because down their anyone from north of the Mason-Dixon was a “northerner”) drank my ice-tea WITHOUT sugar. Sweet tea was non-existent in my house. But Mrs. Betsill’s sweet tea became the cause for most of the weight I gained in college.

I am a picky eater; but many times I would try “typical southern” food at the Betsill’s, and I would find that I liked it. By far, the best thing that Mrs. Betsill made was her pecan pie. I had never, up to the first time I tried hers, nor have I yet to, even still today, tasted anyone’s pecan pie that was better than hers. (So, maybe it was not just the sweet tea that made me fat.) If you were to use the word “excellent” in a sentence, it would fit the most in a sentence about Mrs. Betsill’s pecan pie.

The Psalmist, I know, did not have the privilege of tasting Mrs. Betsill’s pecan pie, but he found something sweeter. “O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the

Morning: *Psalms 109-111*

Evening: *Romans 16*

earth.” He does not just say it once in the psalm, but twice.

How many times have I told Mrs. Betsill how excellent her pie was? Probably hundreds. How much more does our Heavenly Father deserve the praises from my mouth describing just how great He is? Do not allow this day to slip away without telling God how excellent His name is. By the way, I praised the pie because I experienced it. I tasted and found that it was good. If you have not experienced God, trust me you will like what you find. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself _____ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect _____. I will set no _____ thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” Psalm 101:2-3

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 John 1.

____ 1. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming, John called him God the Father.

____ 2. All the Persons of the Trinity were present during the baptism of Jesus.

Quote of the Day

“Character in a saint means the disposition of Jesus Christ persistently manifested.”

~Oswald Chambers

Friday
August 19

Signs of Pure Religion

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” James 1:27

Now this is a convicting verse! James 1:27 forces you to look within your soul and truly see how you are measuring in the standard of Christ-likeness. James, the half-brother of Jesus, boils down pure religion to a couple of outward signs. Note that these “works” are not criteria to be saved, but they are proof of salvation.

First, true Christianity is shown through benevolence. Jesus was a man of compassion for the rich as well as the poor, for the healthy as well as the lame, for the married as well as the widowed. In showing kindness and compassion for ALL people groups, we exemplify the life of Christ.

Secondly, pure religion can be seen through living a life that is holy, set apart from the world. Once saved, life changes. *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* (I Pt. 2:9) There is a definite pull toward current cultural trends. But some of these “trends” do not glorify the Father. The Bible says, *“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.”* (Psalm 101:3) Are you truly living this verse, or does your movie and television watching show otherwise? *“Pure religion . . . is this . . . to keep himself unspotted from the world.”*

Morning: Psalms 112-115

Evening: I Corinthians 1

How are you doing? Is this verse convicting? Yes. Is it necessary? Yes. *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”* (II Cor. 13:5) ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself _____ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect _____. I will set no _____ thing before mine eyes: I _____ the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.”
Psalm 101:2-3

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer based on today’s devotional.

1. James was what relation to Jesus?
A. Full brother C. Cousin
B. Half brother D. No relation
2. Pure religion, true Christianity, is seen through what?
A. Good works
B. Purity & sinlessness
C. Benevolence & holiness
D. None of the above
3. Christians are what according to I Peter 2:9?
A. A royal priesthood
B. A chosen generation
C. A holy nation
D. All of the above

Saturday

August 20

Is Your Walk Worthy?

*“That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.”
1 Thessalonians 2:12*

Here we are admonished to walk worthy of God. Just what kind of walk is God worthy? How do we go about demonstrating His worth through our lives?

To begin with we can walk in praise. We can praise Him continually for what He has done for us and in us. He has saved us through His love and grace. He has provided for all of our needs, and He demonstrates His love for us constantly. In response, our walk should be one of praise.

Secondly, our walk should be one of purity. God said, *“Be ye holy; for I am holy.”* (1 Pt. 1:16) If we have been born into God’s family, we should reflect the character of our heavenly Father, Who is a holy, holy, holy God. Our lifestyle should set us apart as different.

Finally, our walk should be one of proclamation. Our voices should direct those we meet into a greater understanding of our God. We should tell them about the sacrifice He made to save us and of His certain return as King of kings and Lord of lords. We must walk worthy of Him, for He is worthy. ~DLW

Morning: Psalms 116-118

Evening: 1 Corinthians 2

Scripture Fill-In

“I will _____ myself _____ in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect _____. I will set no _____ thing before mine eyes: I _____ the work of them that turn aside; it shall not _____ to me.” Psalm 101:2-3

Bible Quiz

Find the Order: Put the following books of the Bible in order of appearance in the Old Testament. Place a ‘1’ by the book which appears first and so on.

- ____ 1. Joel
- ____ 2. Ezra
- ____ 3. Jeremiah
- ____ 4. Nahum
- ____ 5. Ruth
- ____ 6. Haggai

Quote of the Day

“When Christians find themselves exposed to temptation they should pray to God to uphold them, and when they are tempted they should not be discouraged. It is not a sin to be tempted; the sin is to fall into temptation.”

~D. L. Moody

Why Join A Local Church

By Sumner Wemp

with and belong to their church. They must not hide their light under a bushel but put to use (occupy) what God has given them. How terrible that a hand or foot is not working in the body of Christ! Think of the loss of rewards at the Judgment Seat Of Christ! Jesus said, "***I will build my church.***" (Mt. 16:18) Every Christian needs to get involved and help Him do what He said He was going to do!

7. The need to "belong" is a vital and valuable reason to belong to a local church. Every person needs the feeling of being included. We all need to feel a vital part and not an outsider of our family, our neighborhood, our city, our country, our jobs, and our church if we are going to get anything out of it or put anything into it. This is especially true of our relationship to a church. As long as you are not a member you will have an incomplete feeling, a feeling of being an outsider, of not belonging. It is not your church. You feel no responsibility nor will you take any responsibility for what happens there. You need to belong. You need to put your life in service for the Lord in a local church. All the instructions in the Bible for Christians are to local churches. Join today; you "belong" in a local church. That also means we who belong must make those who join us feel a vital part of the church.

8. Christians are not perfect, just forgiven. Stop looking for the perfect church. It doesn't exist. The church is a hospital with obstetrics, nursery, pediatrics, feeding, operating rooms, and out-patient clinics. It is for everyone. Churches must spiritually wipe dirty noses and faces, bandage up wounds and sores, and feed

hungry hearts. Believers are to "grow" and "exhort one another," "love one another," and "edify one another." If one member suffers the whole body suffers. You need to be in a church to invest your gifts to help other Christians and then to have a place to be ministered to when you get sick as well.

10. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. He said, "***I will build my church.***" We should also love the church and give our lives in service for it.

If your hand, foot, or eye does not function properly, you are hindered; you are handicapped. The body of Christ is also hindered if you do not function in His church as you should and as you are designed and gifted to do. You are a hand, foot, or some part of the body of Christ and need to function in the local church so it can make a better impact on the world for God and for good. The church needs you, and you need the church. Why not join now if you haven't already, and put to use the gifts God has given you?

"Every believer should join a local church and help build it so he makes a bigger impact on his community and the world."

Sunday

August 21

Morning: *Psalms 119:1-48*

Evening: *I Corinthians 3*

Free Falling

“O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.” Psalm 7:1

The summer after my senior year of high school, I took advantage of my last opportunity to attend church camp as a camper. My church traveled to Appalachian Bible Camp in the mountains of West Virginia. I had never been to a camp quite like this one. I had spent the last three summers at camp COBEAC and was ready for a change.

One of the main focuses of the camp was learning to trust one another. Pranks and teasing in the cabins was highly frowned upon because the counselors were attempting to teach us to trust one another. If I played a prank on someone in my cabin, it would be hard for him to trust me later on in the week when he needed my help. They used the “low ropes” course elements to help build our trust for one another. One of the elements of learning to trust was what they called a “trust fall.” Each of us was to stand on a stump about five feet off the ground, fold our arms in front of our chest, and fall straight backwards into the arms of the rest of the guys in our cabin. The idea was to totally depend on your cabin mates.

Being a senior and one of the biggest guys in my cabin, it was not too encouraging to hear the others guys say thing like, “Oh, not him,” or “He’s too big” as I climbed to the top of the stump. It made me second-guess whether I really wanted to trust them or not.

Good for us, God does not whisper under

His breath when we call on Him to break our fall. The Psalmist says, “O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust.” He does not second-guess the power of God to hold him up. When he falls, he knows that God is strong enough to catch him. God does not whisper, “Oh no, not this guy again. His problems are too big,” or “Catch him again?” No, He simply stretches out His loving hands and catches us. God can be trusted. Trust Him. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.” Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Fill in the blanks: Complete Psalm 7:8-10

“The LORD shall judge the people: (1) _____ me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me. Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the (2) _____: for the righteous God (3) _____ the hearts and reins. My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.”

Quote of the Day

“You should not believe your conscience and your feelings more than the word which the Lord who receives sinners preaches to you.”

~Martin Luther

Monday
August 22

Faith Put to the Test

“Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.” Daniel 6:16

If you would randomly ask one hundred people what Daniel was known for, most would probably say being cast into the lions’ den and surviving the night. This one night in the life of this eighty-year-old man has been taught and preached around the world for centuries.

God had prepared Daniel for this trial in the lions’ den. In addition, Daniel had also prepared his heart from the time he was a teenager until his night. He had purposed in his heart not to sin against God as a teenager, and he had learned to trust God in every situation.

It is interesting that after serving God for all these years, it would be this crisis that Daniel would be known for more than any other. If your spiritual life had to be condensed into one night or one event, what would it be? Would you be found walking by faith? If you were faced with the lions’ den this week, would you be spiritually prepared?

God is always searching for those who have prepared their hearts to live for Him. If you want to be a person mightily used of God, you can be. Remember, however, there is a cost to great service for God. It is your decision. You can be sure your faith will be tested. Daniel survived by faith! His reward undoubtedly far exceeded the cost.

Morning: *Psalms 119:49-104*

Evening: *I Corinthians 4*

We find this statement about the heroes of the faith: *“Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.”* (Heb. 11:33) ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.” Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the man or woman found in the “Hall of Faith” with their description.

_____ 1. Barak (Jdg. 4:1-24)

_____ 2. Jephthah (Jdg. 11:24-33)

_____ 3. Samson (Jdg. 16:21-31)

- A. Led the army of the Israelites against the Ammonites
- B. Pulled down the pillars of the temple and killed many Philistines
- C. Went with Deborah and conquered Sisera.

Quote of the Day

“Our standard is not earthly success, but faithfulness to God’s calling.” ~Charles Colson

Tuesday
August 23

When Should We Witness?

*“Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?”
John 4:29*

Our Lord was passing through Samaria on His way from Judaea to Galilee. At noontime He sat down beside a well which was called “Jacob’s Well.” A lady who had been married five times came to draw water. Knowing she was in need of salvation, Jesus spoke to her and won her to Himself. She left her water pot and ran into the city, telling the people about Christ. She told them she had found the Messiah. Multitudes from the city came out and were saved. Notice a few points about this passage.

1. Jesus witnessed while traveling. (Jn. 4:3-10)
2. The humanity of Jesus is shown in this story. (Jn. 4:6-8)
3. Jesus was willing to witness to a lower class of people.
4. Notice the soul-winning methods Jesus used.
5. The woman at the well was a “hard” case. (Jn. 4:18)
6. Jesus taught the woman true worship. (Jn. 4:20-24)
7. The Holy Spirit helped in soul-winning.
8. A new convert became a soul winner immediately. (Jn. 4:28-39)

It is never too early to begin telling people about Christ. As a result of the new conversion of the woman at the well, the whole city was moved, and lost people were saved. This

Morning: *Psalms 119:105-176*

Evening: *I Corinthians 5*

should be our desire, to please the Saviour through telling others about Him. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a _____ person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.”
Psalm 101:4-5

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 John 3:1-10.

- _____ 1. Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews.
- _____ 2. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night to ask Him some questions.
- _____ 3. Nicodemus clearly understood the concept of being born-again.
- _____ 4. Nicodemus believed that Jesus was of God.
- _____ 5. Jesus used the analogy of the wind to explain the concept of being born of the Spirit.

Quote of the Day

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”
~C. S. Lewis

Wednesday

August 24

Faith

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”
Hebrews 11:1*

This chapter of Hebrews contains a long list of individuals who expressed hope in God when they acted in faith.

To begin we should examine what faith is not. Faith is not having all the answers. Faith is not calculated theory proven within the standards of a margin of error. Faith is not blind obedience without employing of wisdom.

Our author here points to the focus of faith which is hope. If a person that was stranded on a desert island loses hope, it would be very difficult for him to have the faith that a rescue ship was on its way. In much the same way, believers today can read and see the hope that was held in the hearts of our ancient Christians forerunners. They acted in faith to follow Christ. Seeing them, we can have hope and follow Christ ourselves by faith.

Our faith exercised in our actions reveals what we hope will come to pass. The apostles had been with Jesus. They lived their faith as they followed Him. They exercised their faith as they obeyed His commands to preach, teach, and baptize in hope of His return. They had been with Christ and heard Him speak, but they did not know exactly when He would return. Yet, they lived lives of abandon to the world by faith.

None of us today have ever seen Jesus in the flesh. For us, faith takes on perhaps an even

Morning: *Psalms 120-123*

Evening: *I Corinthians 6*

greater meaning. We must follow having never heard the audible commands of the Savior. We follow because of the hope we have in the truth of His Word. We follow because of the faith we see displayed in the saints. We follow because we know that we have been redeemed. And we follow by faith fully trusting the hope of glory that is to come. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a _____ person. Whoso privily _____ his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.” Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) or thing(s) which do not fit in the Biblical account.

Samson’s Riddle: Judges 14

- A. Samson
- B. 30 companions
- C. 30 changes of sheets
- D. 30 changes of garments
- E. Samson’s brother
- F. Samson’s wife
- G. Bees
- H. Locusts
- I. Lion

Quote of the Day

“Faith makes: The uplook good, the outlook bright, the future glorious.” ~Anonymous

Thursday

August 25

Morning: Psalms 124-127

Evening: I Corinthians 7:1-24

The Trumpet Judgments

“And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!” Revelation 8:13

The trumpet is the musical instrument with the highest register in the brass family. Trumpets are among the oldest musical instruments, dating back to at least 1500 B.C. It was used to call the people to assemble, to regulate journeys, to announce sacrifices at feast time, assemble warriors for battle, to memorialize people, proclaim kings, and give an alarm when danger was eminent.

The sounding of the trumpet is illustrative with God’s power, which is referenced in I Corinthians 15:52 and I Thessalonians 4:16; with the proclamation of the Gospel, referenced in Psalm 89:15; with the bold and faithful preaching of God’s ministers referenced in Isaiah 58:1, Hosea 8:1, and Joel 2:1; and with end time judgments referenced in Revelation 8:2,13.

In end times there will be trumpet judgments; Revelation chapters 8 & 9 speaks of these. They are as follows:

1. Hail and fire mingled with blood will burn up one-third of the trees and all green grass.
2. Something like a great mountain burning with fire will be cast into the sea, one third of the sea will become blood, one third of living creatures in the sea will die and one

third of the ships will be destroyed.

3. A falling star will make one third of the springs and rivers bitter, which will cause people to die when they drink the water.
4. The sun, moon, and stars lose one third of their brightness and will not shine for one third of the day and one third of the night.
5. Scorpion like locusts sting (but not kill) non-Christian people for five months.
6. An army of 200,000,000 will kill one third of the world’s population.
7. There will be noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake, and great hail.

The end time is real and eminent! Are you ready? If not, settle it today. Jesus awaits with open arms to receive you! ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a _____ person. Whoso privily _____ his neighbor, him will I _____ off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.” Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. “Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound,” is found where?
A. I Corinthians 15:52 C. Psalm 89:15
B. I Thessalonians 4:16 D. Psalm 9:2
2. “Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle . . .” is found where?
A. Isaiah 58:1 C. Hosea 8:1
B. Revelation 8:2 D. Joel 2:1

Friday

August 26

Don't Faint

“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.” James 5:7

Over and over, Christians are warned to be steadfast—don't faint even though you may grow weary. Let me ask you this question: Why not quit? The answer is because the Lord is coming. Just as the farmer must be patient for the harvest, the Christian must be patient as he grows in the Lord.

Although a Christian will not grow weary of the Lord's work, he can become physically or spiritually weary in the work. When this happens, the temptation is to quit. Jesus warns us not to quit because the Lord's coming draweth nigh (vs. 8), and He standeth before the door (vs. 9). Christ is coming, and it could be at any moment.

How sad it is for a farmer to sow his seed and not wait for the harvest. The rain and the heat will come before the harvest, and this also is the case spiritually. You may have many rainy days or persevere through unbearable heat, but the harvest will come. If the farmer gives up and loses hope, he forfeits his reward.

The Christian must finish his spiritual course. To give up early will cost him very dearly eternally. Encourage yourself in the Lord daily, and God will strengthen you. Your victory will require much faith, and it will be worth all the effort.

Morning: Psalms 128-131

Evening: I Corinthians 7:25-40

Paul said, “I am ready to be offered.” He had finished his course, fought a good fight, and kept the faith. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a _____ person. Whoso privily _____ his neighbor, him will I _____ off: him that hath an _____ look and a proud heart will not I suffer.” Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) or thing(s) which do not fit in the biblical account.

Jesus' Temptation: Luke 4:1-13

- A. Jesus
- B. Satan
- C. Stones
- D. Bread
- E. Water
- F. Scripture
- G. Temple
- H. Mountain
- I. Power
- J. Demons

Quote of the Day

“Faith is the deliberate confidence in the character of God Whose ways you may not understand at the time.” ~Oswald Chambers

Saturday

August 27

Morning: Psalms 132-135

Evening: I Corinthians 8

Sneaky Tricks

“The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsion. Selah.” Psalm 9:15-16

During my freshman year of college, I worked for Mr. Betsill at the physical plant. Our job at the physical plant was to keep the campus grounds looking nice. Basically, we did yard work. We mowed the grass, did some weed eating, chopped up fallen trees, weeded the flower beds, picked up trash, raked leaves, and any other maintenance job that needed to be done.

As my freshman year was coming to a close, Mr. Betsill left the physical plant and became a head custodian at a local church. When he cleaned out his desk, he gave me a rubber snake that someone had conveniently left in a dark, damp hole that houses the water sprinkler. When Mr. Betsill went to turn the sprinkler system on, he had a tremendous scare.

I took the snake back to my room intending to use it for a practical joke. Before I got there, I decided I really did not want the snake so I threw it in the weeds that had grown up in the flowerbed right outside of the dorm. I figured that someone would get a good jump from it. After that, I forgot about the snake.

A few weeks later, my job was to clean out the flowerbeds. I was working diligently trying to remove all the weeds from the flowerbed.

When I looked up, I about jumped out of my skin. Lying right where I had thrown it was that rubber snake. The prankster was fooled by his own prank.

Just as I was scared by my own scare tactic, the LORD uses this type of poetic justice to judge the wicked. He uses the heathen pit for the heathen to fall into. He uses the heathen net to trap the heathen. He uses the heathen work to snare the heathen. The Psalmist says this is what the LORD is known for. His judgments are just. (And not without a sense of humor)

So, be careful how you live. The LORD will execute judgment. Also, rejoice in the fact that we have a God who protects us from the tricks of the wicked. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“A _____ heart shall depart from me: I will not know a _____ person. Whoso privily _____ his neighbour, him will I _____ off: him that hath an _____ look and a _____ heart will not I suffer.”
Psalm 101:4-5

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following words from today’s verses.

_____ 1. G M N J T E U D

_____ 2. C I D W K E

Quote of the Day

“Temptations discover what we are.”

~Anonymous

Sunday

August 28

What Are You Determined to Do?

“O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.” Psalm 108:1-3

King David is the author of the majority of the book of Psalms. If you were to read through all of the psalms he wrote, you would find that he endured many difficult life experiences that are reflected in his writings. Somehow through it all, David learned an important truth. David understood that God is always good and even the hardships of life work to establish His purpose in us and through us. With all that he went through, he made a determination to praise God. Let’s look at some of the statements he made in this passage.

“Oh God, my heart is fixed.” We have no power over some of the events in our lives, but we have absolute power over our attitude. David fixed his heart toward praise.

“I myself will awake early.” David considered worship so important that he adjusted his schedule to insure a time to praise his God. He made worship the first thing in his life.

“I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.” David also purposed to make his worship public so that all could see how much he valued his God. ~DLW’

Morning: *Psalms 136-138*
Evening: *I Corinthians 9*

Scripture Fill-In

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

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

1. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to do? _____

2. Has praise been a daily practice in your life? How can you enhance your personal worship? _____

Quote of the Day

“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fools so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Monday
August 29

Unexplored Depths

Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” Romans 6:13b

How deep is our obedience to God? Often my obedience is as shallow as a child’s pool, only extending to the point that my comfort is left undisturbed.

With expensive underwater camera equipment, brave sea divers have discovered a whole world of creatures and beauty deep within the ocean. There is a whole world in the depths completely foreign to our experience.

Those willing to walk in radical obedience to God are rewarded by depths not touched by those who paddle around in safe, shallow waters. We miss out when we are unwilling to trust God and obey Him.

When I stand before God one day and look into His glorious, eternal face; obedience to Him will be imperative, compulsive. I will have no choice but to bow before His perfect will.

Here and now, I have a choice to demonstrate faith in the unseen, and to live toward the eternal, even though I now live in earthly reality. There are depths of God’s goodness and grace to be explored, may we not pull back in fear. Instead, may we all pray what John Wesley did, *“Lord, I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom You will. Let be employed by You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or*

Morning: *Psalms 139-141*

Evening: *I Corinthians 10:1-13*

brought low by You. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.” ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the word that completes the verse.

1. “To whom ye ____ yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey?” (Rom. 6:16)
A. Submit C. Commit
B. Yield D. Allow
2. “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith ____ the deeds of the law.” (Rom. 3:28)
A. Without C. Because
B. With D. For

Quote of the Day

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.”

~Martin Luther

Tuesday

August 30

Morning: *Psalms 142-144*

Evening: *I Corinthians 10:14-33*

Fakers

“And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?”
Acts 19:15

How do you recognize a faker? They are ill equipped to do what they claim to be able to do. They may look the part of the person they impersonate but have none of the authority of their real counter-part.

That is the situation in this passage. News of Paul’s spiritual authority, power, and healing had grown. People were coming to Christ as a result. Jealousy and envy became a powerful motivator to many who heard these things.

One such group were seven sons of Sceva, a chief priest. There is no record of their being saved or being given any authority in Christ. They took it upon themselves to deal with some demonic forces. Having called to themselves some who were demon possessed, they sought to use the name of Jesus for their own glory.

The result was not at all what they had anticipated. Hoping to become famous as exorcists, they spoke Jesus’ name to the demons. In response, the demons said that they did not know these men and then turned upon them. Naked, wounded, and no doubt ashamed these seven sons fled from the house.

It was not the name of Jesus that was lacking power, it was the attempt to use it shamefully that failed. In fact, Jesus’ name did show its power as those who heard of this event were

in great fear. Many believed, confessed their sins, and turned from their dark ways. We can never hope to use the name of Christ for anything other than to bring Him glory. Any attempt to do so will end sadly in shame. Knowing this we should all seek to never be a faker. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____: Who forgiveth all thine _____; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person who does not fit in the Biblical account.

The Selling of Joseph: Genesis 37:18-31

- A. Joseph
- B. Joseph’s brothers
- C. Joseph’s father
- D. Midianite merchants
- E. Ishmaelites
- F. Philistines

Quote of the Day

“Character is like the foundation of a house—it is below the surface.” ~Anonymous

Wednesday

August 31

Morning: *Psalms 145-147*
Evening: *I Corinthians 11:1-15*

Christ Will Come

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold...”
Revelation 19:11-16

Do you realize that the rapture can take place at any moment? There is no particular prophecy that must be fulfilled in order for this spectacular event to happen. Through the ages, scoffers have mocked this Christian doctrine. However, we should keep telling the story and proclaiming the veracity of the Scriptures.

No one knows when the rapture will take place, and no one knows who may be left behind and will remember your words about the gospel and will pray for God’s mercy through a sinner’s prayer. I have considered leaving notes on my walls to neighbors who might enter my home and see the message that they must not worship the antichrist and that they, too, can still become a Christian. The seven years of tribulation following the rapture will be horrendous. Those that do become a Christian after the rapture will suffer greatly, and many will be martyrs.

After the tribulation, Christ will then gather His armies of heaven to prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 19 portrays this event quite vividly. We see heaven opened in verse 11, “. . . *and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon Him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:*

and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword. . . ” This is THE KING OF KINGS! ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his _____: Who forgiveth all thine _____; who _____all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.” Psalm 103:2-5

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete John 14:2-3.

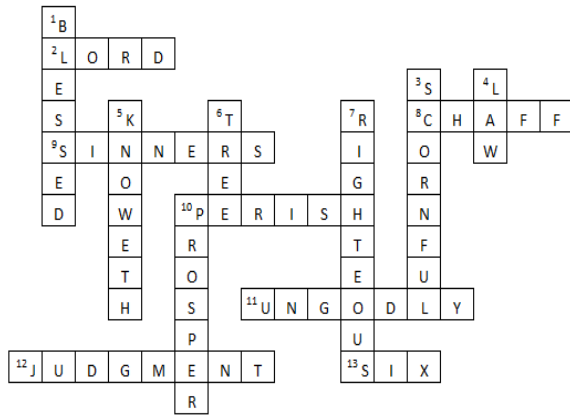
“In my (1) _____house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to (2) _____ a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I (3) _____ (4) _____ again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

Quote of the Day

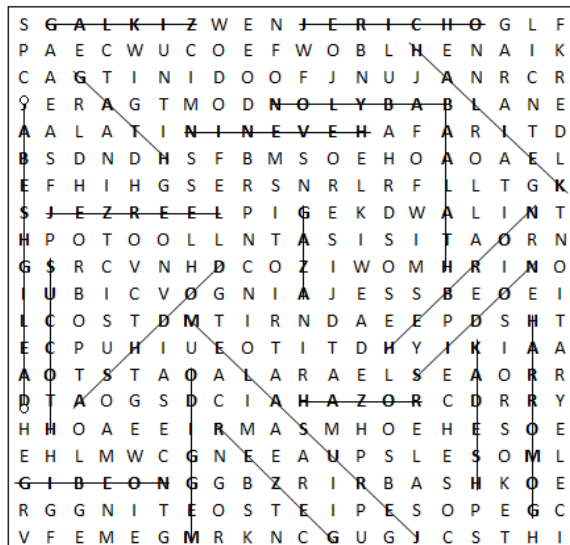
“Christians don’t have to go around discouraged and despondent with their shoulders bent. Think of it—the joy, the peace, the sense of forgiveness that He gives you, and then heaven too. ~Billy Graham

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

- Aug. 1 Pg. 2 1. Holy One, Just
2. Longsuffering
- Aug. 2 Pg. 3 1. C 2. D 3. E 4. A 5. B
- Aug. 3 Pg. 4 1. D 2. B 3. A 4. E 5. C
- Aug. 4 Pg. 5 Answers will vary.
- Aug. 5 Pg. 6 1. B 2. A
- Aug. 6 Pg. 7 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. F 6. T
- Aug. 7 Pg. 9 1. Cleanse, purify 2. Holiness
- Aug. 8 Pg. 10 1. C 2. B 3. A
- Aug. 9 Pg. 11 1. Follow 2. Servant 3. Honor
- Aug. 10 Pg. 12 1. Faithfulness 2. Kindness
3. Holiness 4. Immutable
5. Longsuffering
- Aug. 11 Pg. 13 Answers will vary.
- Aug. 12 Pg. 14 1. Chaff 2. Corrupt Trees
3. Dogs 4. Fiery Oven
5. Tares 6. Troubled Sea
- Aug. 13 Pg. 15 1. B 2. D 3. D
- Aug. 14 Pg. 17 1. Doer 2. Glass 3. Liberty
4. Blessed 5. Vain 6. Pure
7. Unspotted
- Aug. 15 Pg. 18 1. Stewardship 2. Convicted
3. Entrusted 4. Evaluate
5. Fellowship 6. Waste
- Aug. 16 Pg. 19 Answers will vary.
- Aug. 17 Pg. 20 1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. F
- Aug. 18 Pg. 21 1. F 2. T
- Aug. 19 Pg. 22 1. B 2. C 3. D
- Aug. 20 Pg. 23 1. 4 2. 2 3. 3 4. 5 5. 1 6. 6
- Aug. 21 Pg. 25 1. Judge 2. Just 3. Trieth
- Aug. 22 Pg. 26 1. C 2. A 3. B
- Aug. 23 Pg. 27 1. T 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. T
- Aug. 24 Pg. 28 E & H
- Aug. 25 Pg. 29 1. C 2. C
- Aug. 26 Pg. 30 E & J
- Aug. 27 Pg. 31 1. Judgment 2. Wicked
- Aug. 28 Pg. 32 Answers will vary.
- Aug. 29 Pg. 33 1. B 2. A
- Aug. 30 Pg. 34 C & F
- Aug. 31 Pg. 35 1. Father's 2. Prepare 3. Will
4. Come