



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

July 1, 2011

Dear Fellow Believer,

Greetings! Happy Independence Day! July Fourth is celebrated in remembrance of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence which declared the United States free from Great Britain.

In the Bible, Romans 6:22 says, *“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”* As a believer in Christ, you have been freed from your sin. This does not mean that you will never sin again; it means that you have a new nature. You have God-given power to fight against sin. You are a new creature.

This month, as you continue to faithfully study God’s Word, remember to thank God for your freedom. If you have accepted Christ, you are no longer under the firm grasp of Satan. You have the power to resist temptation, and your eternal destiny is secure!

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Devotional Staff

Friday
July 1

True Freedom

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Titus 2:11-12

Sometimes we think of freedom, and we think of being free of restraints. We think of being able to do anything, buy anything, or go anywhere as ultimate freedom. Often that is connected with an amount of money. If only I had *this* amount of money then I could *fill in the blank*. That sort of freedom is ultimately a form of bondage. It is a bondage to our desires and impulses. True freedom is not having everything we want; true freedom is a combination of self-control and contentment.

Anyone who has ever run up a balance on a credit card knows that the freedom to spend in the moment brought enslavement to high payments later on. Abraham Lincoln said, “Worst of all foes I fear the enemy within.” Our own wants can be our master and enslave us. To break the bondage to self we need to have renewed minds. Once we value that which is truly important over the temporary satisfactions of our bodies, then we will begin to make choices that free us. We will be free to be content with our circumstances. Free to serve others. Free to give of our money without fear. Free to make loving choices towards others.

This freedom brings joy and is only accomplished by relying on the grace of God to transform us. ~AJD

Morning: Job 21-22

Evening: Acts 10:1-23

Scripture Fill-In

“He shall _____ thee with his _____, and under his _____ shalt thou _____: his _____ shall be thy shield and buckler.” Psalm 91:4

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following John 8:31-36.

“Then said (1) _____ to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the (2) _____ shall make you (3)_____. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the (4)_____ of (5)_____. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the (6) _____ therefore shall make you free, ye shall be (7) _____ indeed.”

Quote of the Day

“Human love fails and will always fail. God’s love never fails.” ~Corrie Ten Boom

Saturday

July 2

My Life Is an Open Book

“But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.”
2 Timothy 3:10-11

In his last letter at the end of his ministry, the Apostle Paul encourages Timothy to examine his testimony. Paul could say with confidence, “Take a good look at my life.” He knew that people would find him doctrinally sound. He was not ashamed of the manner in which he had lived his life. His faith toward God and his love for both the lost and the saved were what they ought to be. He had confidence that his Christian life was worthy of being emulated. He also reminded Timothy to consider how that he was faithful even under persecution, and how that the Lord was faithful to him when he was being persecuted.

What if your life was to be examined today? What if someone came and said that they were going to conduct a spiritual life audit on you? Could you defend Bible doctrine? Is your purpose for living Jesus Christ? How is your love for others? We all have a testimony for Christ. Some of us have a better testimony than others. All of us should strive to be the best we can be for the “Timothy” in our lives.

Paul could confidently say, “Look at my life, for I have nothing to hide.” What about you? ~DLW

Morning: Job 23-25

Evening: Acts 10:24-48

Scripture Fill-In

“He shall _____ thee with his _____, and under his _____ shalt thou _____: his _____ shall be thy _____ and buckler.” Psalm 91:4

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Hebrews 11 is known as the Hall of Faith. Unscramble the names of some of the great men and women who are listed in this great chapter.

- _____ 1. C E H N O
- _____ 2. B E A L
- _____ 3. S S M E O
- _____ 4. H R B A A
- _____ 5. M S S O N A
- _____ 6. D I D V A
- _____ 7. K A R B A

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

Sunday

July 3

Submissive to Leadership

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme.” 1 Peter 2:13

In the time of war (and in peace), it is the responsibility of a citizen to be obedient to the authority God has placed over him. The Bible has been written to all people; therefore, this is applicable in the United States as well as all other countries.

If the leader of a country sends its young men to war, they are under his authority and should be obedient. If the President of the United States sends our soldiers to war, a good citizen will go.

We may not always agree with every law our government passes, but as a citizen we are commanded by God to be obedient.

We have a special privilege living in the United States. We have opportunity to elect the leaders that we want to follow. A Christian should participate in this election process, both by voting and sometimes by running for office.

Our leaders often have difficult decisions to make. We should pray for our leaders and express our opinions to them in order for them to have Biblical input into their decision-making. I am afraid the church and many Christians have failed to utilize the influence we have in the political arena.

If we allow the ungodly to be elected, the sad result will be a government that is not sensitive to the things of God. Once elected, it is our obligation to be obedient. Sometimes, God

Morning: Job 26-28

Evening: Acts 11

allows a tyrant to be elected, thereby allowing the people to reap what they have sown.
~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: In the space below, write a prayer for our nation and its leadership.

Quote of the Day

“And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.” ~John F. Kennedy

Monday
July 4

Leading with Biblical Understanding

*“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.”
I Chronicles 12:32*

We are living in perilous times. Truth is under attack as it seemingly never has been before. Cultural diversity and tolerance have trumped moral correctness. Our country that once had a firm biblical foundation has been shaken to the very core.

What are we to do? We need to return to being a people of understanding like these men of Issachar. They knew the times in which they lived. No doubt they had a good grasp on the political system of their culture. It is said “they knew what to do.” This implies that they were not only men of understanding but that they were also people of purpose. They knew what to do and were prepared to do it. As a result they were leaders of the nation.

Having a biblical worldview is paramount if we are to be spiritually effective in our world today. This comes at a cost. It will require hours spent in the study and application of God’s Word. It will also require a solid commitment to obedience.

Biblically sound people were the bedrock upon which our nation was founded. They were not perfect, but if what we read from them is even a mild indication of their spiritual condition, then we can be sure they loved Jesus Christ and His Word.

Morning: Job 29-30

Evening: Acts 12

These “Founding Fathers” were certainly men of understanding. They valued freedom, were firm in their commitment to responsibility, and regarded understanding of the Bible as essential for leadership. These highly educated and well respected men believed that without God’s blessing all that they endeavored to do would fail.

O Lord give us men and women of understanding that will place as their highest calling to please you and in doing so lead our nation to do so as well. ~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Do You Know History?: Match the event with the year that it took place.

- ____ 1. The Declaration of Independence was adopted.
 - ____ 2. The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor.
 - ____ 3. The Emancipation Proclamation was signed.
- A. 1776 C. 1886
B. 1862 D. 1917

Quote of the Day

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”
~Psalm 33:12

Tuesday
July 5

Being Subject to Higher Powers

*“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”
Romans 13:1*

It is God’s plan that imperfect men should choose for themselves leaders and those leaders be given the respect and authority of their office. God has planned that every child should have a father, every church should have a pastor, every nation should have a king or president, every state should have a governor, every city should have a mayor, etc. This does not mean that the people are prefect, but it does mean that their office carries with it power and authority to rule from that office.

God does not always agree with how man serves in the office he holds, but God is always for having the office. It is better for one of us to be chosen to rule over the rest of us than for each of us to rule over himself. To be sure, there are certain freedoms that each of us have, and there are certain freedoms that each of us forfeit to the leader of God’s choice in our lives.

Again, it is not always God’s man who is in the position, but it is always God’s will to have the position. Bear in mind, when the Apostle Paul was reminding us to *“be subject unto the higher powers,”* Nero was king. No doubt he was the most wicked king or at least one of the most wicked kings that ever lived.

In conclusion, any society, church or or-

Morning: Job 31-32

Evening: Acts 13:1-23

ganization will operate better when the people are submissive to the authority over them. Do you have a submissive attitude? ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have _____ from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.” Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Who Was President? Match the U. S. president with the dates in which he served.

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| ___ 1. George Washington | A. 1945-1953 |
| ___ 2. John Quincy Adams | B. 1789-1797 |
| ___ 3. Gerald R. Ford | C. 1825-1829 |
| ___ 4. Ulysses S. Grant | D. 1869-1877 |
| ___ 5. Abraham Lincoln | E. 1974-1977 |
| ___ 6. Theodore Roosevelt | F. 1901-1909 |
| ___ 7. Harry S. Truman | G. 1861-1865 |

Quote of the Day

“We were born subjects and to obey God is perfect liberty. He that does this shall be free, safe, and happy.” ~Seneca

Wednesday
July 6

Morning: Job 33-34
Evening: Acts 13:24-52

The Holy Spirit's Promptings

"Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation ..." Hebrews 3:7-8

Matthew Henry so beautifully states in his *Concise Commentary of the Whole Bible* that "since tomorrow is not ours, we must make the best improvement of this day." There is no guarantee that God will speak to us tomorrow about the same matters that face us today. It is so important to listen to the still, small voice within prompting you to act on whatever He is speaking to you about. How many times have each one of us kept putting off a particular task until a more convenient time? Most of us are rather notorious about doing this since Satan's lies are so convincing that we have time left to accomplish the work. However, they are just that, lies.

While in a recent church service, I was convicted by the Holy Spirit to contact an aunt whom I had never witnessed to but had prayed for many times throughout my life. I also believed that God wanted me to contact my father's half-brother, my uncle as well. I put it off for about three weeks, and then I decided that God may not answer my prayers due to this disobedience. I finally thought that I would obtain the phone numbers after church from relatives and venture to make the out-of-state calls on a Sunday night.

What a sweet time I had with both of these dear people. I apologized first, for my lack of communication with them over the years. We caught up on family issues, and then I got to the heart of the matter. I mentioned my Dad,

who has Alzheimer's disease, and I tearfully told both relatives that I am at a point with my Dad that I can't do a lot more for him, but that the most important thing I can do for him is to make sure that he will see his relatives again in heaven. From there, I explained the gospel briefly and asked if they had given their lives to God. Both related that they had. The discussion with each differed. My aunt embraced some unbiblical thoughts, but she politely listened and conversed with me, and asked for my number. To my surprise, my uncle also asked for my number too. He assured me not to worry about him, that he prays every day and asks God to forgive him for his sins.

I hung up the phone with mixed emotions. How precious are these souls! I learned things about each one that I did not previously know. They even thanked me for the phone call. I am trusting they are truly born again. I am so grateful that God allowed me to conduct these memorable conversations. I know I left them much to think about, and they gave me much to think about as well. I will continue to pray about and remember these conversations.

The Holy Spirit desires to give us good things. Trust His promptings; submit to His callings; and praise Christ for His workings. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have _____ from the _____ that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Romans 6:17-18

The Cost of Freedom

By Mrs. Monica Vernot

Freedom isn't free. This idiom, used in the United States, has been the inspiration for songs and poems of several artists. Basically, it means that there is a cost for freedom. In the military sense, it costs the lives and devotion of men throughout our country. At the cost of thousands of men, America declared independence from Great Britain 265 years ago. Because of the sacrifice of men and the devotion of the people in the United States of America, today we have freedoms that many in the world do not enjoy. But that freedom came with a price. In a letter to his wife, John Adams made these statements:

"I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory . . . The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore."

John Adams recognized the cost of freedom. Once it was declared, he encouraged great celebrating in response to the awesome victory.

In the spiritual sense, our freedom cost the life of God's sinless Son, Jesus Christ. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, sin entered the world. Sin comes with a price tag. The price for mankind was eternal separation from God. In order for the relationship to be restored, a perfect sacrifice was required. Our punishment was laid upon Jesus as

He suffered in agony on the cross of Calvary for the sins of the world. God the Father even turned His back on His Son. ***"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*** (Mt. 27:46) Jesus' death provided a way for mankind to have a restored relationship with God. Romans 10:9 says, ***"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."*** After salvation, we are free to live an eternity with Jesus Christ. We are free from the grip of sin.

Freedom calls for celebration! What should be our response to our freedom in Christ? First, this freedom calls for gratitude and praise to the One Who saved us. How often do you thank God for the sacrifice of His Son? How often do you thank Him for providing a way for you to spend eternity in Heaven? ***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."*** (Eph. 2:8) Make it a point to thank God for the free gift of salvation. Secondly, serve Him with your whole heart. ***"Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing."*** (Ps. 100:2) Finally, tell others about His wonderful gift and the freedom you received in Christ Jesus. ***"Make known his deeds among the people."*** (Ps. 105:1)

Thursday
July 7

A New Song

*“And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.”
Psalm 40:3*

After I trusted Christ as my Savior many things changed in my life. One of the first things I noticed was that MTV did not seem the same any more. The message, imagery, and attitudes surrounding that music, that used to be entertaining, had become offensive to the Spirit of Christ dwelling within me. Soon, the music I used to listen to began to be replaced with Christian music. My appetite had changed; God put a new song in my heart.

Only a new birth can give a new song. A new song comes from a changed heart. The result of a changed heart is a changed life. When we were born again, God put a new song on our lips. Our mouth should ring forth His honor, praise, and glory.

This verse also states that many shall see our song. The only song they can see is the song of our lives. Just as the songs of our lips brings the glory of God to their ears, so also do the actions of our lives bring the glory of God to their eyes.

According to this verse, those who see the new song of our changed lives will be drawn to the cross. They will put their trust in the Lord. Can others see the new song of your life, and is it causing them to trust in the Lord? ~DLW

Morning: Job 35-37

Evening: Acts 14

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have _____ from the _____ that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made _____ from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics to the hymn in which they are found.

- _____ 1. “Oh, the love that drew salvation’s plan! Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!”
- _____ 2. “Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my Light.”
- _____ 3. “I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.”
- _____ 4. “I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright.”

- A. Be Thou My Vision
- B. At Calvary
- C. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- D. Higher Ground

Quote of the Day

“We are often so caught up in our activities that we tend to worship our work, work at our play, and play at our worship.”

~Charles Swindoll

Friday
July 8

Crafted by His Hands

*“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”
Psalm 139:14*

At my little Christian high school in Middletown, Ohio, certain classes could not be offered because of the lack of teachers. For a while, art/drawing was one of those classes. Although offered in junior high, the senior high did not have the luxury of learning how to draw. Finally, my senior year one of the teachers decided that he would attempt to teach art. He had limited experience in the subject but did know more than most of us with the exception of, lets call him Joe. (Not his real name.) Joe, had transferred to our school from a big public school his senior year. Joe had recently gotten saved. He was a football star who gave up his senior year of football to come to a Christian school. Coupled with his talent for football, Joe had an eye for art. The things he drew could not be described in this short devotional because it would do them no justice. He was unbelievable! Everyone in the school would “ooh and aah” over his drawings and how life-like they were. The teacher would even ask Joe for advice when he was teaching. Joe received so much praise because of his works of art.

But stop for a minute, take a look in the mirror, and view the work of art created by your Heavenly Father. This is not simply a little bit of pencil and charcoal smeared on a piece of 80-lb. paper. You will not find any pastels or white pencils used in this work of art. No, you

Morning: Job 38-39

Evening: Acts 15:1-21

are something more. You were crafted by the Divine Creator to look and be exactly who you are. Thus, we see the reason for verse 14 of Psalm 139. You were “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Just like the praise that went to Joe for his works of art, so must you reflect all praise to the One who designed you. Whether you think you are a wonderful person or not, God made you the way He desired. What a privilege to be crafted by the very hands of God. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have _____ from the _____ that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made _____ from sin, ye became the _____ of righteousness.” Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions about God’s creation.

_____ 1. What specific sea creature is mentioned in Genesis 1:21?

_____ 2. In Genesis 2:8, what place did God plant?

Quote of the Day

“If we haven’t learned to be worshipers, it doesn’t really matter how we do anything else.”
~Erwin Lutzer

Saturday

July 9

Why Repair Ye Not the Breaches of the House?

“Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.” 2 Kings 12:5

The house of the Lord is an important meeting place for all who seek Him. It is a place of worship. It is a place for marriages. It is a place to celebrate the death of a brother or sister who has gone home. It is a place where hearts are made right, sins are taken under submission, and souls are saved.

When I think of God’s house, I think of beauty and grandeur; all the finer things that this earth has to offer. Solomon’s temple surely set the precedent; made of all the finest lumber, gold, tapestries, and jewels. Surely our church should have the finest things as well.

As a good steward of the money God has given us, we need to make sure the house of God is not forsaken and in ill repair. That all its breaches are repaired. This is a great way to serve. There are so many things that need to be done to keep God’s house in great repair. The lawn needs to be mowed, the trees pruned, and the parking lot maintained. The windows need to be washed, the nurseries cleaned, and the carpets swept. The list goes on and on!

What’s your talent? Where can you serve? There’s plenty to be done! ~KAH

Morning: Job 40-42

Evening: Acts 15:22-41

Scripture Fill-In

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of _____, but ye have _____ from the _____ that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made _____ from sin, ye became the _____ of _____.” Romans 6:17-18

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?: In the blank, write the author’s name of the following quotes.

_____ 1. “If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there.” (Acts 16:14-15)

_____ 2. “Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.” (Jn. 8:11)

_____ 3. “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (Jn. 1:29)

_____ 4. “Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” (Gen. 22:7)

Quote of the Day

“I have known God to use people who never had a chance, but I have never known God to use a person who has had a chance and will not take it.” ~Bob Jones Sr.

Sunday

July 10

Principles of Giving

“Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.” Haggai 1:9

In this verse Haggai is bringing the Word of the Lord to His people. The temple had fallen into disarray and the people developed a self serving heart. God desires the best for His children. Part of that plan is that they should trust Him enough to give a tithe and an offering. In doing so, they demonstrate not only that they trust God with their eternity but also with their finances and their well-being here on earth.

The nation of Israel during the time of Haggai’s message forsook the taking care of God’s house. In an attempt to have nice things for themselves, they neglected the work of the Lord. As a result, God began to blow on what they did have making it not last as long or perhaps removing it all together.

Perhaps you are in a situation of financial distress. It could be that the reason you are struggling is God blowing upon what you have. In Malachi 3:8 there is a similar message. God asks His people why they have robbed Him in their tithes and offerings. Are you robbing God?

If we have a biblical perspective upon wealth, we understand that everything we have and enjoy is given to us by God. As an act of obedience and faith, He asks us to give a tithe (10% of our income) and offerings (prayerfully considering as the Holy Spirit leads to give) to

Morning: Psalm 1-3

Evening: Acts 16:1-15

the work of His kingdom.

It would be much better to have God richly blessing us than to have Him blowing upon what we have as a result of our unyielding heart. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23

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 Matthew 19:16-22.

- ___ 1. The rich young man in this passage came to Jesus for physical healing.
- ___ 2. The young man affirmed his obedience to the commandments.
- ___ 3. Jesus told the young man to sell his possessions, give to the poor, and follow Him.
- ___ 4. The young man made haste and sold all he owned.

Quote of the Day

“If a person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life.” ~Billy Graham

Monday
July 11

Solomon's Wasted Life

"Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, all is vanity." Ecclesiastes 12:8

Solomon was an old man. He had everything in life that one would think normally brings happiness. He had found, however, that his life had been wasted and that he never found happiness in the things he had accumulated.

He gathered all of his family, employees, and servants together and spoke to them from the writings known as the Book of Ecclesiastes. He advised them not to follow in his footsteps. He told them that everything he had and all the success he accomplished in life did not bring happiness. He advised them not to take the path he had taken.

There are several key phrases in the book of Ecclesiastes. One is "under the sun." Another is "I perceive." And yet another key phrase is "I said in my heart." Solomon told them that he had learned the folly of the self-life.

We know that man will never find happiness in the things of the world or the self-life. Man yearns for the void within his heart to be filled, and we realize mankind will never be happy until that void in his life is filled. This void can only be filled by our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Ecclesiastes 12:1 says, *"Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them:" ~OV*

Morning: Psalm 4-6

Evening: Acts 16:16-40

Scripture Fill-In

"But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:22-23

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- Who built the temple in Jerusalem? (I Ki. 5-6)
A. Saul C. Solomon
B. David D. Hiram
- What did Solomon ask the Lord for in I Kings 3:5-14?
A. Riches C. Wisdom
B. Power D. All of the above
- Solomon had how many total wives and concubines? (I Ki. 11:3)
A. 200 C. 700
B. 500 D. 1000
- According to I Kings 11:3-4, what turned Solomon's heart?
A. His Riches C. His wives
B. His Power D. None of the above

Quote of the Day

"God can't give us happiness and peace apart from Himself because there is no such thing."
~C. S. Lewis

Tuesday

July 12

A Father's Love

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?"
Luke 11:11

God loves you. We have heard that so many times that the phrase has become common to our ears. It has ceased to thrill us and give us hope. What should fill us with joy and expectation has a trite ring to it.

Many of us have earthly fathers who failed to show us the love we needed. In fact, the phrase "earthly father" means "sinful father" and thus means that at some point he did fail you.

Because we relate to God as a father, the image we have of our biological fathers can skew the image we have of God. We may think God is always out to punish us. We may think God is selfish and withholding what we need. We may think God cares more about other people than He does us. We may think God has abandoned us and is at a distance from us.

Multiple scriptures contradict these views. God is near. God is interested in you. God is eager to give you good gifts. God is abundant in mercy and longsuffering. God is tender and gentle. God disciplines you because He loves you.

Psalm 36:7 says, "*How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.*" Where our fathers failed us, God fills in with His astounding, fierce love toward us.

Morning: Psalm 7-9

Evening: Acts 17:1-15

God loves you. Let that lift you up today.
~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

"But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:22-23

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 Luke 15:11-32.

- _____ 1. The older son in this parable wanted his inheritance early.
- _____ 2. The inheritance was spent on extravagant houses and lands.
- _____ 3. The rebellious son ended up broke and found himself feeding chickens for a living.
- _____ 4. When the prodigal returned home, his father denounced him.
- _____ 5. The younger son was jealous of how his father was treating his brother.

Quote of the Day

"If monotony tries me, and I cannot stand drudgery; if stupid people fret me and little ruffles set me on edge; if I make much of the trifles of life, then I know nothing of Calvary love."
~Amy Carmichael

Wednesday

July 13

A Place of Prayer

“And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.” Genesis 18:22

The men or angels here are headed for Sodom, first to rescue Lot and his family, and second, to prepare the city for God’s judgment.

It is interesting that Abraham did not go, but instead went to his place of prayer to meet with God. Apparently he felt he could be more effective through prayer than in going to Sodom himself.

It is important to have that special place where you meet with God on a regular basis. It may be a closet or another room of your home, but it is vital to your personal relationship with God.

Abraham had a place of prayer, but we must question whether or not Lot had a place to pray. Lot’s testimony was so weak, he had not even won some of his family to Christ. Any father walking with the Lord should have a burden for his children’s souls.

There will come a day when every parent will realize how important the decisions their children are making are. Their decisions will determine their eternity. Even if we ourselves are saved, our children must also be saved. They will not enter Heaven through our decisions, or our blood relationship with them.

We should all have a place of prayer as Abraham did. The results will be eternal. Now is the time to pray! Now is the time to win

Morning: Psalm 10-12
Evening: Acts 17:16-34

souls! Now is the time to seek the things of heaven. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto _____, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23

Bible Quiz

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

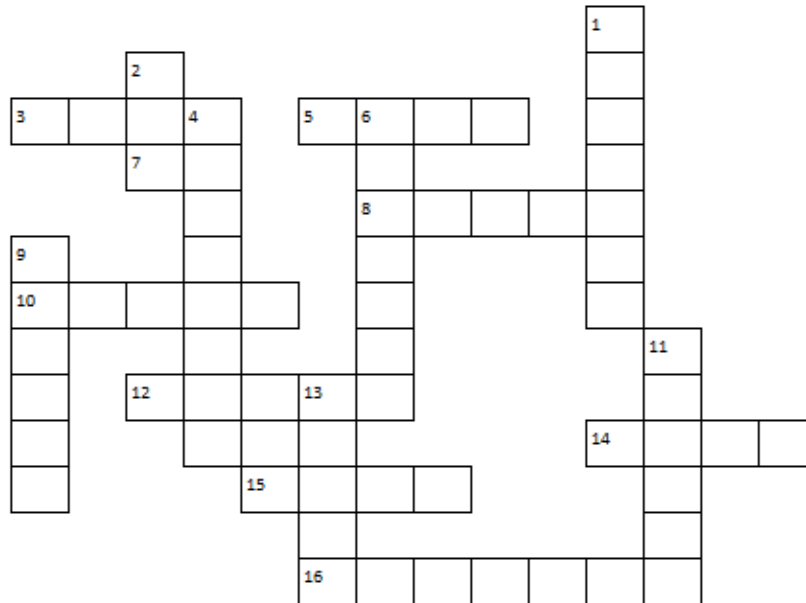
1. Do you have a place of prayer? _____
2. Is your prayer life consistent and meaningful? _____
3. Are you seeing prayers answered on a regular basis? _____
4. Do you have a prayer partner that you meet with on a regular basis? _____
5. What changes could you make in your prayer life? _____

Quote of the Day

“The great thing about prayer is to feel that we are putting our supplications into the bosom of omnipotent love.” ~Andrew Murray

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Jesus: The Miracle Worker



ACROSS

3. Widow's son was raised in this city.
(Lk. 7:11-16)
5. Put this on a blind man's eyes (Jn. 9)
7. Jesus said unto the centurion, "____ thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." (Mt. 8:13)
8. This man wanted to walk on water with Jesus. (Mt. 14:22-33)
10. This converted into wine (Jn. 2:1-11)
12. The man lowered through the roof was sick with this disease. (Lk. 5:17-28)
14. The temple tax money was found in this. (Mt. 17:24-27)
15. Seven loaves of bread and a few fishes fed over ____ thousand men. (Mt. 15:32-39)

16. Healed this man's ear
(Jn. 18:10 & Lk.22:50-51)

DOWN

1. Raised this friend from the dead (Jn. 11)
2. Condemned this type of tree
(Mt. 21:17-22)
4. Healed this man's son (Jn. 4:46-54)
6. A man with this disease said, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." (Mt. 8:1-4)
9. Number of years the woman with the issue of blood was diseased
(Mt. 9:20-22)
11. Raised this man's daughter from the dead (L. 8:41-56)
13. Showed His power over this
(Mt. 8:23-27)

Thursday
July 14

Down in the Dumps?

“Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.” Psalm 56:1

Please stop and read the entire 56th Psalm prior to reading any farther.

David is seeking the mercy of God amidst the evil of his enemies. Strong pictorial language is used here with the expression “for man would swallow me up.” David was a great warrior and king and had enemies within his own kin, friends, kingdom, and other nations. David faced situations that were too hard for him, not once, but over and over again. So will we. His resolve was not to let these difficulties defeat him, but to throw himself upon the breast of his Lord. Trust would defeat fear. In verse four, we see David put his trust in God’s promises. He brings out the fact that he will even incorporate praise for God’s word or promises. Praise causes one to relinquish his fears and disappointments.

Many great missionaries and servants of the Lord have gone through persecution that many of us can not imagine. “The heavy and continued trials through which many of the Lord’s people have passed, should teach us to be silent and patient under lighter crosses. Often we are tempted to yield to despondency under small sorrows.” (*Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible*, p. 400)

Nonetheless, we can all be confident, from verse eight, that God has our tears bottled and that He is concerned with all our grief. When David cried to the Lord, he was confident that

Morning: Psalm 13-16

Evening: Acts 18

the Lord would hear and work on his behalf. I love the last clause of verse nine: *“For God is for me.”* Hallelujah!

As Christians, don’t lose sight that God is for you. He wants you to make it. He desires that you trust Him in all areas of your life. He is compassionate; no tear drops without His eye seeing it. Practice trust and practice praise. Remember that God will carry out His purpose in your life that He so lovingly and mercifully began when He saved you. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto _____, and the end _____ life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Complete Psalm 56:8 by filling in the blanks.

“Thou tellest my (1) _____:
put thou my (2) _____ into thy
(3) _____: are they not in thy
(4) _____?”

Quote of the Day

“Pray for great things, expect great things, work for great things, but above all, pray.”
~R. A. Torrey

Friday
July 15

The Dreaded Disease

“I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.” Psalm 116:1-2

As I was growing up, there was a “disease” that was common to our household. A “disease,” I am afraid that is all too common in the youth of today. In a household of five kids, the commotion of daily living could get, at times, boisterous. This background made the perfect cover as a “legitimate” excuse for the “disease.” It seems, more often than not, one of us was affected with “selective hearing disease.” Such a “disease” is highly contagious and could be caught during any hour of the day. It affects the tympanic membrane in such a way as to cause moments of partial deafness. Several conditions intensify the seriousness of the disease. Those who display the characteristics of this disease could react negatively to the words: 1) “Get out of bed” 2) “Take out the garbage” 3) “Wash the dishes” or 4) “Time for bed.” Negative reaction could also be present during 1) a favorite movie 2) use of the telephone 3) any type of sport or game or 4) the occasional sibling dispute. Such a “disease” is found more often in those who are still developing their acute sense of hearing, but studies have shown that it can be contagious in anyone born subsequent to their parents.

Such a disease, though common on earth, has never breached the portals of Heaven. We have a God who hears us when we cry. A Christian, who has all sin confessed, can boldly

Morning: Psalm 17-18

Evening: Acts 19:1-20

talk to God knowing that the dreaded disease cannot affect His ears. The Psalmist tells us that God’s hearing is cause for affection toward Him and a cause for appealing to Him. When was the last time you told God that you loved Him simply because He listens? Do you realize that you have the attention of the Almighty God when you pray? What a cause for affection. God is attentive! What a cause for appealing. God answers! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto _____, and the end _____ life. For the _____ of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23

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. Jesus said that one of the proofs that He was the Messiah was that the deaf could hear. (Mt. 11:4-5)
- ____ 2. In Mark 7, Jesus put His fingers in a deaf man’s ears to heal him.

Quote of the Day

“If you pray for bread and bring no basket to carry it, you prove the doubting spirit which may be the only hindrance to the gift you ask.”
~D. L. Moody

Saturday

July 16

He Had Compassion

“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.” Luke 7:13

Have you ever wondered if God really sees you when you are hurting? And then, if He truly sees you in pain, why doesn't He just fix the problem? I suppose those questions have played through the minds of just about every Christian who has ever lived; although we don't know why God does this or that, we do know that God does indeed see and that He does indeed feel and know true compassion and mercy.

This Scripture passage is just beautiful. A woman, who had already experienced the death and sorrow of losing her husband, was now experiencing the loss of her only son. The absolutely heartbreaking turn of events in this woman's life must have been most overwhelming. THEN CAME JESUS! The Bible says, *“He had compassion on her.”* He knew and saw her pain, and He acted.

Just because God may not choose to provide a miracle for you when you desperately desire one, does not mean He does not see and does not have compassion. Beth Moore, Christian author and speaker, says about this passage: “Jesus ran into a woman in hopeless despair and just reacted with what came most naturally to Him—healing mercy . . . I believe we possibly have a small glimpse into what Christ would do in every one of our despairing situations if a greater plan was not at stake . . . A plan of profound importance exists that some-

Morning: Psalm 19-21

Evening: Acts 19:21-41

times overrides the miracle we desperately desire.”¹

God's mercy is all over the pages of Scriptures. However, it is easy to sometimes detach that characteristic when going through trials, pain, or a time of waiting. But, God is so good all the time. He has the answers to all the whys, and He has a master plan that will bring Him glory and will be for your good. ~MFV

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Scripture Fill-In

“But now being made _____ from sin, and become servants to _____, ye have your fruit unto _____, and the end _____ life. For the _____ of sin is death; but the _____ of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:22-23

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the questions in the spaces provided, based on today's devotional.

1. Where did this miracle take place? (Lk. 7:11) _____
2. What did Jesus do to the widow's son? (Lk. 7:11-17) _____

Quote of the Day

“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.” ~Psalm 86:15

Sunday

July 17

Make Your Choice

“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

Joshua had come to the end of his life. He was challenging the people who had been following him to make a commitment to serve God wholeheartedly. I think that he was making a plea for the next generation, so that they would remember how God had blessed them when so many other gods from the surrounding cultures were calling for their attention. Joshua also knew that there would be consequences if they chose to rebel against God.

What Joshua was trying to accomplish was not so different from what a father should be doing as the spiritual leader of a family. If you are going to lead your family in following Christ, you will have to do some things that are listed in this verse. First, you will have to make a decision. Joshua said, **“Choose you this day whom ye will serve.”** Is the Lord worth serving? If He is, serve Him. Your decision is personal; Joshua chose to stand regardless of what anyone else would do. Then, Joshua made a declaration. It was a declaration of leadership: **“As for me and my house.”** Joshua had decided that he was going to follow God, and that he was going to influence His family to do the same.

Morning: Psalm 22-24

Evening: Acts 20:1-16

What about you, dad? Have you made your decision? Have you made your declaration? Who will your family serve? ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the Father with his son.

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| ___ 1. Aaron (Ex. 6:23) | A. Ehud |
| ___ 2. Boaz (Mt. 1:5) | B. Dalphon |
| ___ 3. Haman (Es. 9:5-10) | C. Nadab |
| ___ 4. Bilhan (I Chron. 7:10) | D. Ziphion |
| ___ 5. Gad (Gen. 46:16) | E. Obed |

Quote of the Day

“Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.”

~Saint Augustine

Monday

July 18

Morning: Psalm 25-27
Evening: Acts 20:17-38

MERCY!

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.” Psalm 51:1

It is a battle of wits. Two boys grip each other’s hands and begin to twist and turn putting each other in as much pain as possible. The goal: to prove one’s strength over the other by forcing him to say the humbling word “MERCY!” Or maybe it is simply to make the other feel weak because he has to say the word “MERCY!” Whatever the goal, the battle is not finished until someone says the “dreaded word.” To say “MERCY” is to admit that the position one is in is undesirable. It is to admit that one needs the assistance of another so he can be removed from pain. It is to submit to the fact that the other person, the one who has him in his grip, is greater or stronger. Many times one will stay in pain and not admit his need for mercy in an attempt to prove his “manhood.” His fingers will twist and turn. They will ache and writhe with pain but the stubborn fool will not let go. For to do so would be to admit he is not as strong as the other.

Everyone who has locked grips with sin will see the parallel. Our grips are tight. Our strength is great, but sin is too strong. For a while, we wrestle with it trying to prove to ourselves and to everyone else our strength. Then, finally, we realize we cannot win. What we do not know is: sin does not play fair. “MERCY,” we scream, but sin keeps twisting. “MERCY! MERCY! You win,” but sin will not let go. Like the bully on the playground, sin thrives on

the pain of others. Finally, we admit that we need the assistance of another. The biggest guys on the playground were the “best” at Mercy. They could beat anyone else who was smaller than they were. However, if the smaller guy had an older brother, well that was a different story. When the younger brother requested the assistance of the older brother, the bully went down.

Two thousand years ago, the greatest Mercy match of all times was fought on a cross just outside of Jerusalem. Jesus won. I do not have to surrender to sin. Sin has already said “MERCY!” ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following words found in Psalm 51:1.

_____ 1. N E D T E

_____ 2. E E I M R C S

Quote of the Day

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

~Oswald Chambers

Tuesday

July 19

The Song of Music

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.” Psalm 95:2

Music is such a wonderful tool, and it amazes me how different types of music affect you differently. Rock, jazz, and reggae seem to get your body jumping and jiving. Country seems to evoke all kinds of emotion, as most of the songs depict cheating on one’s spouse. The Bible tells us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. In Ephesians 5:19, the Bible tells us to be *“speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”*

The word psalm makes reference to being a sacred song or poem, and a hymn is that sacred song or poem used to praise the Lord. Praising the Lord means to glorify Him. Glorifying Him means to honor Him. So we need to honor him in our choice of music.

The Bible tells us in 1 Samuel 16:23 that early in their relationship, David played music for King Saul. On one occasion, what Saul heard refreshed him, and the evil spirits departed from him. Music should always be used as a tool to edify and honor all around us and most of all to honor God.

You are being challenged today to take a close look at what you are putting into your ears and mind, which then in turn affects your heart. Is the music in which you are listening glorifying God? ~KAH

Morning: Psalm 28-30

Evening: Acts 21:1-14

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm _____; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”
Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics to the hymn in which they are found.

- ____ 1. “Before our Father’s throne, we pour our ardent prayers.”
- ____ 2. “Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.”
- ____ 3. “Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son.”

- A. Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior
- B. Blest Be the Tide that Binds
- C. To God Be the Glory

Quote of the Day

“When your heart is filled of Christ, you will want to sing.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Wednesday
July 20

A Warning Against Talebearers

“He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.” Proverbs 20:19

The world is filled with talebearers. Story-tellers and gossipers are those who tell the secrets of another. The damage they do is beyond measure. In many cases, the talebearer violates the trust of the one who has shared the confidential information. Let’s take a look at three possible people in this verse.

First, there is the person who is the object of the news. We need to know and believe that we can take our troubles to the Lord, and that He alone is able to counsel and comfort. Our secrets are safe with Him. When a person has to tell all their troubles to another, they are bypassing the Wonderful Counselor and the Prince of Peace.

Secondly, there is the person who listens to the talebearer. This person becomes guilty of the same sin as the talebearer. It may be very difficult to do, but in this situation you must refuse to listen. Secrets or confidential information given to another are not to be passed on, and we are not supposed to listen to them.

Finally, the talebearer is guilty. This person violates the trust of another. The talebearer is weak in character and often thrives on the attention of having interesting “news.” Beware of the person who flatters you and befriends you, for such is the personality of the tale-

Morning: Psalm 31-33
Evening: Acts 21:15-40

bearer. Avoid these friendships. They will lead to disappointment and heartache. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm _____: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be _____ in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. “The words of a talebearer are as _____, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.” (Prov. 18:8)
A. Disease C. Wounds
B. Bile D. Waste
2. “Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife _____.” (Prov. 26:20)
A. Burneth C. Dies
B. Ceaseth D. Leaveth

Quote of the Day

“It is bad to think ill, but it is much worse to speak it, for that implies consent to the evil thought and willingness to infect others with it.”
~Matthew Henry

Obligations to the Government

By Mrs. Monica Vernot

On more than one occasion in my life, an employer has told me that he was not going to report my earnings to the government. In so doing, his plan was to cheat the government of money. I am sure this kind of under the table dealing runs rampant in businesses across the country. What does the Bible have to say about this practice?

In Matthew 22, the Pharisees tried to entrap Jesus. However, their wicked plan did not work, and Jesus answered their question eloquently. In answering, Jesus gave us a principle to follow. Verse 21 says, ***“Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.”*** Those things which belong to the government—give to the government. Those things that belong to God—give to God. Whether the leaders of this country are born-again believers or flaming haters of God, we are to submit to their authority, unless it compromises biblical standards given by God.

Romans 13:1 says, ***“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.”*** Whoever is in authority, God has allowed him to be there. Romans 13:7 goes on to say, ***“Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.”*** Tribute in this verse is referring to taxes upon persons or estates. The word custom means dues upon goods or merchandise. Clearly, Paul tells the Romans to give to the government what is required by law.

Not only are we supposed to give to the government what is required by law, but I Timothy 2:1-4 encourages us to pray for those in authority. ***“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”*** Pray that those in authority would come to know Christ as their personal Saviour. Verse four tells us that God wants ALL men to be saved and to believe the truth. Pray that our leaders would grow in their knowledge of Christ and that they would fear the Lord. Proverbs 9:10 says, ***“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.”***

As a citizen of Heaven and a citizen of the U.S.A., have you been fulfilling your obligations to the government? Have you been paying your dues, or have you been cheating on your taxes? Have you been faithfully praying for this country and the authorities that govern your life?

“We are to pray for those in authority and obey them—up to the point that the government demands an allegiance higher than God, or commands practices contrary to His Word.”

~Charles Colson~

Thursday

July 21

Filling the Shoes of Another

“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.” Malachi 1:1

The word “Malachi” means “my messenger.” After the wall around Jerusalem was rebuilt under the leadership of Nehemiah, he went back to his job as cup bearer to the king of Babylon. Nehemiah had lived in Babylon for 70 years.

After Nehemiah returned to Babylon, the people in his homeland slipped into sin. During the time, God raised up Malachi to preach His Word to the people in Nehemiah’s absence.

God gave Malachi a message for the people and especially for priests in regard to their sin.

1. Malachi reminds the people of the love of God for His people. (1:1-5)
2. Malachi points out the sin of the priests. (1:6-2:9)
3. The sin of the people is rebuked in Malachi. (2:10-16)
4. He warns against robbing God. (3:7-10)

When Nehemiah returned, he found the people in a deplorable state. It was not the fault of Malachi, he did all he could do. He could not force a revival on the people. Malachi stood faithful, and he was willing to stand alone.

What about us? Are we willing to be faithful and stand alone no matter what situation we find ourselves in today? ~OV

Morning: Psalm 34-35

Evening: Acts 22

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm _____; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be _____ in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth _____ in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”
Psalm 92:12-15

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. Questions are based on today’s devotional.

- _____ 1. Malachi is the second to last book in the Old Testament.
- _____ 2. The word “Malachi” means chosen one.
- _____ 3. The wall around Jerusalem was built under the leadership of Malachi.
- _____ 4. Malachi was a prophet, and he warned the people of their sin.
- _____ 5. Malachi avoided the priests’ sin because it was so great.

Quote of the Day

“Sin is not weakness, it is a disease; it is red-handed rebellion against God, and the magnitude of that rebellion is expressed by Calvary’s cross.”
~Oswald Chambers

Friday
July 22

One True God

*“Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.”
II Chronicles 15:3*

In this passage, King Asa is approached by the prophet Azariah who comes to him with the Word of the Lord saying, *“The LORD is with you, while ye be with Him.”* Asa is known for doing what is right in the sight of the Lord. He takes it to heart what Azariah says and brings reform to his people.

So what did this reform look like? Judah had been a long time without the True God. The influences of the surrounding nations had corrupted them. Where once they worshiped Jehovah alone, now they also worshiped many false gods as well. Many attempt the same today, trying to mix all “religions” as equal, saying that sincerity is the key instead of Jesus alone.

The nation of Judah was in such a situation because of their lack of spiritual understanding. The second part of this verse addresses why. They were without a teaching priest. There were plenty of priests but none that were instructing the nation in the ways of Jehovah. The same is true today. There seems to be a decline of preachers who know, love, and possess a real heart to biblically teach the people.

Azariah was showing that Judah did not know, care, or observe the law. This called out nation was likely behaving just like the nations around them. They were different, but without the law how would anyone know it?

Morning: Psalm 36-37

Evening: Acts 23:1-11

The Judeo-Christian heritage and Constitution sets the people of the United States apart in the world. Without these foundations America crumbles and looks just like the rest of the world. The United States law is derived from the Bible. The further the U. S. moves away from the Bible, the less we will know the true God, the fewer teaching preachers we will have, and the more lawless we will be. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm _____; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be _____ in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth _____ in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is _____: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Beside each Scripture reference, write the attribute of God given in the verse.

_____ 1. I Thessalonians 5:24

_____ 2. Hebrews 4:16

Quote of the Day

“If the Lord be with us, we have no cause of fear. His eye is upon us, His arm over us, His ear open to our prayer—His grace sufficient, His promise unchangeable.” ~John Newton

Saturday

July 23

Little Frustrations

*“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28*

For the past seven months, I have been driving an hour commute to teach a few voice students. This past Tuesday was my last day of teaching and two of my students cancelled, leaving me waiting for an hour and a half. I was very frustrated but tried to make the best of it and go to a local coffee shop. As I was flipping the pages of a magazine, a woman near me caught my attention. She was studying a Christian book that I have been wanting to read. We ended up chatting for quite awhile. The conversation was so good, and she was so encouraging to me. At the end of the hour and a half, I was so glad that I had spent the time with this woman.

Little things frustrate us on a day to day basis. Situations don't go the way we want. Our time is monopolized by the chatty neighbor who seems to constantly have a problem that she always describes in grave detail. The steak on the grill got a little too done. The kids have homework that they don't understand. Larry still hasn't returned the borrowed toolbox. The scenarios are endless. The good news is that God sees all your little frustrations and He uses them for His good purpose.

Honestly, I was so glad my students cancelled after my encounter with the lady at the coffee shop. God used the circumstance for good in my life. So, the next time that you are having one of those days when you break your

Morning: Psalm 38-40

Evening: Acts 23:12-35

favorite mug and stub your toe as you leave for work, look for God's goodness in the midst of your frustration. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“The _____ shall flourish like the palm _____: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be _____ in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth _____ in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that the LORD is _____: he is my rock, and there is no _____ in him.”

Psalm 92:12-15

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. What was a little frustration you had this week? _____

2. How did you respond? _____

3. How does Luke 12:7 illustrate God's attention to detail? _____

4. What will you do the next time you begin to grow frustrated? _____

Sunday

July 24

Teach the Youth

“O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.” Psalm 71:17

I grew up in a home that was, to say the least, very conservative. My parents made sure that we were in church not only every Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night, but also for any type of revival service or special service that our church was hosting. And I do not mean we showed up on Tuesday and then maybe again on Wednesday night. No, I mean if it was a five-day revival service we were there five days. I can remember learning the books of the Bible when I was 5 or 6 years old. I was constantly being taught Scripture and why I should behave a certain way based on the teachings of the Word of God. By the time I was in seventh grade I was teaching a group of Cubbies in our AWANA program. From ninth grade until I graduated, I taught the 4th-6th grade boys that came on our buses.

I say that much only to reflect on how great God is. I am no one special. God simply allowed me to be born into a home that cared about the things of God and desired that I be more than just another teenager. They encouraged me to serve Jesus Christ. I was taught from my youth and now I have the chance, as the Psalmist did, to declare the wonderful works of God.

To all of the parents reading this: Please take interest in the spiritual life of your children. Be the type of parent that encourages your children to serve Jesus Christ. Not so he can look good in front of the church on a

Morning: Psalm 41-43

Evening: Acts 24

“youth night,” but so he can declare the wondrous works of God. (Written from the viewpoint of a child who had good parents. Today, I can truly “rise up and called them blessed.”) To all of the teenagers reading this: Please realize that your parents are not trying to ruin your adolescent years. A parent, who directs you to the Word of God when he corrects you, truly desires you to be more like Christ. Your parents have the obligation to teach you the things that are right. Allow them to do so! ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”
I Peter 1:15-16

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete Ecclesiastes 11:9-10.

“Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine (1) _____, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into (2) _____. Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away (3) _____ from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity.”

Quote of the Day

“Wisdom is seeing things from God’s perspective.”
~Bill Gothard

Monday
July 25

The Mission Field

“To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” Colossians 1:27

Recently, one of the AOL headlines read, “Stephen Hawking says afterlife is a fairy story.” Out of curiosity, I read the article and began reading some of the thousands of comments that were posted throughout the day. To be honest, I was shocked by the amount of atheists and agnostics whose comments were posted throughout the pages. We are surrounded by a mission field.

This past weekend, my family and I went to King’s Island around the Cincinnati area. The first part of my time there was so eye-opening. Kids and teenagers roamed the grounds unsupervised. Standing in line after line, I heard conversation after conversation filled with curse words and perversion. Fellow believers, we are living in a mission field.

We cannot expect unbelievers to behave righteously. We cannot expect them to uphold a “moral” standard. We cannot expect unbelievers to have the right doctrine or viewpoint of God. They are unsaved. They do not have a new nature within them. Ephesians 4:17-19 is a good description of the non-believer: *“This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being*

Morning: Psalm 44-46

Evening: Acts 25

alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

Stephen Hawkin’s root problem is not a skewed view of eternity. The root problem of kids, teenagers, and adults who speak of filth and perversion is not a lack of a moral standards. The root problem is that they have not been born-again. They have not repented and put their trust in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross.

Whether you are in Daytona, Florida; Toledo, Ohio; or Papua, New Guinea; you are living on a mission field. Your neighbor, your hairdresser, and your golf partner need to see the love of Jesus in you. They need to hear *“that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”* (1 Cor. 15:3-4) Will you be God’s missionary? ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16

Quote of the Day

“When the Spirit of God comes into a man, He gives him a world-wide view.”

~Oswald Chambers

Tuesday
July 26

Reincarnation and Mysticism

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 9:27

The new age movement and the study of Far East mysticism has lead many people to fall prey to the false teaching of reincarnation. What a sad notion that a person would believe their only hope for this life is that if they don't get it right they will be able to come back and try it again. The question then becomes how many times will it take? Some would even teach that their ancestors' spirits have been returned to earth and now live in the animals around the planet.

It is no wonder that man has been so captivated by this belief system. The world is constantly trying to find a loop hole around the truth of God's Word. People say, “Well I haven't done anything really bad,” or “I'm a good person.” These statements are made in attempt to bypass the Word of God. They say that there is some other way to get to heaven beside through the blood of Christ. Those who believe in reincarnation would like to think that if they have done enough good deeds it will lead them to nirvana and “oneness” with the universe. And if they did not get it quite right in their lifetime, perhaps they can come back as a fluffy little kitten or some other animal.

Unfortunately, the Bible states very clearly that each person has been given this life and shown God's glory in creation and in His Word. Then, they must each either choose or reject the Son of God. This choice, regarding Christ, is the only thing that will affect their

Morning: Psalm 47-49

Evening: Acts 26

eternity. When they close their eyes in death, they will face the Judge—a Holy God. They will either be ushered into heaven or hell where there is no second chance. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all _____ of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16

Bible Quiz

Who Does Not Belong? Choose the person(s) or animal(s) who does not fit in the Biblical account.

Daniel and the Lion's Den: Daniel 6

- A. Daniel
- B. Shadrach
- C. King Nebuchadnezzar
- D. King Darius
- E. Presidents
- F. Princes
- G. An Angel
- H. Lions
- I. Snakes
- J. Tigers

Quote of the Day

“No other system except Christianity speaks of an intimate, personal relationship between the Creator and humans.” ~Ergun Caner

Wednesday

July 27

Morning: Psalm 50-52

Evening: Acts 27:1-25

Glory in the Cross

“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Galatians 6:14

When it comes to self-glory, the Apostle Paul condemns it with the strongest language possible: God forbid. Why was Paul so adamantly against self-glory? He understood that any glory squandered upon ourselves is glory that has been robbed from God, who has designed all things and controls all of our natural surroundings. God’s resume is quite impressive in comparison to your greatest achievements, especially when you consider that all of our accomplishments came from resources borrowed from Him.

How do we rob God from the glory that is due to Him? One way is to compare ourselves with other people instead of comparing ourselves with Christ. You and I can always find someone who can make us look good. The problem with that is we will all stand accountable to God for our own potential. Another way we rob God from His glory is to rest in our past accomplishments when we could be continuing to bring Him glory through serving Him today.

How can we avoid the self-glory trap? Glory in the cross alone. We must filter all of our success through the cross of Christ to keep them in perspective. Paul also reminds us that he crucified himself to the world. People who are hanging on crosses are no longer concerned with receiving recognition. Christ is worthy of all glory, and our lives find their greatest worth when we live them out to bring Him all the

glory we possibly can. ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all _____ of _____; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16

Bible Quiz

Fill in the Blank: Jesus called Himself “I Am” several times in the Gospel of John. Fill in the blanks to complete His names.

1. I am the _____ . Jn. 6:35
2. I am the _____ . Jn. 9:5
3. I am the _____ . Jn. 10:9
4. I am the _____ . Jn. 10:11
5. I am the _____ . Jn. 11:25
6. I am the _____ , _____ , _____ . Jn. 14:6
7. I am the _____ . Jn. 15:1

Thursday

July 28

Sowing and Reaping

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 6:7

The Scripture is full of everyday illustrations of spiritual truths. God knew the difficulty of understanding abstract concepts. Earthly metaphors enable us to grasp spiritual meaning. One of my favorites is the concept of sewing and reaping. Its simplicity is plain enough for a child to grasp. If you plant apple seeds in the ground you are not going to get wheat.

If we are planting bitter thoughts then we are going to reap bitter fruit. If we plant seeds of anger, then we are going to reap anger. God is rich in mercy towards us and often saves us from the punishment we do deserve, but part of His mercy is allowing natural consequences to occur. If we lived in a random universe where we could plant cherry seeds and dandelions grew up, then we would be living in chaos and our actions would not matter at all because there would be no structure to the results.

Consider what your thoughts, actions, and words are planting. Are you ready and eager for the crop to come? Or, do you cringe at what might result? Ask God to overflow your life with a desire to sow seeds of eternal worth. Galatians 6:8 says, *“For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. ~AJD*

Morning: Psalm 53-55

Evening: Acts 27:26-44

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all _____ of _____; because it is _____, Be ye holy; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. What was the result of Ananias' sin? (Acts 5:1-11)
 - A. He was stoned.
 - B. He fell down dead.
 - C. He was taken to jail.
 - D. He was stricken with leprosy.
2. What was the consequence for Gehazi's covetousness? (II Ki. 5:20-27)
 - A. He was no long Elisha's servant.
 - B. He became deaf and mute
 - C. He was stricken with leprosy.
 - D. He was given no food for 30 days.
3. What happened to Uzzah after he disobeyed and touched the Ark of the Covenant? (II Sam. 6:6-8)
 - A. He became a nomad.
 - B. He was killed on the spot.
 - C. He was strictly warned by God.
 - D. Nothing happened.

Quote of the Day

“[Sin is] cosmic treason.”

~R. C. Sproul

Friday
July 29

Jeremiah Preaches to the Remnant Lost in Palestine

“But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones.” Jeremiah 20:9b

When the Israelites were taken into captivity, Ezekiel went with them as the prophet who would preach to those in captivity. However, the very poor were not taken into captivity in Babylon. They stayed behind in Palestine. Jeremiah was the prophet who stayed behind to preach to them. This poor remnant was later taken into Egypt. Jeremiah followed them into Egypt, and there died. His ministry was given to the very, very poor.

Let us notice several things about Jeremiah:

1. He was the “remnant” preacher.
2. He preached to the very, very poor. (2 Ki. 24:14)
3. He was great help to a young king.
4. He was called before he was born. (Jer. 1:1-5)
5. He doubted his ability to speak for the Lord. (Jer. 1:6)
6. He, like others, was persecuted and became discouraged. (Jer. 20:8, 9a)
7. He could not help but preach. (Jer. 20:9)
8. He suffered greatly by being imprisoned. (Jer. 38:6)
9. God’s people were concerned about him and cared for him. (Jer. 38:7-10)

Were it not for the simple people like, Ebed-melech who helped Jeremiah in prison, there

Morning: Psalm 56-58

Evening: Acts 28:1-15

would be no Jeremiah. May God help us, whether we are well-known like Jeremiah, or little-known as Ebed-melech, to give ourselves to God and do what we can with what we have.
~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all _____ of _____; because it is _____, Be ye _____; for I am holy.” I Peter 1:15-16

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. Questions are based on today’s devotional.

- _____ 1. Jeremiah doubted his ability to speak for the Lord.
- _____ 2. Jeremiah was a prophet to the remnant in Palestine.
- _____ 3. Jeremiah was imprisoned and was helped by a man named Ebed-melech who was an Ethiopian eunuch.

Quote of the Day

“We hurt people by being too busy. Too busy to notice their needs. Too busy to drop that note of comfort or encouragement or assurance of love. Too busy to listen when someone needs to talk.”
~Billy Graham

Saturday

July 30

A Prayer for the Saints

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” Ephesians 3:14-21

Have you ever struggled praying for other believers? It seems that sometimes we can get in a rut praying. We resort to phrases like, “Bless Joe, Lord,” or “I pray Susie has a good day.” There is nothing wrong with these requests, but there are so many more things to ask the Lord on behalf of your brother or sister in Christ.

I love this prayer that Paul prayed for the believers in Ephesus. It is filled with a burning desire to see the believers grow in their knowledge and relationship with Christ. First, he prays that through the power of the Holy Spirit the believers would be strengthened in the inner man. He prays that Christ would dwell in their hearts by faith. Paul prays that they would be rooted and grounded in love and

Morning: Psalm 59-61

Evening: Acts 28:16-31

that they would be able to comprehend the incredible love of God. He desires that these believers be filled with all the fullness of God. What a meaty prayer. Can you imagine what would happen if believers prayed for one another with the same passion as Paul exhibited throughout the New Testament.

Christian friend, I challenge you today to pray this prayer for a fellow believer. Pour out your heart to our Heavenly Father on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ. We are in a spiritual battle each and every day, and we desperately need to be petitioning the Father for one another. ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“But as he which hath called you is _____, so be ye holy in all _____ of _____; because it is _____, Be ye _____; for I am _____.” I Peter 1:15-16

Bible Quiz

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

1. What does Matthew 6:7 warn against when you pray? _____
2. In the final moments of life, what was Samson’s request to God? (Jdg. 16:28-31)

Sunday

July 31

Are You Giving Your Best?

“Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! And ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.” Malachi 1:13

The priests of Israel were bored and weary with their service to God. Instead of bringing their best animals for a sacrifice to God, they were bringing those that were of less value.

Their hearts toward God were dull, and that could be seen through their service to Him and through their giving.

God’s question to them is clear—should He accept such a gift. By comparison, God gave His only begotten Son at Calvary to pay for our sin. The sacrifices of the priests were to be a picture of Christ’s blood sacrifice, a picture of Jesus as the propitiation for our sins.

The lesson in this verse is easy to understand. Are you today giving your best to God? Is church boring and wearisome, or is it precious to you? Are you giving a partial or damaged offering, or are you giving of the first fruits of your income?

If we cannot answer these questions positively, it is a heart problem. Our service to God and giving to Him should provide a certain amount of joy, excitement, and peace.

The priests’ hearts had grown dull and hard toward our Lord. Let us take heed to protect our daily service and giving to Him. ~RKM

Morning: Psalm 62-64
Evening: Romans 4

Scripture Fill-In

“The LORD reigneth, 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

Matching: Match the event in Paul’s life with the Scripture in which it is found.

- ___ 1. Gave his testimony to King Agrippa
- ___ 2. Listed his many sufferings and trials
- ___ 3. Preached to Governor Felix
- ___ 4. Paul’s conversion
- ___ 5. Won the jailer to Christ

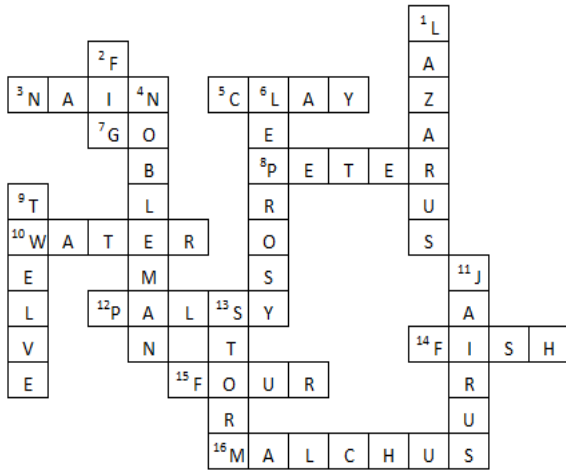
- A. Acts 24:10-21
- B. Acts 26:1-23
- C. Acts 9
- D. II Corinthians 11:23-28
- E. Acts 16:19-34

Quote of the Day

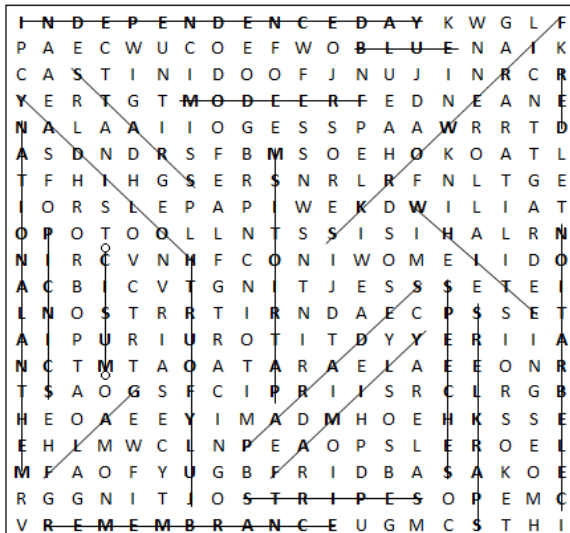
“The marvel of heaven and earth, of time and eternity, is the atoning death of Jesus Christ. This is the mystery that brings more glory to God than all creation.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

- July 1 Pg. 2 1. Jesus 2. Truth 3. Free
4. Servant 5. Sin 6. Son
7. Free
- July 2 Pg. 3 1. Enoch 2. Abel 3. Moses
4. Rahab 5. Samson 6. David
7. Barak
- July 3 Pg. 4 Answers will vary.
- July 4 Pg. 5 A. A 2. C 3. B
- July 5 Pg. 6 1. B 2. C 3. E 4. D 5. G
6. F 7. A
- July 6 Pg. 7 No quiz
- July 7 Pg. 9 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. D
- July 8 Pg. 10 1. Whales 2. Garden of Eden
- July 9 Pg. 11 1. Lydia 2. Jesus 3. John
4. Isaac
- July 10 Pg. 12 1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F
- July 11 Pg. 13 1. C 2. C 3. D 4. C
- July 12 Pg. 14 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. F
- July 13 Pg. 15 Answers will vary.
- July 14 Pg. 17 1. Wanderings 2. Tears
3. Bottle 4. Book
- July 15 Pg. 18 1. T 2. T
- July 16 Pg. 19 1. Nain 2. Raised him from
the dead.
- July 17 Pg. 20 1. C 2. E 3. B 4. A 5. D
- July 18 Pg. 21 1. Tender 2. Mercies
- July 19 Pg. 22 1. B 2. A 3. C
- July 20 Pg. 23 1. C 2. B
- July 21 Pg. 25 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. T 5. F
- July 22 Pg. 26 1. Faithful 2. Gracious
- July 23 Pg. 27 Answers will vary.
- July 24 Pg. 28 1. Heart 2. Judgment 3. Evil
- July 25 Pg. 29 No quiz
- July 26 Pg. 30 B, C, I, & J
- July 27 Pg. 31 1. Bread of Life 2. Light of
the World 3. Door 4. Good
Shepherd 5. Resurrection and
the Life 6. Way, the Truth,
and the Life 7. True Vine
- July 28 Pg. 32 1. B 2. C 3. B
- July 29 Pg. 33 1. T 2. T 3. T
- July 30 Pg. 34 1. Vain Repetitions 2. He
prayed for strength.
- July 31 Pg. 35 1. B 2. D 3. A 4. C 5. E