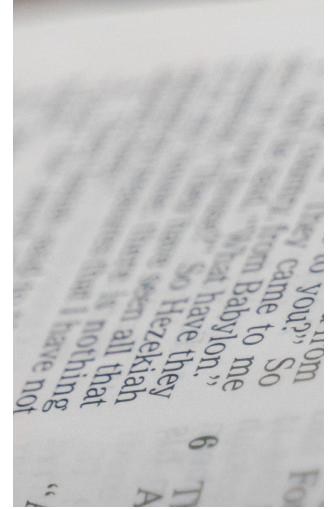


Why we memorize *Scripture*



Scripture memory can be difficult and is often overlooked the older we get. However, it is one of the most important tools we have to keep the truth of God at the forefront of our minds! How often have you read your Bible or completed your devotional only to forget what you read just hours later? Scripture memory is our tool to help us not forget. It also enables us to keep God's voice loudest in our thoughts, emotions, and actions. *Check out Ps 119:9,11; Ephesians 6:17; Matt 4:1-11; Phil 4:8; Col 3:16; 1 Sam 3:21 for more about why it is important for us to have God's Word in our heart.*

The passage we are memorizing is fundamental to our understanding, not only of our focus over the next four weeks, but also of the Gospel. So spend time really meditating and memorizing this great truth.

Remember, God is not looking for perfection from us. We aren't Jesus. However, He does want us to progress in our obedience as we follow Him. I pray that scripture memory will be an area we all progress in over the next four weeks.



Tips for memorizing *Scripture*

1. First Letter of Each Word: This method involves writing the first letter of each word of a Bible verse somewhere prominent throughout the day. Not only will these ever-present letters remind you to be working on your verse, but having just the letters as a clue will help guide you and give you a few hints about which words come next.

2. Bible Memory Apps: There are so many different apps that can help you memorize scripture. An advantage to the app is it is close by on your phone whenever you have a few spare minutes to practice! A few of my favorites are Fighter Verses, the Bible Memory App, Bible Verses, and Scripture Memory Bible. Simply download the free app, select the verses you'd like to memorize, and start memorizing.

3. Notecards or Sticky Notes: Sometimes the best thing you can do is write out your verse and keep it close by. Use it as a bookmark, keep it in your car, stick it to your fridge, or place it in several places you see throughout your day.

4. Erase One Word at a Time: Write the verse with a dry erase marker on your bathroom mirror. As you work on the verse, erase one word at a time while practicing the passage. Continue erasing words until you have the entire verse memorized.

5. Lock Screen Image: Putting the verse into an image for your phone is an excellent way to keep the verse with you at all times. You also won't lose your phone (hopefully!) so won't lose access to your verse. Once you are finished with one image, you can put it in your "favorites" so you will continue to have access to all your verses for review.



Memory Verse

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God"

- *Romans 12:1-2*