



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

June 1, 2011

Dear Friend in Christ,

Happy Summer! The kids are out of school. It is time for vacations. Gardens are growing. Theme parks are open. Flowers are blooming. It is a wonderful time of year!

With all the business that the summer brings, do not forget to take time for your daily time with the Lord. Psalm 1:2 says that the blessed man's *“delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”* So, amidst all the running and summer activities, take time to meditate on God's Word. You will be blessed!

In Christ,

The Bread of Life Staff

Wednesday

June 1

Contend for the Faith

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3

December 7, 1941: The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. As a result, the United States was thrust into World War II. All of a sudden, the war that was raging in Europe was personal and, in our opinion, had to be fought.

September 11, 2001: Terrorists crashed our own airplanes into the World Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania. As a result, the United States was thrust into another war in the Middle East. The conflict that had been raging in the Middle East had suddenly come to our coasts; and again, it was personal. Throughout history, there have been many conflicts that the opposing sides thought were worth fighting. Whether it is a war that our own country became involved in or a conflict on the coasts of some little known country, someone is of the opinion that that cause is worth the fight.

In the spiritual realm, a conflict began many years ago when Lucifer rebelled against God and was cast to the Earth. As a result of sin, Jesus Christ thought mankind important enough to lay down His life on the cross. The way of Jesus and the way of Satan have been in conflict ever since. Jude, the writer of this tiny book, exhorts his readers to “earnestly contend for the faith.” Whether it was in 1942, 2001, or

Morning: II Chronicles 4-6

Evening: John 12:20-50

the present day, there is no way to “contend” without putting forth some effort. Someone had to stand up for those who died at Pearl Harbor. Someone had to take a stand for the dead in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. Likewise, someone must take a stand for those who are dead in their trespasses and sins. Will you “earnestly contend for the faith? ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“For the _____ God is a _____ and shield: the LORD will give _____ and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”
Psalm 84:11

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following Bible verses.

1. Esther 8:11—“Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to _____ for their _____ . . .”
2. 1 Thessalonians 2:4—“But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we _____; not as pleasing men, but _____, which trieth our hearts.”

Quote of the Day

“Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do, if it were my last of life.”

~Jonathan Edwards

Thursday

June 2

Blessed

“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.” Psalm 119:1-2

The verse above uses the word undefiled or clean and pure. So, when we walk in the law of the Lord our thoughts must be pure and not filled with wicked imaginations. When we fill our minds with God’s Word and seek Him in all ways, how can we possibly go wrong?

In Psalm 119, David asks for help with vanity, covetousness, and lying. It seems that even David had a wicked thought or two. In this Psalm, David is standing on his faithfulness to God’s Word. He asks God for wisdom and understanding with these issues and also many enemy-related issues.

The Bible tells us that if we seek Him, He will give us our heart’s desire. Psalm 37:4, *“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”* However, our heart’s desire must be good for us. We must never ask amiss or ask for lustful things. James 4:3 says, *“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”* David knew the law and knew the heart of God. He knew to ask for things that would profit the kingdom of God.

How about you? Are you seeking God? Are you asking for things that will be profitable to the kingdom of God? ~KAH

Morning: II Chronicles 7-9

Evening: John 13:1-17

Scripture Fill-In

“For the _____ God is a _____ and shield: the LORD will give _____ and glory: no _____ thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.” Psalm 84:11

Bible Quiz

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

1. Miracle on Mount Carmel—I Kings 18

- A. Elijah
- B. Obadiah
- C. Malachi
- D. Ahab
- E. Prophets of Baal
- F. Prophetesses of Nibhaz
- G. Elisha

2. Miracle in Nain—Luke 7:11-15

- A. Jesus
- B. Some of Jesus’ Disciples
- C. People of the City
- D. A Widow
- E. A Widow’s Son
- F. Pallbearers
- G. None of the Above

Quote of the Day

“Prayer is the ascent to the mind of God.”

~Hudson Taylor

Friday
June 3

Morning: *II Chronicles 10-12*

Evening: *John 13:18-38*

The Israelites Looked Too Far

*“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*

God had given the Israelites a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide them. They needed only to follow these pillars which would take them to the next phase in their journey. However, they wanted to look beyond these daily guides into the Promised Land instead of trusting God as they traveled. When they did gaze beyond their daily guides, they saw many enemies and were afraid to go forward.

The Christian doesn't have to know what will happen today. All we have to do is follow God's will for us day by day, and the battles will take care of themselves. Many of our problems and battles will dissolve before they happen.

Someone told the story of a man who hired another man to build a fence. He asked what the job would entail and was given all the details. “Build a fence ten miles long.” The man began to build the fence, and all he could think about was “how long the fence was going to be and how much work he had ahead of him.” He quit the job! Another man was hired, and he quit. Yet another man was hired to complete the job. This was told about the job. “Your job is to dig a hole and put a picket in it. When that hole is finished, dig another hole and continue digging holes until I tell you to quit.” That man finished the job.

We who live for Christ should always “finish the job.” We should live in such a way that our lives show the people around us a little bit of the “Promised Land.” Then when they see what we have, perhaps they will want to go with us. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“For the _____ God is a _____ and shield: the LORD will give _____ and glory: no _____ thing will he _____ from them that walk uprightly.” Psalm 84:11

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following verses.

1. “I will fear no _____: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4
2. “Therefore will not we _____, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.” Psalm 46:2
3. “The _____ is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” Psalm 118:6

Quote of the Day

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”
~F. D. Roosevelt

Saturday

June 4

Consider the Apostle and High Priest, Jesus Christ

*“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and high priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”
Hebrews 3:1*

This verse begins with an address to holy brethren. Why are they holy? They are holy because they have been redeemed. These were saved people who were going to be partakers of heaven and had been given a heavenly mandate.

The author goes on to present great truth in these words of instruction. The reader is told to consider the Apostle and High Priest, Jesus. As an Apostle, Jesus shows us the character of God. As our High Priest, He is our Advocate before the Father. The “consider” is also important in this verse. In its translation from the Greek, it means to be mindful of, observe, remark, or contemplate. In other words much of the readers’ time should be spent with their mind focused on Christ.

How does a person endeavour to follow these instructions? First, observe the character of God displayed in the life of Jesus. He was holy, compassionate, just, and knowledgeable in the Scriptures. Second, meditate upon the Word of the Lord. Jesus quoted Scriptures as a defence against Satan. The more Bible we know, the more of the Lord we know. Finally, live to imitate Christ’s behaviour. He was righteous and bold when addressing truth, tender when considering the broken, quick to forgive the repentant, and loving to the

Morning: II Chronicles 13-16

Evening: John 14

brethren.

We, the born again, blood-bought saints, should seek to heed these instructions in an effort to be more like our Saviour everyday.
~DJJ

Scripture Fill-In

“For the _____ God is a _____ and shield: the LORD will give _____ and glory: no _____ thing will he _____ from them that walk _____.”
Psalm 84:11

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. Jesus healed a widow’s son in what city? (Lk. 7:11-15)
A. Nineveh C. Nod
B. Nain D. Damascus
2. What did Jesus do in Galilee? (Mt. 4:23)
A. Taught in the synagogues
B. Healed the sick
C. Preached the Gospel of the Kingdom
D. All of the Above

Quote of the Day

“This is the very essence of true religion: personally living with a personal Savior, personally trusting a personal Redeemer, personally crying out to a personal Intercessor, and receiving personal answers from a Person Who loves us, and Who manifests Himself to us.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Sunday

June 5

Morning: II Chronicles 17-19

Evening: John 15

Heed the Warning

“And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil.” Isaiah 1:15-16

Isaiah warns Judah in this passage. They were doing “good works,” but their hearts were not right. God told them to STOP and REPENT. God does not delight in “worship” that is offered out of obligation. He is interested in the heart. Charles Spurgeon says of this passage, “While they were cruel and oppressive, it was idle to offer elaborate ceremonies, devout postures, holy days and many prayers, for God abhors a heartless worship. Men who do not really believe in the Lord Jesus and obey the Lord's will, might save themselves the trouble of attending upon sacraments, for they only make their case worse, and add to their sins.”

This principle was made so clear to me this past weekend. We are trying to witness to a family of another faith. They were having a “religious gathering” and invited us to intend the party after their service. After praying, we decided to attend the function. People were drinking and chewing tobacco. Curse words were flying. This event was to be a celebration of a religious ritual, but Jesus Christ wasn't mentioned once. In fact, there was no indication that this family wanted anything to do with God. We left the get-together with heavy hearts. God had no delight in this vain attempt to “please” Him. **“Bring no more vain oblations.”** (Is. 1:13)

It is easy to point the finger and say, “Well, that's the unsaved world for you.” But, let me ask you: what are you doing out of vain obligation? Every time that offering plate is passed around, do you joyfully give to God? Every Sunday morning, are you excited to meet with other believers and worship your Creator? What about your devotions? Do you open your Bible with an expectant heart? Or do you vainly read passage after passage just so you can make it through your Bible in a year. Fellow Christian, I warn you. God is NOT interested in your good works produced from a feeling of obligation. God is interested in your heart. **“The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.” Proverbs 17:3 ~MFV**

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

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

1. Is all the sin confessed in your life? _____
2. Are you doing religious works out of obligation or because of your love for the Saviour? _____
3. Is there something that needs to change your life? _____

Monday

June 6

Morning: II Chronicles 20-22
Evening: John 16:1-15

Daily Loaded with Benefits

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” Psalm 68:19

The Psalmist writes with heartfelt enthusiasm, “Blessed be the Lord!” Why such excitement about his God? Because it was recognized that God daily loads us with benefits. Each day, we are like a pack mule loaded with blessings and benefits.

What are some of God’s benefits toward us? We have a Bible so we can know God and His will for us. If you are saved, your sins have been forgiven, and you will never face them again. You have the privilege of prayer. You can come before Him and share hopes, desires, hurts, and needs. We have a place in the church and an opportunity to give back to God for saving us. We have an eternal purpose thru the Gospel, and God has given us gifts and abilities to accomplish the task before us. We have the blessing of the Holy Spirit Who has regenerated us unto salvation. But His work does not end with salvation. He convicts us of sin; He teaches us the Scriptures; and He empowers us for service. We have been born again into God’s family, and we are accepted in the beloved.

We are blessed beyond measure, and each day we should recognize and echo the expression of the psalmist. *“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.” ~DLW*

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

Thought Reflection: In the blanks below, answer the following questions.

1. What was one blessing from the Lord that you experienced yesterday? _____

2. What are some daily blessings that you experience on regular basis? _____

3. Why is it important to thank God for all His benefits and blessings He gives? _____

Quote of the Day

“Let us, with gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.”

~John Milton, Psalm 136

The Role of a Godly Father

By Pastor David Westmeyer

In light of Father's Day, it is timely for us to take a few moments to pause and consider the role of a father. I believe that it is no accident that the Scripture refers to God as our Heavenly Father. So God in His infinite understanding chose to divinely design the family to point His creation to Him. In other words, a father on earth should reflect our Father in Heaven. He chose to set that relationship of a father with their children as a way for us to understand His relationship with us. When we understand that truth, it really makes us conscious about the importance of our parental role. In light of my understanding of the Scriptures, I feel that the role of a Father can be divided into two parts. First, my life should help my children see God; secondly, my influence should help my children want to serve God. Ultimately, the children that live under my roof are not mine; they are God's. He has entrusted me with them and given me the responsibility of training them up to fulfill His will.

How can we help our children to see God? First, we must be sincere in our relationship with God. Our children need to see that God is real to us, that the word is His authority for our lives, that we can pray in faith and get a hold of God, and that the church is the center of what

God is doing in this age. Our children can tell if our relationship with God is sincere. Are we really seeking to walk with Him in a vibrant relationship, or is our Christianity just a religious activity in which we participate? If we want our children to see God for Who He really is, we must not only be sincere, but we must be the same person at home as we are at church and in the community. Inconsistencies and hypocrisy can be a force to drive them away from God, not to Him. We also need to be humble before them. When we commit a sin in front of them, or when we make a parenting mistake, we need to admit it and ask them to forgive us. When we do these things we demonstrate that we are real and that we serve a real God. When people see genuine Christianity they respect it and are drawn to it.

Along with living a life that causes our children to see God, we need to direct them to serve God. According to I Corinthians 6:20, Jesus purchased us when He died on the cross to save us. We belong to Him. Our job as parents is to help our children recognize their gifts and talents and to help them find a way to use those abilities to expand God's kingdom. We also need to protect them from those things that would keep them from reaching their potential, so that when they reach adulthood they have an opportunity to walk through any door that God would open for them without being hindered with scars, stains, and baggage from sin. I often tell my children to remember to Whom they belong, and that the thing I desire most for them is to love God and serve Him.

“Our job as parents is to help our children recognize their gifts and talents and to help them find a way to use those abilities to expand God's kingdom.”

Tuesday

June 7

Morning: II Chronicles 23-25

Evening: John 16:16-33

Fear Not

“And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”
Revelations 1:17-18

Read Revelation 1.

Recently our church completed a series on the book of Revelation. As I sat in church during the first sermon, this Scripture passage bolted me. The words *“Fear not; I am the first and the last”* got my attention. I realized that John had just seen and heard Jesus Christ in a heavenly vision. The account in chapter one is quite graphic. His countenance was compared to the strength of the sun, and His feet as to fine brass that burned in a furnace. His head and hair were white as snow, and His eyes were as a flame of fire. Out of his mouth proceeded a sharp, double-edged sword. To add to the scene, John heard the Lord speak with a great voice resembling the sound of a trumpet. No wonder John fell down as if he were dead!

Lovingly, Christ comforted John by placing His right hand upon Him and with His words *“Fear not; I am the first and the last.”* Chronic pain has entered my life of which there seems to be no concrete answers. It feels like a continual torture. I have found myself fearing the road ahead and counting the cost of what all this may mean in the future if healing does not come. I am presently hoping in God’s mercy. This portion of Revelation has become very special to me. I know that God wants me

to fear nothing. My trust is in the Alpha and Omega of the entire universe! He has allowed this in my life. He was there when it began, and He will be there when it all ends.

Whether I am healed on this side of heaven, I do not know. But I do know He has tenderly touched my life and reminded me to not live in fear. He sees it all; He knows it all. When I fall down, His right hand will comfort me. His voice will guide me. Praise be to Him. He is alive forevermore! ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all _____. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”
Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

Who Said It? Write the author’s name in the blank in front of their quote.

_____ 1. “Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”
Gen. 15:1

_____ 2. “Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar . . . God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.”
Acts 27:24

Quote of the Day

“God incarnate is the end of fear; and the heart that realizes that He is in the midst . . . Will be quiet in the middle of alarm.” ~F. B. Meyer

Wednesday

June 8

Gotta Have the Facts

“But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.” Jude 10

Every year, beginning in March, the NCAA has a basketball tournament which has been dubbed “March Madness.” Ever since high school, I have kept an eye on the tournament and filled out a bracket with my prediction of who I thought would win the tournament. Some years, I do really well with my picks. Other years, like this year, I do not do well at all. Since the bracket is divided into four sections, with each section having a number one seed, more often than not, my picks are based on the seeding or on my opinion of the given school based on previous knowledge. For instance, I usually pick a number two seed to beat a number fifteen seed. If Duke University is playing anyone, I usually pick Duke because of their history of good basketball. Every year I make my picks. Sometimes I have a good bracket. Sometimes I have a bad bracket. The reason why I am not better in my picks: I do not watch any college basketball all year. Literally, I can not think of one college basketball game that I watched until the tournament began. I make picks based on no knowledge of the teams. No wonder I do not do better!

Jude said that there are people who “speak evil of things which they know not.” These were people who knew nothing of Christ, yet criticized the things of God. These were people

Morning: II Chronicles 26-28

Evening: John 17

that would receive judgment from God for their actions. Be careful what you criticize. Be sure to get all your facts first. Beware of those who criticize without all the facts. Jude reminds his readers in verses 14-15 that judgment is coming to those who act this way. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all _____. Before the _____ were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalm 90:1-2

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 Judges 9:50-55.

- _____ 1. Abimelech died in Thebez while trying to conquer a tower within the city.
- _____ 2. A woman killed Abimelech by throwing a millstone on his head.
- _____ 3. After Abimelech was dead his men collected the spoil of the city and took the women and children captive.

Quote of the Day

“For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.” ~Psalm 33:4

Thursday

June 9

The Decay of the Kingdom

“And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people.” I Kings 12:6

Rehoboam was the son of Solomon, and Solomon was the son of David. Unfortunately, Rehoboam lived a wicked life. Read I Kings 12:6-11. There was a war going on in Rehoboam’s heart. He was receiving advice from the old men who had advised his father and perhaps even his grandfather on how to deal with the people. At the same time, he was listening to advice from the young men. (revolutionaries of their day). He heeded the advice of the young men and became more difficult on the people, dividing the kingdom.

It is important that young people heed the advice of the older saints. Every young person should have a “cabinet” of approximately five people to whom they can go to for advice and counsel. The pastor, a good Christian friend, and someone from the professional realm in which they hope to work someday would be good choices. The people in the “cabinet” should be those whom you can accept and follow their advice. Solomon said. **“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors, there is safety.”** (Prov. 11:14) Young people should listen to godly advice of their elders. More times than not, older people have better advice to give which is based on wisdom from their life experiences.

~OV

Morning: II Chronicles 29-31

Evening: John 18:1-23

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all _____. Before the _____ were brought forth, or ever thou hadst _____ the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided. Refer to I Kings 12.

1. Who was the leader of the people that asked King Rehoboam for a lighter load? (vs. 3) _____
2. How long did Rehoboam take to answer the question? (vs. 5) _____
3. What was Rehoboam’s answer to the people? (vs.13-14) _____

4. Whose advice did the king heed? (vs. 13-14) _____
5. As a result of the king’s decision, what did Israel do? (vs. 19) _____

Quote of the Day

“It takes a great man to give sound advice tactfully, but a greater to accept it graciously.”

~J. C. Macaulay

Friday
June 10

Danger in the Fog

*“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”
Philippians 2:4*

While out running on a windy country road recently, I was waved over by a car pulling off to the side. The driver was a woman from my church, and she handed me an orange safety vest out the window. She could hardly see me in the fog and had gone home and gotten a safety vest for me to wear. I was a little embarrassed by my lack of foresight, but grateful that she cared enough to take action on my behalf, even at the risk of making me uncomfortable.

It made me think of our call as Christians to warn each other of potential spiritual danger. Often, we may see someone “running through fog” in a spiritual sense, putting themselves in danger, yet we do not like to risk discomfort, inconvenience, or a potential rebuff to warn them about it.

Ephesians 6:12 says, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* We do not need to fight alone; we have others to help us see danger, and we need to band together to be strong. The power of community is emphasized in the New Testament and is something that can be hard to practice in our overscheduled, busy lives. We need deep, transparent relationships with other believers. If you are serious about keeping sin out of your life, this is a crucial step. Pride makes us want to “go it alone,” but

Morning: II Chronicles 32-33

Evening: John 18:24-40

there is a powerful truth in James 5:16: *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.”*
~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all _____. Before the _____ were brought forth, or ever thou hadst _____ the earth and the _____, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”
Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the biblical character with his false friend.

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| _____ 1. Joseph
(Gen. 40:23) | A. Ahithophel |
| _____ 2. David
(II Sam. 15:12) | B. Pharaoh’s Butler |
| _____ 3. Jesus
(Mt. 26:47-50) | C. Judas |
| _____ 4. Samson
(Jdg. 16:1-20) | D. David |
| _____ 5. Uriah
(II Sam. 11:1-27) | E. Delilah |

Quote of the Day

“Insomuch as any one pushes you nearer to God, he or she is your friend.” ~Anonymous

Saturday

June 11

Sin Prevents True Worship

“I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.” Psalm 86:12

This verse is a line from a song of prayer sung by David. In this prayer of deliverance, David is crying out to God in worship. He recounts God’s power and mercy over and over.

Notice David says, “With all my heart.” There was a time in David’s life that he could not praise God with all his heart. Sin unconfessed had taken a foothold in David’s heart. That sin separated him from the God he so dearly loved. Before this great sin David sang of God’s abundance with a pure heart. Blocked by sin, his sincere worship most certainly was stifled.

After being confronted with his sin by the prophet Nathan, David repents and restoration begins. This healing and forgiveness are clearly seen in Psalm 51 where David pledges anew his worship to God.

We are no different than David. We may have a desire to worship God but may be hindered in true worship if our sin is unconfessed. In this Psalm, David sings with his whole heart. He could do that when his hands were free from sin. Just like him, we can sing with our whole heart but only as we empty it of known sin through confession, repentance, and forgiveness.

Get your sin confessed before the Lord, and then sing with your whole heart unto God!
~DJJ

Morning: *II Chronicles 34-36*

Evening: *John 19:1-22*

Scripture Fill-In

“Lord, thou hast been our _____ place in all _____. Before the _____ were brought forth, or ever thou hadst _____ the earth and the _____, even from everlasting to _____, thou art _____.” Psalm 90:1-2

Bible Quiz

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

1. The World-Wide Flood: Genesis 6-9
 - A. Noah
 - B. Shem
 - C. Ham
 - D. Japheth
 - E. Adam
 - F. Noah’s Wife
 - G. Abraham
2. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah: Genesis 18-19
 - A. Lot
 - B. Lot’s Wife
 - C. Lot’s 2 Daughters
 - D. Sodomites
 - E. Abraham
 - F. 2 Angels
 - G. Isaac

Quote of the Day

“Worship is giving to God the best He has given us.”
~Oswald Chambers

Sunday

June 12

I Am a Debtor

“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.” Romans 1:14

The Apostle Paul said that he owed a debt to the Jews, the Greeks, to the wise, and the unwise. We owe a debt also, in my opinion, to three groups of people. First, we owe a debt to lost souls. We possess the truth that can take a lost sinner and make him fit for Heaven through faith in Christ Jesus. We have the only eternal answer for a lost world, and we owe it to them to tell of His salvation.

We also owe a debt to the saints. Today, if you know Christ as Savior, it is because someone shared the gospel message with you. They were able to share it with you because someone shared it with them, and there is a line of soul-winners that leads all the way back to Jesus and the disciples. In that line, there were missionaries who gave their lives so you could be saved; and in that line there are martyrs that sacrificed their lives for the sake of the gospel. Now, the truth is in your hands, what will you do with it?

Finally, we owe a debt to our Savior who came to seek and to save the lost. He lived a sinless life; He died an unjust death; He rose from the dead to prove that He has the power over death. He recorded the truth for us in God’s Word. He sent the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth and draw us to Him. Christ saved us, and we owe a debt to Him. We owe a debt to the saints who made our salvation possible, and we owe a debt to the lost souls who need the truth that we possess. ~DLW

Morning: *Ezra 1-2*

Evening: *John 19:23-42*

Scripture Fill-In

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz

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

1. List 5 people that you know who need to hear the truth of salvation:

- * _____
- * _____
- * _____
- * _____
- * _____

2. Who influenced you to become a Christian? _____

3. How can you attempt to repay the debt you owe to your Savior? _____

Take a moment to thank God for your salvation and for those that God used to bring you to Him. Then, pray for the lost souls in your life.

Quote of the Day

“There may be some sins of which a man cannot speak, but there is no sin which the blood of Christ cannot wash away.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Monday

June 13

Morning: *Ezra 3-5*
Evening: *John 20*

To Be Like Christ

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” I Corinthians 11:1

I have heard my children say, “I want to be just like you, daddy.” At first, this makes my chest swell with pride, and then I am reminded that I am a sinner and my shoulders fall. Do I really want my children to be like me? Do I set before them an example that I would like to be perpetuated?

Paul addresses such a question as he writes to the Corinthians. He tells them to follow him even as he follows Christ. In many cases he was speaking to people who were his spiritual children. They had been led to Christ by Paul and then disciplined by him. With this in mind, he gives the instruction for them to follow him.

Paul was busying trying his best to look and live in a way that would please the Savior. He writes later in Philippians, *“For to me to live is Christ.”* He was saying that his life was yielded in obedience and service to Jesus Christ. Because of that kind of walk, he could tell people to follow the footsteps he left that were in line with Christ.

The more we as fathers will walk in the steps of Christ, the more easily we can ask our children to follow us. Where and how are you leading your children? When they see you do they see a clear imitation of Jesus, or is their vision blurred by sin?

A popular song from a while ago by Phillips, Craig, and Dean has the following lyrics: “Lord, I want to be just like you because he wants to be like me.” Oh, let it be your

prayer that you would look like Jesus; so as your children seek to be like you they would be like Christ. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz

Short Answer: Read the following Scripture passages and give the name for Jesus that is used in the verse.

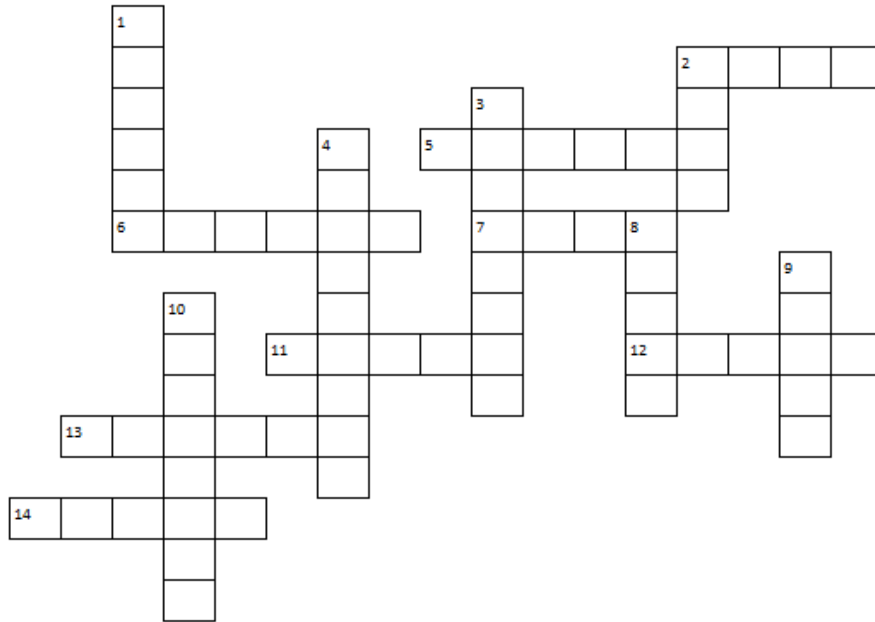
- _____ 1. Hebrews 1:6
- _____ 2. Revelation 19:11
- _____ 3. Matthew 19:16
- _____ 4. II Timothy 4:8
- _____ 5. Isaiah 59:20
- _____ 6. Psalm 16:10
- _____ 7. Matthew 11:19b

Quote of the Day

“Follow me; I am the way, the truth ,
and the life.
Without the way there is no going;
Without the truth there is no knowing;
Without the life there is no living.
~Thomas A Kempis

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Rebellion of Korah: Numbers 16



ACROSS

2. "When Moses heard it, he ____ upon his face." (vs. 4)
5. Used to burn incense (vs. 6-7)
6. Another man named in the company of Korah (vs. 1)
7. Tribe of Korah (vs. 1)
11. One of the two people Korah opposed (vs. 3)
12. One of the two men the Israelites accused for killing Korah and company (vs. 41)
13. 14,700 died in the camp of Israel from this. (vs. 49)
14. Censers were made into plates for a covering of this for a memorial. (vs. 38)

DOWN

1. "Depart . . . from the tents of these ____ men, and touch nothing of theirs." (v. 26)
2. Punishment of 250 men: ____ consumed them. (vs. 35)
3. Korah's root problem (vs. 3)
4. Punishment of Korah and his family: the earth ____ them. (vs. 31-33)
8. Korah's father (vs. 1)
9. "Wherefore then lift ye up yourselves ____ the congregation of the LORD?" (vs. 3)
10. "____ yourselves from among this congregation." (vs. 21)

Tuesday

June 14

Remember

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Jude 17

Around 1445 B.C., Moses told the children of Israel to “Remember the Sabbath Day.” Some time around A.D. 33, the Apostle Luke told his readers to “Remember Lot’s wife.” In 1836, the rally cry was “Remember the Alamo.” In 1941, “Remember Pearl Harbor.” By the year 2000, we were told to “Remember the Titans.” As of 2001, we will never forget 9-11.

From the dawn of time, there have been many things that we should remember. The young child is taught to remember his address. The elementary child needs to remember the multiplication tables. The junior high teen remembers the prepositions. The senior high teen remembers the periodic table and that cute girl’s phone number. By the time one is an adult, trying to remember to pick up the kids from practice and not leave one at church become the memory points. Senior adults just try to remember anything. The truth is, barring a physical problem with our brain, we remember what is important to us.

The Apostle Jude, reminds us that we should make a point to remember the *“words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* What is more important to you: who won the last five Super Bowls or the Word of God? What are you more prone to commit to memory: how many hits your son got in baseball last year or a verse of Scripture

Morning: *Ezra 6-8*

Evening: *John 21*

that might keep you from sin? Of all the things that you commit to memory, *“remember the words spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to _____ our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz

Who Said It?: Label each quote with its biblical author.

_____ 1. “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” (Acts 17:22-33)

_____ 2. “We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

_____ 3. “For in him we live, and move, and have our being.” (Acts 17:22-33)

_____ 4. “Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” (Acts 3:6)

Quote of the Day

“A readiness to believe every promise implicitly, to obey every command unhesitatingly, to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God, is the only true spirit of Bible study.”

~Andrew Murray

Wednesday

June 15

Running

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

Jonah was a prophet from Gath Hepher during the 8th century B.C. under the reign of King Jeroboam. Jonah foretold of the wide extent of King Jeroboam’s conquests and the expansion of Israel’s territory under his leadership. It is thought that Jonah must have been popular and well respected at that time; therefore Jonah was appalled at God asking him to go to Nineveh. In chapter 1 of the book of Jonah, we find that the Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh and preach to them. Jonah had other thoughts. So, he decided to hop on a ship to Tarshish, 180 degrees opposite of Nineveh.

Here are some things that had befallen Jonah during his time of running away from God. First, he was thrown from the ship into the tempestuous sea. Second, he was swallowed up by a great fish and spent three day and nights there. After the three days he was vomited out onto dry ground. Sounds like a great time to me! Third, Jonah got angry when the people of Nineveh repented. So he went outside the city to sat under a gourd. To make matters worse the gourd dried up, an east wind blew hard, and the sun beat down on poor Jonah. Oh how he wished to die!

Morning: *Ezra 9-10*

Evening: *Acts 1*

So, how far will you run from God? How long will you run from God? Instead of suffering the consequences of running from God, simply do what God asks you to do! ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to _____ our _____, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz

Matching: Match the act of disobedience with the biblical reference.

- _____ 1. Lot’s wife looked back on Sodom.
- _____ 2. Israelites gathered excessive manna.
- _____ 3. Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire.
- _____ 4. Solomon built places for idolatrous worship.
- _____ 5. Saul spared Agag.

- A. Genesis 19:26
- B. Leviticus 10:1-2
- C. Exodus 16:19-20
- D. I King 11:7-10
- E. I Sam. 15:1-35

Quote of the Day

“It is vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us, for the sake of finding a greater blessing, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found—in loving obedience.” ~Eliot

Thursday

June 16

Slow to Speak

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” James 1:19

Opinions. We are full of them, aren't we? Where is the best restaurant? What stocks are the best investments? Where is the best church in the area? How do you like the current president? Is the your boss a hard worker? When is the perfect age to get married? What is the best distance between the ages of your children? What do think of the way your tax dollars are being spent?

I am sure as you read the previous questions you had many answers at the tip of your tongue. Opinions are not wrong; we all have them. However, voicing an opinion, at times, may not be wise. Our verse today says to be “slow to speak.” All too often, mankind thinks they have the answers when in fact their opinions are off-base. For instance, Job encountered trial after trial. Why? Because God allowed Satan to test Job's faith. Did Job's friends know the reasons for his trials? No. They just gave their opinions despite their lack of knowledge.

Secondly, words cannot be taken back. Proverbs 21:23 says, *“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”* The more you say, the more chance there is of hurting, offending, and sinning with your tongue.

In conclusion, sometimes opinions are not worth voicing. A wise man chooses his words carefully, knowing the repercussions of his

Morning: *Nehemiah 1-3*

Evening: *Acts 2:1-13*

speech may have devastating consequences. Proverbs 15:2 says, *“The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.”* ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to _____ our _____, that we may _____ our hearts unto wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

1. According to Proverbs 15:4, a wholesome tongue is a what?
 - A. A pound of pure gold
 - B. A breath of clean air
 - C. A tree of life
 - D. A drink of spring water
2. According to Proverbs 18:21, what is in the power of the tongue?
 - A. Destruction and evil
 - B. Death and life
 - C. Night and day
 - D. Vindication and punishment

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 fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” ~Charles Spurgeon

Friday

June 17

Humanity Vs. Harmony

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”
1 Peter 3:8-9

“GIVE THAT BACK!”

“NO WAY – IT’S MINE.”

“MOOOOM! HE WON’T GIVE IT BACK!”

“C-, “I HAD IT FIRST!”

“CUT IT OUT THE **BOTH** OF YOU!”

All parents can identify with this argument. Any given morning can bring out the humanity in our children – and ourselves. When this kind of a situation happens, I find myself getting after my children - reminding them to be kind and loving towards each other. However, do I take these words to heart myself?

Recently I was admitted to the hospital. The care I received was wonderful. The nurses and doctors were beyond kind – with one exception. There was one doctor who was belittling, rude, and downright cranky. He was nasty, accused me of asking too many questions and told me that if I would stop thinking about it, my pain would go away. He made me so angry! Just telling my husband about him made me see red. He did not show me “compassion one of another” as our verse states. However, was my reaction to him Christ-like? Did I follow the directions of verse 9 and return to this doctor a blessing? I must admit I did not. I allowed my humanity

Morning: Nehemiah 4-6

Evening: Acts 2:14-47

to take over. I became angry myself.

Whether we are angry at gas prices, a rude driver on the highway, or even the dog, we are told to live in harmony with one another. We are to use kind words, be compassionate, courteous, and sympathetic. In doing so, we represent Christ and bless others in the process.
~JLD

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to
_____ our _____,
that we may _____ our
_____ unto wisdom.”

Psalms 90:12

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics of the hymn with its title.

- _____ 1. “Beautiful Savior! Lord of all nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!”
- _____ 2. “Mold me and make me after thy will.”
- _____ 3. “I am so glad that our Father in Heav’n
tells of His love in the Book He has
giv’n.”

- A. Jesus Loves Even Me
- B. Fairest Lord Jesus
- C. Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Quote of the Day

“Although an act of love can be as quiet as a whisper—even anonymous—the act itself screams of God.”
~James MacDonald

Saturday

June 18

JONAH

“Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of A-mittai, saying, Arise, go to Nin’e-veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.”
Jonah 1:1-2

Jonah! His name means “dove.” The dove is a type of peace which the Lord Jesus Christ gives to us. Jonah is to bring revival to Nineveh. Nineveh was a wicked, Gentile city. Jonah was a Jew who was called of God to preach to the Ninevites and to cry aloud against her iniquities.

1. Jonah’s First Call - Jonah 1:2
2. Jonah’s Punishment - Jonah 1:4
3. Jonah’s Second Call - Jonah 3:1
4. Jonah’s Sin - Jonah 4

This is a tragic story. Jonah preached and revival came to the people of Nineveh. He became upset and felt that God had forsaken him because he had predicted God would overthrow Nineveh. When Nineveh repented and God did not overthrow the city. Jonah became saddened. He did not have a real, sincere compassion for the people of Nineveh.

May God give us a compassion for our country, our cities, and our people. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“So _____ us to
_____ our _____,
that we may _____ our
_____ unto wisdom.”
Psalm 90:12

Morning: *Nehemiah 7-8*

Evening: *Acts 3*

Bible Quiz

Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.
Refer to II Samuel 20:1-26

1. What man led a rebellion against David in this passage? (vs. 1-2)
A. Bichri C. Judah
B. Sheba D. Terah
2. Who said, “Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord’s servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us”? (vs. 6)
A. Abishai C. Amasa
B. David D. Gibeon
3. Who killed Amasa? (vs. 9-10)
A. David C. Sheba
B. Joab D. Abishai
4. At what place did Joab and company besiege Sheba? (vs. 15)
A. Abel of Bethmaachah C. Ai
B. Shechem D. Gibeon
5. Who killed Sheba? (vs. 16-22)
A. People in the city
B. Joab and his men
C. David
D. He killed himself.

Quote of the Day

“The wisdom of your choice will determine to a great extent the direction of your life.”

~James MacDonald

Sunday

June 19

Raising Godly Children

“And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever.” I Chronicles 28: 9

The question is likely asked by many Christian parents: “How do we raise godly children?” King David gave us the answer here in some of his final words to His son. David gives three vital directives in a search to lead his son to be godly.

First, David exhorts his son to know the God of his father with a perfect heart. Truly knowing someone requires that we spend time with him. David was telling Solomon to be mature as he spends time with God so he could know Him more.

David’s second instruction is that Solomon should have a willing heart. Human will is something that needs to be surrendered to Christ. Only when we have surrendered our will in obedience to Him can we experience His power.

God knows our every thought. In his third admonition, David reminds Solomon, the soon-to-be-king, of this fact. This is a picture of character. David was telling his son that who he was when only God sees is very important. If he was a godly man in private, he would have less trouble being godly in public.

Morning: Nehemiah 9-11

Evening: Acts 4:1-22

Lastly, David tells Solomon that God’s blessing is not automatic. If he would seek God, then he would find him. In principle, if he were to seek the Lord in all things, he would find Him at all times. Conversely, if Solomon turned his back on God and his commands, he would lose God’s presence, forsake God’s blessing, and perhaps incur God’s judgment.

These instructions are valuable for any father to give his children. Instruct them well; show them Christ. ~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.” Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following verses.

1. Proverbs 20:20—“Whoso curseth his _____ or his mother, his lamp shall be put _____ in obscure darkness.”
2. Proverbs 13:1—“A wise son _____ his father's _____: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.”

Quote of the Day

“Children are not casual guests in our home. They have been loaned to us temporarily for the purpose of loving them and instilling a foundation of values on which their future lives will be built.”
~James Dobson

Monday
June 20

Morning: *Nehemiah 12-13*

Evening: *Acts 4:23-37*

Affection on the Eternal

*“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”
Colossians 3:2-3*

Familiar Scripture, right? Let’s try to examine it more closely and put its truth into everyday life. First, the Greek word says to “set your mind on things above.” Everything we do during our day is governed first by what takes place in our mind. Our minds need to be trained to focus on the heavenly more than the earthly, and this verse indicates that we all can control this. There are “musts” that we all encounter everyday that occupy our minds. These things include our jobs, our family, our errands, our physical responsibilities among other things that in and of themselves are not wrong. So, how do we train ourselves to think above our earthly circumstances and gear up daily with spiritual thoughts that are preeminent?

It becomes necessary to begin our day seeking to please the Lord in our schedules. Take a few moments to commit your path to Him, and also evaluate the importance of your calendar. Should you go every where you are headed? Should you meet everyone you have planned to meet? Ask yourself the question, “What does this have to do with eternity?” If schedules are tight, what can you give up in order to be spiritual today? Does the trip to Walmart have to take place today? Maybe you need to make a church visit instead or follow up on absentees from your Sunday School class.

Another key question I would like for you to consider is whether you have planned to be spiritual. Do you have set times to meet with God? Daniel did—morning, noon, and night. In verse 3, we read that our new life as a Christian is “hid with Christ in God.” *The Liberty Study Bible* comments that “your life is deposited with Christ, who is in an intimate relation with God.” Our new life is caught up in the heavenly realm and the earthly things are faded in comparison. We need to train ourselves to think about being intimate with our God every day. Intimacy is peculiar and private. Growing intimacy involves a commitment and time.

Not only will these thoughts help you personally to keep your minds on spiritual matters, but talking about Christ on a daily basis will help you and others to keep a proper perspective throughout your day. Wake up purposefully planning to speak of “things above” to those you are around. Don’t leave work or home without communicating the things of God to those around you. We all can train ourselves to declare the truths of God daily to someone. ~NBM

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____ loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.” Proverbs 3:12

Quote of the Day

“That only is worth my having which I can have forever. That only is worth my grasping which death cannot tear out of my hand.”
~Charles Spurgeon

The Calling of the Least Qualified

By Sumner Wemp

1 Peter 4:11 says, *“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”*

I never questioned whether or not God called us to be missionaries, but at times I questioned His choosing me for this job. I used to think that God called only the spiritual elite to be missionaries. That idea went out the window when he called me!

God has shown me that in many cases He purposely calls those who are least qualified. He does this so He receives all the glory. Anything good that comes from my life comes as a direct result of God's Spirit within me. I have always come up empty when I tried to think of gifts or talents that I had to offer, but in a way that's good. God has shown me that He is all I need. God has done more through my life in the last six months than I have done in the last twenty years. The difference has not been because I am more spiritual than I used to be. The difference is that I stopped inviting God to join me in all my plans, and I started looking for how I could join God in His plans.

It sounds very simple, but it took me more than two decades to figure it out. After watching this unfold in my life, I am absolutely convinced that if Christians would ask God what He wants, and stop inviting Him to join in their plans, incredible things would happen!

You may not want to be a missionary any more than I did, but the happiest and safest

place to be is in the center of His plan for your life. God will do amazing things thru anyone willing to step out and let God catch them. If you feel like you come up short in the gifts and talents department, look out! God may be getting ready to do amazing things through your life, and keep the glory for Himself.

Worldliness is such an opaque and mysterious thing for many modern day Christians. We need to re-capture and understand the great evil sin of allowing "worldliness" to pervade and undermine the effectiveness of the Church of God. The promise of Scripture stands firm: *“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) A. B. Simpson said, "The chief danger of the church today is that it is trying to get on the same side as the world, instead of turning the world upside down. Our Master expects us to accomplish results, even if they bring opposition and conflict. Anything is better than compromise, apathy, and paralysis. God give to us an intense cry for the old-time power of the Gospel and the Holy Ghost!"

“If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is in the matter of sending the Gospel to a dying world.”
~Charles Spurgeon

Tuesday

June 21

Joshua Was Moses' Minister

“And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.” Exodus 24:13

Moses carried a heavy load. Joshua was willing to minister for him. Notice in Exodus 24:13, Joshua is called a “minister” of Moses. Along the same lines, it was Joshua who saw the golden calf when Moses came back down from mountain.

In Exodus 32:17-19, we learn that Joshua was a willing servant. Before we can be a leader, many times we must be willing to be an assistant or a helper to someone else. Billy Sunday, the great evangelist, got his start helping J. Wilbur Chapman.

Aaron was Moses' right-hand man and later became the high priest. Elisha was a servant for Elijah and became Elijah's successor. Saul, whose name was later changed to Paul, was an associate to Barnabas for a short time. During their first missionary journey, Paul seems to have taken the role of leader and Barnabas became Paul's associate. A servant must be willing to do the menial, less glamorous jobs and not shun those tasks that will bring less “honor” and accolades from others. There is glory in serving!

It is time for each of us to dedicate ourselves to be a success and go forward for God. We must believe the impossible, be strong and courageous, cross the Jordan, and live in the Promised Land! Let us not wander in the wilderness, but let us go forward to possess the best God has for us. Then, in return,

Morning: *Esther 1-3*

Evening: *Acts 5:1-16*

give Him our best as we serve Him in the ministry He has given us. ~OV

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____
_____ he correcteth; even as a
father the son in whom he delighteth.”
Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble the following male biblical characters.

- _____ 1. M E O S S
- _____ 2. H J A U S O
- _____ 3. R N A O A
- _____ 4. L U P A
- _____ 5. H N A T N A
- _____ 6. S E H A O
- _____ 7. B T R A I T U E M S
- _____ 8. C A C A U H E S Z

Quote of the Day

“A true and safe leader is likely to be one who has no desire to lead, but is forced into a position of leadership by the inward pressure of the Holy Spirit and the press of the external situation.”
~A. W. Tozer

Wednesday

June 22

God in a Box

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” Romans 11:33

I saw an object lesson where the speaker took a huge box full of Styrofoam packing peanuts and dumped them all over the ground. He asked a volunteer to come gather and hold as many of them as possible. When the foam pieces were in the box, they were contained and manageable, but when they were spread out it was impossible to hold more than a few at a time.

Resist the temptation to put God in a box. If we pile all His characteristics together, box it up, and think we have him figured out, we are in for a surprise. He does not always work in the way we think He should. He is unchangeable, yet full of the unexpected. He is even able to turn evil events to His glory. Romans 11:34 says, *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counselor?”*

Satan thought he had won when Jesus cried out on the cross and died. Yet, that was the greatest moment of triumph for humanity. It was the pinnacle of God’s love demonstrated for a wayward, sinful creation.

Seek to know as much as you can about God. Read His words, talk to Him, listen to others talk about Him, but do not think you have Him figured out. He is greater, higher, bigger than our imaginations can contain. We are finite; He is infinite. Take joy in the boundless nature of our loving God. Walk in humility

Morning: *Esther 4-6*

Evening: *Acts 5:17-42*

towards Him, and never stop growing in your knowledge of Him. ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____
_____ he _____;
even as a father the son in whom he
delighteth.” Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Chronological Order: Put the following events from the Book of Esther chapters 1-3 in chronological order by placing an “1” by the event that took place first and so on.

- ___ 1. Mordecai did not bow to Haman.
- ___ 2. Esther became queen.
- ___ 3. Haman promoted.
- ___ 4. Mordecai heard Bigthan and Teresh’s plot to kill the king.
- ___ 5. Haman devised a plot.
- ___ 6. Queen Vashti was banished.
- ___ 7. Decree signed to annihilate the Jews.

Quote of the Day

“The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is the knowledge of our own ignorance.”

~Charles Spurgeon

Thursday

June 23

The Base

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” Jude 24-25

In the world of competitive cheerleading, the participates will, toss flyers into the air, tumble across the mat, scream and cheer, and build pyramids of people in an attempt to be the most spirited squad. They are judged for technique, sharpness of motions, safety, strength, and stability. At the end of the competition, the squad with the strongest, most faultless, and smartest routine will receive praise and glory and usually a really big trophy.

Basically, there are two types of cheerleaders: bases and flyers. The bases are the stronger cheerleaders that toss the flyers into the air. They hold the bottom of the pyramids to keep the flyers from falling. They catch the flyer when she comes out of the stunt. The flyer, obviously, is the cheerleader that is on top of the pyramid or is thrown into the air during a stunt. It is the job of the base to make sure that the flyer stays in the stunt and, more importantly, does not hit the ground when coming out of a stunt.

In the spiritual realm, God is the base. Jude reminds his readers that God provides three things to the believer: His strength (is able to keep you from falling), His salvation (and to present you faultless), and His smarts (The

Morning: *Esther 7-10*

Evening: *Acts 6*

only wise God). As result, He deserves “*glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.*” Rest assured today that you are being held by the strongest and smartest base of all. Give Him the praise He deserves. ~PO

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____; _____ he _____; even as a _____ the son in whom he delighteth.” Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Chronological Order: Put the following events from the Book of Esther chapters 4-6 in chronological order by placing an “1” by the event that took place first and so on.

- ____ 1. Esther goes before king unannounced.
- ____ 2. Haman made gallows to kill Mordecai.
- ____ 3. Esther discovers Haman’s plan and decides to take action.
- ____ 4. The king could not sleep so he had the book of records read to him.
- ____ 5. The first banquet is held.

Quote of the Day

“An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.” ~A. W. Tozer

Friday
June 24

The Authority of Jesus

*“And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?”
Matthew 21:23*

In the context of our verse, Jesus had just cleansed the temple. After the Jewish leaders were humiliated and thrown out of the temple they came back and asked Jesus who gave him the authority to do that; in other words who do you think you are? They were amazed that Jesus had the audacity to cast them out of the temple. I am amazed that they had the audacity to question Him. If they were genuinely concerned about His authority, they could have looked at His authority over demonic forces and how He cast them out at will. They could have looked at His authority over nature as He walked on water and calmed the sea. They could have observed His authority over sickness and disease as He healed the multitudes. They could have recognized His authority over death when He raised the widow’s son, Jairus’s daughter, or Lazarus. When it comes to the authority of Jesus, there is no question.

Today, the only question is are you going to accept the authority of Jesus in your life? He has authority over all things, but He allows us to have free will. We can choose to acknowledge His authority or choose to reject it. It will not change His authority, but it will affect His blessing in your life. He is the

Morning: Job 1-3
Evening: Acts 7:1-19

ultimate authority, and He is in charge of your life! ~DLW

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____
_____ he _____;
even as a _____ the
_____ in whom he delighteth.”
Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Chronological Order: Put the following events from the Book of Esther chapters 6-7 in chronological order by placing an “1” by the event that took place first and so on.

- ____ 1. Haman was hung on the gallows intended for Mordecai.
- ____ 2. Mordecai is paraded through the streets.
- ____ 3. Esther reveals to the king the wicked plot to kill the Jews.
- ____ 4. The second banquet is held.
- ____ 5. The king asked Haman what to do for the person that he wants to honor.

Quote of the Day

“I know men, and I tell you, Jesus is more than a man. Comparison is impossible between Him and any other human being who ever lived because He was the Son of God.” ~Napoleon

Saturday

June 25

Suffering

“And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” Job 1:8

Job was a man who had much and lost it all. In the swoop of one movement, in the blink of an eye, Job lost his livestock, wealth, and family. After Job had lost everything, he rent his mantle, shaved his head, and fell upon the ground and worshiped God. The Bible says in Job 1:22, *“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.”* He was considered perfect and upright.

Now, if that wasn't enough Job was then stricken with a physical infirmity. He had boils from head to toe. Then three friends who wanted to help with their words of wisdom came visiting. Wow, what a party! Can you imagine how Job felt? Most of us would be consumed with grief and possibly mad at God. Not Job, he said, *“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”* (Job 1:21)

We all have difficult circumstances in our lives and hardships that seem unbearable. According to Matthew 11:28-30, the Lord says, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour 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.”*

When adversities come into our lives, remember, nothing, absolutely nothing happens

Morning: Job 4-6

Evening: Acts 7:20-43

that the Lord Jesus Christ can't heal for us. You can trust HIM to do what is best! ~KAH

Scripture Fill-In

“For whom the _____
_____ he _____;
even as a _____ the
_____ in whom he _____.”
Proverbs 3:12

Bible Quiz

Chronological Order: Put the following events from the Book of Esther chapters 8-10 in chronological order by placing an “1” by the event that took place first and so on.

- ___ 1. The king made a decree for the Jews to defend themselves.
- ___ 2. Esther received Haman's house.
- ___ 3. Jews killed hundreds and Haman's ten sons were hung.
- ___ 4. Mordecai promoted.
- ___ 5. Days of Purim were established.

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

Sunday

June 26

Debt Gone

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.” Colossians 2:14

Debt is so ubiquitous in our society that we hardly even blink at it. Most people have some sort of debt, in other words, they owe someone something. Imagine if your debt was twenty billion dollars. How crushing to live under the constant weight of a debt impossible to repay. You would be helpless to even make a dent in that sum.

The debt of our sin before God is so much greater than money could measure. We are living dead without Christ. Jesus, in dying on the cross, took our debt and nailed it to his cross. What love and grace! We who did not deserve forgiveness and could not pay anything towards our own debt, have been completely cleared, our account is paid. Our ledger now reads *Righteousness of Christ*.

Nothing inspires me to live for God more than contemplating His love shown in the free and unearned gift of forgiveness through His Son. This is a gift worth sharing with others. Spend a few moments today contemplating this gift and let fresh wonder and gratitude form in your heart. You are free to serve Christ! ~AJD

Scripture Fill-In

“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.” Psalm 91:4

Morning: Job 7-9

Evening: Acts 7:44-60

Bible Quiz

Completion: Complete the following Scripture passage: Hebrews 9:24-28.

“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for (1) _____: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away (2) _____ by the sacrifice of (3) _____. And as it is appointed unto men once to (4) _____, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

Quote of the Day

“Of Man’s first disobedience, and the fruit
Of that forbidden tree, whose mortal taste
Brought death into the world, and all our woe,
With loss of Eden, till one greater Man
Restore us, and regain the blissful seat,
Sing, Heavenly Muse.”

~John Milton
“Paradise Lost”

Monday
June 27

Eternal Security

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” John 10:28

Once saved, always saved! Once you have truly been born again, you can never lose your salvation. God gives the believer “eternal life.” It is not conditional upon future behavior, but it is always decided.

They shall “never perish.” A child of God will never burn in Hell, never! God has granted eternal life, guaranteeing that person will not perish.

No man shall “pluck them out of my hand.” Once God declares a man righteous, no man can take him out of God’s hand. Amen! The child of God is kept by the power of God (1 Pt. 1:5).

It is inconsistent to think that God did the saving, then the believer must keep himself saved. When David fell into the sin of adultery and murder, he repented when confronted by Nathan the prophet. Upon his repentance, he did not ask God to give him new life again, but he asked God to restore the joy of his salvation (Ps. 51:12).

When a believer sins, he breaks fellowship with God, but his relationship with God does not change. He is still saved. His fellowship is restored when he confesses his sin to God (1 Jn. 1:9).

Satan cannot take away our salvation, but his false prophets surely try to make us think

Morning: Job 10-12

Evening: Acts 8:1-25

our salvation can be lost. Remember, Satan and his teachers are all liars.

My friend, if you are saved, you are secure in Christ and saved forever. Be sure, the truth will set you free. ~RKM

Scripture Fill-In

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

Bible Quiz

Unscramble: Unscramble some of the words found in the devotional for today.

_____ 1. V D A E S

_____ 2. A T N E L E R

_____ 3. E P S I H R

_____ 4. L A V I N S O A T

_____ 5. S C S S N O E F E

_____ 6. E C E U S R

_____ 7. T T U H R

Quote of the Day

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

~William Barclay

Tuesday

June 28

Restoration

*“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.”
Isaiah 11:6*

Have you ever noticed the simple pleasures in taking a walk? Clean air. Blue sky. Green grass. Beautiful flowers. God’s creation is amazing! I was taking one of these invigorating walks a couple weeks ago. My pup, Bentley, was soaking in the pleasure of being outside, too. We meandered down the street and headed toward the neighborhood park. Out of nowhere, a bird which was no longer than 10-14 inches picked up a good-sized dead squirrel and flew off the ground with ease. I stood in my spot in absolute amazement. I had never seen such a thing! He carried that squirrel to the top of a high tree, and frankly, I didn’t really want to see what he would do next.

That sight reminded me of how God’s creation fell. Animals didn’t eat other animals until sin entered the world. All of God’s creation is suffering as a result of sin. Man’s curse of working the thorny ground still haunts all of mankind. (Gen. 3:17-19) The excruciating pain of childbirth is a dread to all women looking to start a family. (Gen. 3:16) All of this was never intended. But, there will be a time when all is restored to the natural state that God originally planned. Our verse for today gives a beautiful picture of this future restoration—fierce animals coexisting with the gentlest of creatures.

Morning: Job 13-15

Evening: Acts 8:26-40

The day will come! May we be encouraged by the hope of complete restoration, knowing that it was only made available by the death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *“Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”* (Rev. 22:20) ~MFV

Scripture Fill-In

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

Bible Quiz

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

1. What are you looking forward to most about being in Heaven? _____

2. What biblical character are you looking forward to meeting the most? _____

3. What can you do today that will have eternal significance? _____

Quote of the Day

“There is a land of pure delight,
Where saints immortal reign;
Infinite day excludes the night,
And pleasures banish pain.”

~Isaac Watts

Wednesday

June 29

It's All from the Lord

“Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.”
I Chronicles 29: 12

There are poems, songs, and articles that have proclaimed a person to be a “self-made-man.” These words of men pronounce their reliance on no one other than themselves for all that they have achieved. They take all the praise for everything from tremendous wealth and prestige to great political power and fame.

The words of God through biblical authors from great and mighty kings to powerful biblical leaders would disagree. The Word of God says that riches and honor are from Him alone. That does not mean because a person is rich or famous that they have God’s blessing. It merely means that he has allowed them to have what they do.

Countless times throughout the Bible when people were puffed up in their pride and self accomplishment God greatly humbled them. In stark contrast, God exalted many who had a contrite heart and who knelt before Him. The words of David recorded here are such an example. David was known as the greatest king of Israel, and yet he fully understood that any power, fame, or riches he enjoyed were all given to him by God. In turn, he shares this mindset with his son Solomon who would soon assume the throne.

Psalms 75:6-7 is a further reminder that promotion comes from the Lord. Knowing this, we

Morning: Job 16-18

Evening: Acts 9:1-22

should be grateful to our Lord for all the many ways He exalts us as we kneel before Him.
~DJD

Scripture Fill-In

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

Bible Quiz

Name that Tune: Match the lyrics of the hymn with its title.

- _____ 1. “My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.”
- _____ 2. “Higher than a mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all sufficient grace for even me.”
- _____ 3. “Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest; finding as He promised perfect peace and rest.”
- _____ 4. “Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.”

- A. Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
- B. Like a River Glorious
- C. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- D. More Love to Thee

Quote of the Day

“O Lord, that lends me life,
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.”
~William Shakespeare

Thursday

June 30

The Danger of False Religions

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.” Matthew 23:15

In the entire chapter of Matthew 23, Jesus is exposing and condemning false religious teachers. Some of the strongest language that Jesus used was toward these false teachers. The reason is that no matter how sincere the false teachers are in their pulpits, they are still leading people to the wrong destination.

In these verses, Jesus called them children of Hell, and said that their followers are also children of Hell. Jesus did not beat around the bush in His condemnation throughout the chapter. Jesus said they were hypocrites, blind guides, dirty vessels, whited sepulchers, serpents, vipers, and murderers of the prophets.

Jesus was so harsh because false teachers are the biggest hindrance to true salvation. Jesus could not be misunderstood as being ecumenical, interdenominational, or seeker friendly. He took a strong stand against false teachers, and we should not be afraid to expose any false teaching that is contrary to salvation by grace of God through faith in the finished work of Christ.

Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* Peter said, *“Neither is there salvation in any other.”* If this is true, everything else is false and must be exposed. ~DLW

Morning: Job 19-20

Evening: Acts 9:23-43

Scripture Fill-In

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

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 23.

- _____ 1. In this passage Jesus is speaking to a multitude while his disciples were doing miracles in another city. (vs. 1)
- _____ 2. Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees do their good works to be seen by men. (vs. 2-5)
- _____ 3. Jesus said that the greatest will be a servant and the humble will be exalted. (vs. 11-12)
- _____ 4. In verse 13 and several other verses in this passage, Jesus called the scribes and Pharisees blasphemers.
- _____ 5. Jesus closes this chapter by saying, “Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

Quote of the Day

“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”
~Psalm 100:5

The Parable of a Father and His Sons

Scripture Passage: Luke 15:11-32

“And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my

son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

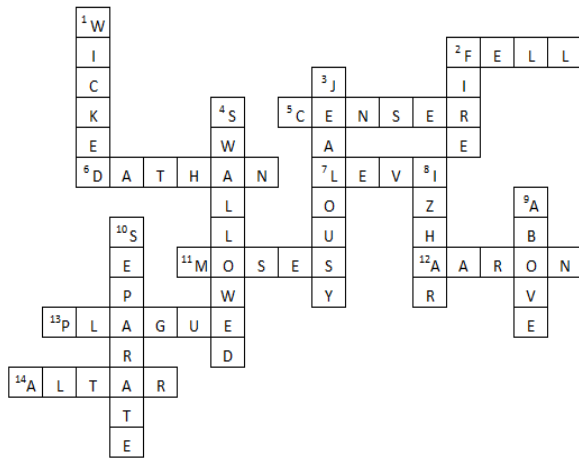
Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and entreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf: and he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.”

***“Love so amazing, so
divine, demands my
soul, my life, my all.”***

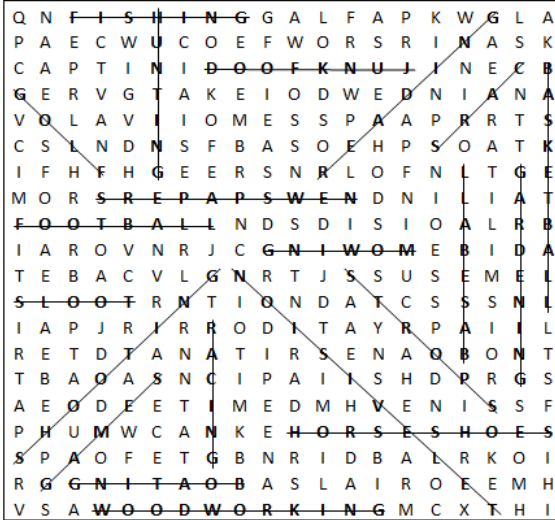
~Isaac Watts

Answers

Cross-Word Puzzle



Word Search



Bible Quizzes

- June 1 Pg. 2 1. Stand, life 2. Speak, God
 June 2 Pg. 3 1. C, F, G 2. G
 June 3 Pg. 4 1. Evil 2. Fear 3. LORD
 June 4 Pg. 5 1. B 2. D
 June 5 Pg. 6 Answers will vary.
 June 6 Pg. 7 Answers will vary.
 June 7 Pg. 9 1. The LORD
 2. The Angel of God
 June 8 Pg. 10 1. T 2. F 3. F
 June 9 Pg. 11 1. Jeroboam 2. 3 Days 3. He would give more work and worse chastisement. 4. The young men 5. Rebellion
 June 10 Pg. 12 1. B 2. A 3. C 4. E 5. D
 June 11 Pg. 13 1. E, G 2. G
 June 12 Pg. 14 Answers will vary.
 June 13 Pg. 15 1. First Begotten 2. Faithful and True 3. Good Master 4. Righteous Judge 5. Redeemer 6. Holy One 7. Friend of Sinners
 June 14 Pg. 17 1. Paul 2. Peter & other Apostles 3. Paul 4. Peter
 June 15 Pg. 18 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. D 5. E
 June 16 Pg. 19 1. C 2. B
 June 17 Pg. 20 1. B 2. C 3. A
 June 18 Pg. 21 1. B 2. B 3. B 4. A 5. A
 June 19 Pg. 22 1. Father, out 2. Hearth, instruction
 June 21 Pg. 25 1. Moses 2. Joshua 3. Aaron 4. Paul 5. Nathan 6. Hosea 7. Bartimeus 8. Zacchaeus
 June 22 Pg. 26 1.5 2. 2 3. 4 4. 3 5. 6 6. 1 7. 7
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 June 24 Pg. 28 1. 5 2. 2 3. 4 4. 3 5. 1
 June 25 Pg. 29 1. 3 2. 1 3. 4 4. 2 5. 5
 June 26 Pg. 30 1. Us 2. Sin 3. Himself 4. Die
 June 27 Pg. 31 1. Saved 2. Eternal 3. Perish 4. Salvation 5. Confesses 6. Secure 7. Truth
 June 28 Pg. 32 Answers will vary.
 June 29 Pg. 33 1. C 2. A 3. B 4. D
 June 30 Pg. 34 1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T