



# SCRIPTURE MEMORY FELLOWSHIP

*"Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you."*

— Psalm 119:11 —

KNOW SCRIPTURE. LIVE SCRIPTURE. LOVE SCRIPTURE.

## Memorize Scripture in 2021

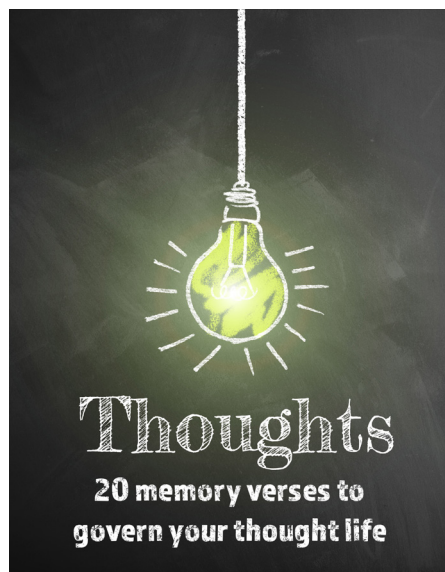
*"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." (Isa. 26:3)*

It's hard to overstate the power of your thought life. That's why Scripture commands us to bring "every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). As you enter the new year, consider starting our newest

Scripture memory course featuring 20 memory verses on honoring God in your thoughts. The 20 verses are divided into four weekly lessons that follow the "MIND" acronym: Misguided Thoughts, Impactful Thoughts, New Thoughts, and Divine Thoughts. Devotionals and study questions are also included to help you put these verses into practice.

Here are two ways you can begin memorizing these important verses:

- **VerseLocker (recommended).** Our free mobile app will help you memorize all 20 verses with powerful audio and visual tools. Download *Thoughts* instantly at [thoughts.verselocker.com](https://thoughts.verselocker.com).
- **PDF.** Download the complete memory course and print it out at home by visiting [scripturememory.com/thoughts](https://scripturememory.com/thoughts). If you don't have a printer, contact us. We'll mail you a copy for free!



## SCRIPTURE MEMORY TIP: THE FIRST STEP

Too often, Christians doubt their ability to memorize God's Word. "I'm too busy to memorize," and, "My memory is not what it used to be," are two of the most common responses we encounter. It is important to remember that the first step in memorizing God's Word is believing you can. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus says, "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you." Jesus didn't list memorizing Scripture as an exception! Don't let doubt cripple your memory work; instead, have faith and ask God to give you the strength to press on and hide His Word in your heart.





## Ministry Update 2020: A Year of Harvest

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...” (Col. 3:16)*

By every standard, 2020 has been an unusual year. When nearly all of our spring and summer events were cancelled, it seemed difficult to find a silver lining to the dark cloud of COVID-19. But it soon became clear: God was at work, and the end result was a tremendous year filled with progress and opportunities. In the words of Joseph, “God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day” (Gen. 50:20).

Here are just a few examples of how God has been at work this year:

**Songs in the Night and Refresh.** Our *Songs in the Night Summer Challenge* garnered interest from thousands of Scripture memorizers around the world. Shortly after it concluded, we launched the *Refresh Memory Challenge*. Between these two programs, more than 10,000 verses were memorized and recited! SMF rewarded these memorizers by donating 165 Bibles to persecuted Christians overseas.

**New Programs.** In addition to *Songs in the Night* and *Refresh*, we launched several brand-new memory courses—including a 1 John memory journal. Other memory courses like *Benedictions*, *Anger*, *Money*, and *Thoughts* teach key verses on these important topics.

**International Ministry.** God’s Word continues to spread rapidly in Indonesia. Our full-time missionary, Phil Walker, promotes Scripture along with his wife, Jacky, and a team of interns. Together, they spread Scripture songs and encourage Bible memory in one of the most populous Muslim countries on the planet.

**Mobile Apps.** Our free mobile apps are growing in popularity with more than a million memory verses added so far. Several new memory tools were added to VerseLocker, which was used in over 180 countries.

**ABC Update (coming soon).** For decades, our classic *ABC Memory Book* has helped preschoolers learn a Bible verse for each letter of the alphabet. The updated edition includes a fresh design with all-new illustrations. By God’s grace, this resource will help generations of young people know Scripture “from childhood” (2 Tim. 3:15).

Looking ahead to the new year, it’s clear that only God knows what the future holds (Prov. 19:21; Jas. 4:15). Whatever comes, it will be our joy and privilege to continue this critically important ministry of helping people know, live, and love the priceless Word of God.

In Christ,

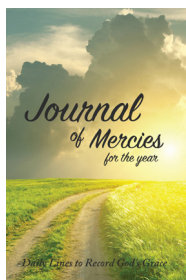
*Dakota Lynch, General Director*



# MEMORIZER TESTIMONY by Anna M.

"I had convinced myself that due to a traumatic brain injury, I could not do any rote memory. I started using VerseLocker, and I am amazed that I actually CAN memorize Scriptures! It has changed my whole perspective. I especially like the 'words' practice and the convenience that my memory verses are just a click away. I can categorize verses, and there is a plethora of topical memory verses I can add to my list. Thank you for creating this app!"

## TREASURE GOD'S WORD IN 2021



### Journal of Mercies

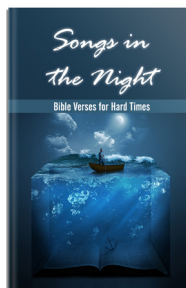
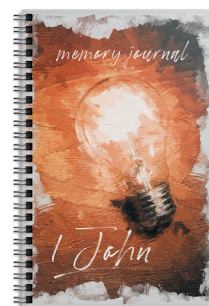
Take a moment each day to savor God's grace and record His mercies on the line provided. Enjoy the poetry, nature photography, and Bible-reading calendar. Let this journal become a chronicle of your spiritual walk. Makes a great gift.

**now \$4.00** 8.5" x 5.5."

### 1 John Memory Journal

Memorize 1 John in just 20 weeks! Write out each verse in your favorite translation, then answer the study questions. Brief notes included for each passage.

**\$8.00** 8.5" x 5.5." *Soft-touch cover.*



### Songs in the Night

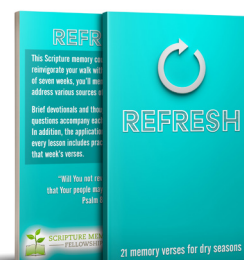
Memorize 60 memory verses on hard times such as depression, fear, and conflict. Each weekly lesson includes five memory verses, a brief devotional, and study questions.

**\$5.00** *Available in ESV, KJV, or NKJV. 7.25" x 5.25." Soft-touch cover.*

### Refresh

*Refresh* is designed to help reinvigorate your walk with God. Over the course of seven weeks, you'll memorize 21 verses that address solutions to spiritual drought. Verse notes, application questions, and weekly devotionals are included.

**\$5.00** *Available in ESV, KJV, or NKJV. 4" x 6."*



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## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have exciting plans for 2021 including new memory courses, live events, and a whole album of Scripture songs for *SwordGrip Old Testament: Proverbs to Malachi*. **Will you help fuel these initiatives with a year-end donation?** Your tax-deductible gift of any size will help plant God's Word in countless hearts across the globe. Give at [scripturememory.com/donate](http://scripturememory.com/donate), or mail in the enclosed donation stub.



## INDONESIA UPDATE *by Phil Walker*

This November finds us with thankful hearts having faced visa problems and the potential of being forced to leave the country. The visa crisis is resolved, and we are thankful to remain in Indonesia. We estimate that 700 Indonesians have participated in the *Refresh Memory Challenge* with around 80 expected to quote all 21 verses in one sitting. With COVID-19 restricting travel, we have a renewed commitment to the Jakarta Setia Bible School campus where we live and have seen a good response and commitment to Scripture memory—especially among freshmen. Our partners throughout the country continue to carefully minister. Many of them are more free to travel than we are, including Dian, who just completed a ministry trip on the island of Banggai. Please remember us, our team, and the people of Indonesia in your prayers.

## Swordsmanship Takes Practice

*by Jim Woychuk*

*“For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” (Heb. 5:13-14)*

We learn God’s Word by heart, but why? Treasuring God-breathed words (2 Tim. 3:16) brings joy, but that’s not the end of the journey. Blankets are great on a cold winter’s night, but they do no good folded up in the closet. Owning a nice mountain bike is a great thing, but you won’t enjoy the benefits if the bike hangs upside down in your garage. It’s great having tasty ribeye steaks in your freezer, but the real enjoyment of a steak comes in the eating of it.

The passage above points out something critical about our memorizing—once we’ve taken the time and effort to memorize God’s Word, we must deploy it! The word translated “unskilled” (apeiros) has the idea of inexperienced, untested, or untried. David could not fight Goliath in Saul’s armor because he had not tested it in battle (1 Sam. 17:39). In the same way, the proof of the power of God’s Word is in the deployment of it. Becoming skillful and battle-tested as a wielder of the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17) takes practice.

Many people will tell you not to quote Scripture in public or in personal conversation. But they are usually wrong. Certainly there is a time to keep silence (Eccl. 3:7), but when we do speak into perplexing situations, how would we possibly have anything better to share? “...He who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully” (Jer. 23:28).

Hebrews 5:14 speaks of exercising our spiritual sensibilities, and speaking God’s Word consistently in daily life gives us the training necessary to make us mature. As C. H. Spurgeon wrote long ago, “The sword of the Lord must be used; the blades of heaven must be smitten against the armor of the evil one, and yet they shall not break, for they are of true Jerusalem metal which shall never snap.”



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