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THE MEMORY SHEATH by Cody Logue

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” -Ephesians 6:17

It is late in the day, and darkness is beginning to shroud the forested path as a young knight rides toward the king's castle. Suddenly, out of the shadowy gloom beside him springs a man clad in dark armor. The young knight reaches to his side and unsheathes his sword, then bears down hard against his approaching enemy. After a few moments of fierce fighting, the young knight breaks free and gallops towards the castle unharmed.

This is the type of battle that Christians face spiritually. We are on our way to the King, but many dark forces constantly attack our minds and try to keep us from following God. Knowing this, God gave us His most effective weapon: "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). God gave us His Word, but we need someplace where we can sheath it and pull it out at a moment's notice.

The "memory sheath" is where we store God's Word in our minds. Committing God's Word to memory isn't a guarantee against falling into temptation, but it makes fighting sin many times easier. David understood the value of having a memory sheath for fighting temptation. He wrote, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psa. 119:11). By storing Scripture in your memory sheath, you are drawing closer to God while at the same time defending yourself from sin.

The memory sheath keeps the Sword of the Spirit with you wherever you go. It doesn't get misplaced. It doesn't lose cell service or run out of battery. It can't be broken or taken away from you. And even more importantly, it is easily accessible in any situation, ready and waiting to defend against sin. Will you keep the Sword of the Spirit in your memory sheath?



INDONESIA UPDATE

by Phil Walker

GREETINGS in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Indonesia! Paul said, the gospel “is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Rom. 1:16). We witness this truth on a daily basis. Dozens of school-aged children are memorizing the Word and coming to know the God of the Word. We are deeply blessed to be able to work with numerous schools here in Indonesia that have implemented memory programs. Three new graduate interns have partnered with us in ministry. Please contact me at phil@scripturememory.com if you would like to get to know them. Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor through your prayers and gifts. You are a vital partner in this work. Please continue to pray for open doors for gospel ministry in Indonesia (Col. 4:2-4).

Our family has plans to return to the States for a much-needed season of rest and visiting with our supporters. This will be the first time in the U.S. for my family. We are still working on the itinerary, but we plan to be based around Lexington KY, with definite trips through the south and midwestern parts of the U.S. God willing, we will arrive early fall. A trip of this nature is very difficult. Issues involving visas and matters of citizenship, as well as the journey itself, are complex and require much prayer. Please pray for favor and wisdom in dealing with government red tape and for protection for all of us. God bless you!

MEMORY TIP:

"Lift Up What You Put In"

by Randy Williamson

A. A. Milne, author of the *Winnie the Pooh* series, reportedly disliked his most famous works. He tired of children approaching him to share quotes or ask questions about Pooh and the other characters of the 100 Acre Wood. Thankfully, God is not like Milne. He loves His perfect Word so much that He enjoys having His children quote it back to Him—in prayer.

God's love of hearing His Word in prayer compels Christians everywhere to pray what they memorize. Why should we lift up to God what we put in our hearts? First, by praying the Word we have confidence in obtaining answers (1 John 5:14). Second, by praying the Word we achieve a primary goal of Scripture memory: spiritual growth and nourishment (1 Pet. 2:2). Third, by praying the Word we gain an even better grasp of the passage. We internalize it! So as you memorize, be sure to lift up what you put in.



SCRIPTURE MEMORY RESOURCES

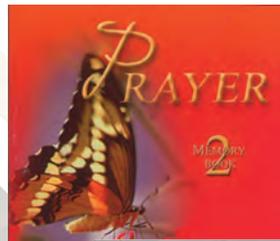
The Classics: 100 Verses Everyone Should Know

Learn 100 key Bible verses everyone should know! Bundle includes a memory booklet (with memory tips and application questions), perforated verse cards, and a verse card wallet. Available in KJV, NKJV, or ESV.

Memorize *The Classics* for Scripture Memory Camp 2022! For more information, see scripturememory.com/camps.



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Bundle



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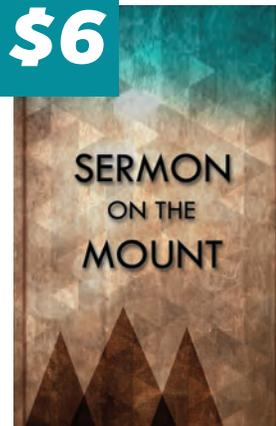


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Bundle

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MINISTRY UPDATE: THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT CHAINED

“Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.” -2 Timothy 2:8-9

As he began writing his final letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul faced challenging circumstances. Bound in the chains of a Roman prison, he knew that the time of his departure was at hand (4:6). In the face of circumstances that could easily cause discouragement, Paul remained hopeful. He found joy in remembering that God’s Word is unchained and that deliverance “from every evil

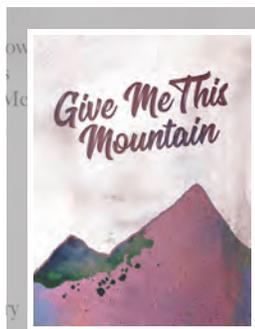
work” was certain (2:9; 4:18). Like Paul, it’s easy to find problems when we survey the landscape of our lives. But in an age when few things seem certain, “the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psa. 19:7).

The Word of God is unfettered, unchanging, and unhindered in its purpose. At Scripture Memory Fellowship, we are privileged to see this prove true day after day as God’s Word takes root and bears fruit in hearts around the world. Here are just a few examples of what God has done at SMF over the last several months.

SMF’s annual Scripture Memory Camp was a tremendous success. In July, 130 memorizers from across the country came together in Ringgold, LA, for a week centered around God’s Word. By nearly every standard, this year’s event was the best in recent memory. Even though camp is over, we trust that the thousands of verses memorized by the group will continue to bear fruit for many years to come. You can learn more about camp at scripturememory.com/camps.



We are also excited to announce the addition of SMF’s newest full-time staff member, Randy Williamson. As Program Administrator, Randy will participate in the development of new memory courses, give traction to new programs and initiatives, and help SMF reach a wider audience.



Looking ahead, we are working towards the launch of several new memory courses. *Give Me This Mountain* (coming soon) uses Joshua 14:12 to help senior saints conquer challenges relative to their season of life. We are also working on a new worldview memory course for children that will follow in the tradition of SwordGrip.

As always, please remember Scripture Memory Fellowship in your prayers. Pray that God will fill our staff with wisdom, strength, and joy for the work that lies ahead. Also, please join us in praying for God’s continued provision of our financial needs. We are especially praying for \$1,000 in new monthly financial support to help fuel the creation of resources like *Give Me This Mountain* and events like Scripture Memory Camp. If you would like to invest in the cause of Scripture memory, please use the enclosed stub or visit scripturememory.com/donate.

Your friendship, prayers, and support are invaluable. Please let us know how we can serve you in your Scripture memory journey, and be blessed as you take time today to enjoy God’s Word.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dakota Lynch'.

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