



SCRIPTURE MEMORY FELLOWSHIP

Know Scripture. Live Scripture. Love Scripture.

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A LAMP SHINING IN A DARK PLACE

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,” (2 Pet. 1:19)

Life is full of uncertainty. One thing that is certain is our experience of trouble and tribulation. Jesus Himself warned us of this in John 16:33 when He said, “In the world you will have tribulation.” Thankfully, as believers, we have something even more certain than our struggles in this life: our hope in Christ!

Directly following Christ’s warning is a message of hope: “But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). How are we, as Christians, to take heart? In times of tribulation, how can we cling to precious promises of Christ such as this one? The answer to this question is clear. God has given us His Word for comfort, hope, a renewed perspective, stability, and strength in affliction. Christians are to run to Scripture for refuge, and it is there that we can behold the face of Christ.

Scripture memorization makes it easier to call truth to mind when our Bibles are out of reach. It carries us when we are spiritually too weak to study, and provides the words to pray when we don’t have any of our own.

Visit scripturememory.com/downloads for a free infographic featuring five ways memorizing Scripture helps in affliction.



YouTube Launch

Since its launch in 2022, *The Scripture Memory Podcast* has been streamed over 24,000 times by memorizers in 126 countries. As we seek to make our episodes better and more accessible, we're excited to announce the launch of our new YouTube channel. On the new channel, you'll get the same quality episodes with the added benefit of watching them in video form. Tune in and subscribe at scripturememorypodcast.com/watch.



2023 Summer Camp

Do you want to motivate children and teens in your church to memorize Scripture? Invite them to Scripture Memory Camp! Campers ages 3-18 memorize verses on salvation from SMF's 14:6 – *The Way* memory course. Many have already begun memorizing their age-level verses, but it's not too late for your young people to get started and even earn a camp scholarship! Full of fun, fellowship, singing, and time in God's Word, Scripture Memory Camp is a memorable week. Check out scripturememory.com/camps for a fun recap video and more information.

Camp location: Southland Christian Camp, Ringgold, LA.
Dates: July 3-7, 2023.

Families are welcome! Please contact us for lodging options.



On Our Way to Indonesia by Phil Walker

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."
(2 Cor. 2:14)

December 29, 2022 was a surreal day for our family. After an 11-year quest, Jacky has become a U.S. citizen. Thank you for your encouragement and support during this season. I am happy to say we arrived safely back on the field on February 11.

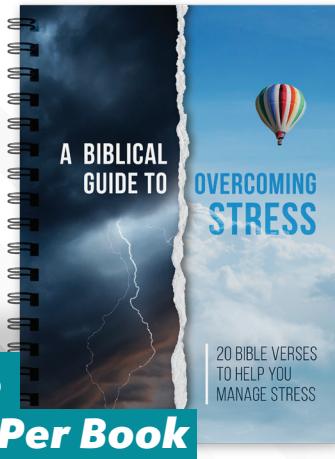
Please pray for us as we hope to move to the island of Nias, where we will bring powerful Scripture memory initiatives to dozens of public schools. Our aim is to reach schools on Nias and the 100 small nearby islands off the coast.



SCRIPTURE MEMORY RESOURCES

SwordGrip Family Pack

Since its release in 2018, the *SwordGrip* series has become one of SMF's most popular memory courses. Comprised of flipbooks, Scripture songs, and verse cards, the *SwordGrip* line offers a wide array of resources for each memorizer's unique needs. Recently, SMF's Staff Composer finished the last collection of Scripture songs for the collection. To mark this milestone, we are pleased to offer the entire series in a special Family Pack Edition for a new great price! The Family Pack Edition features each book and Scripture song album. This exclusive offer is only available in ESV.



The Classics

Learn 100 key Bible verses everyone should know! *The Classics* bundle includes a memory booklet (with memory tips and application questions), perforated verse cards, and a verse card wallet. Available in ESV, KJV, and NKJV for \$15.

*Get three or more sets for \$12 each.

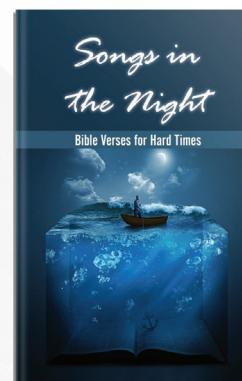
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Songs in the Night

Over the course of 12 weeks, memorize 60 verses for hard times. Whether it's your own trial, or you're walking through a valley with a friend, knowing these verses by heart will be invaluable for the journey. Available in ESV, KJV, and NKJV for \$5.

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PLANS ARE BETTER THAN GOALS

"Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established."
(Prov. 16:3)

Many of us entered the New Year with a list of resolutions. Perhaps you resolved to memorize more Scripture, spend more time at the gym, or spend less time on your phone. Unfortunately, statistics show that 80% of New Year's resolutions fail, with most of us settling back into our old routines by the end of January.

One possible explanation is that most New Year's resolutions are goal-oriented, not process-oriented. Setting lofty Scripture memory goals is easy. It's not as easy to decide what part of your daily routine is going to change. Deciding to spend more time in the Word requires a corresponding commitment to spend *less* time on something else.

Sadly, most of us have learned to live with a certain level of guilt regarding spiritual disciplines. A healthy prayer life and Bible study routine have become so abnormal that they seem almost mythical. Is it possible to break the cycle of shame and procrastination? Or, should we resign ourselves to the notion that dieting, exercising, and memorizing Scripture are only possible in the first two weeks of January?

At SMF, we believe memorizing Scripture can (and should) be a normal part of the Christian life. Part of this process is helping believers convert their Scripture memory goals into Scripture memory plans. To that end, we're currently in the final stages of producing a brand-new memory course, *14:6 – The Truth*, featuring 84 key verses on life's biggest questions. We also plan to launch a new series of entry-level memory courses later this year with Bible verses for everyday Christian living.

Please pray for God's blessing on these programs, as well as safety for our staff as we travel to multiple live events over the next several months. If you would like to invest in these initiatives and support the cause of Scripture memory with a donation, please scan the QR code below or use the enclosed envelope. As always, "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all" (2 Thess. 3:16).

In Christ,



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