



SCRIPTURE MEMORY — FELLOWSHIP —

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“In everything give thanks . . .” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Matching Gift—Let’s Get These Resources in Print!

We praise God for giving you a heart to treasure His Word. As we launch the new SwordGrip program, an encouraging friend has offered a matching gift of up to \$15,000. Now through September 30, would you pray about helping us raise this total of \$30,000 for the printing of these and other resources:

- 1) Reprint of Sermon on the Mount Memory Journal
- 2) SwordGrip New Testament Song CD (ESV)
- 3) SwordGrip Old Testament (Volume 1)



SwordGrip Old Testament Volume 1

Lord-willing, the first volume of SwordGrip Old Testament will be available in January. For larger books like Genesis, Exodus, and Psalms, we’re choosing more than one key passage. For these Old Testament books, we’re prioritizing verses that can be “songs in the night” as well as looking at verses that point to Jesus Christ. Please pray for God to use this book to turn people’s hearts back to Him through His Word (1 Kings 18:37).

SMF Camp—Behind and Ahead



What a great week of camp last July! Thank you to all who prayed and gave for memorization scholarships. The Jonah dramatic recitation contest, evening sermons by Pastor Johnny Pope, and much fun recreation all added up to a memorable week. A special thanks to Southland Christian Ministries, Tyson Severin and Ben Wenger of Piercing Word ministries, and our teachers for their dedication and creativity.

Do you want to come to camp next year? Start memorizing SwordGrip New Testament for your scholarship! The verses in SwordGrip are divided into color categories. Pre-K to 2nd grade: memorize the green verses (28 total). 3rd to 5th: memorize the green and blue verses (55 total). 6th-12th: memorize the green, blue, and orange verses (82 total). To earn a scholarship, verses must be recited in one sitting and certified by a pastor or church leader. Get your SwordGrip flipbook today to get started!

AudioVerse, Better Than Ever

In the short time since it launched, AudioVerse has helped hundreds of people across the country memorize thousands of Bible verses! Use the newly-added practice features to recite your verse while random words are blurred out. Or, try saying your verse while viewing just the first letter of each word. Other features include the ability to download your verses as audio files or a printable PDF, see how you rank on the global leaderboard, and easily import any verse from the most popular Bible translations. Create your free account at scripturememory.com/audioverse.



Indonesia Conference

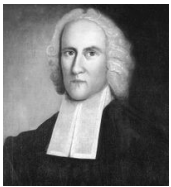


An exciting summit of Scripture memorizing leaders from India, Australia, Indonesia, and the U.S. took place in Jakarta last week. (Pictured L to R): James and Duncan Chua (Australia), Stan Blair (U.S.), David and Lavanya Karunakar (India), and Phil Walker (Indonesia) gathered to strategize, learn new Scripture songs, and convene the first-ever SwordGrip duel in which Indonesia students demonstrated their mastery of the SwordGrip verses until Indonesian student Kenisa Tel

won the duel. Please pray for Phil and Jacky Walker and family, Scripture missionaries in Indonesia, as well as their many students who are spreading a love for God's Word across that great nation.

God's Word—From Generation to Generation

"After these deeds of faithfulness," good King Hezekiah faced the Assyrian crisis that tested him to his limits. But Hezekiah came to know the LORD as the One "with us ... to help us and to fight our battles" (2 Chron. 32:1, 8). God's stunning rescue, however, apparently did not capture the heart of Hezekiah's son Manasseh, whose legendary wickedness took Israel to barbaric depths (2 Chron. 33:1-9). A very wicked son followed a faithful father. Fast forward two generations, and we see the reverse. Bad King Amon had an amazingly godly son, Josiah, who led Israel in repentance and revival. When God's Word was "found" in the temple, Josiah's soft heart responded with faith and obedience (2 Chron. 34:14, 27).



Jonathan Edwards

Israel's history illustrates the high stakes involved in every believer's calling to internalize God's words and "teach them diligently" to the next generation (Deut. 6:7). Love for Jesus Christ and faith in God's Word may be tragically lost and jettisoned as things of no value even by children of very godly parents. Great American preacher and theologian Jonathan Edwards' grandson, Aaron Burr, lived his life "without God" trampling numerous moral boundaries in a mottled political and military career that ended with the killing of Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Perhaps in belated repentance, Burr asked to be buried at the feet of his godly grandfather.



Aaron Burr

These Israelite and American history lessons depict a crisis in which we must endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, discipline ourselves for rigorous spiritual exercise as athletes, and plant the seed of God's Word as patient farmers (2 Tim. 2:1-6). May the Lord make us strong in His grace to fulfill our mission faithfully.

A very faithful brother, who with his dear wife has done more than most to faithfully carry this ministry to the next generation, is fighting a fierce battle with cancer. Would you please pray for Paul? We treasure your prayers as well, and our greatest needs are always spiritual. We thank God for you.

Much grace to you all,

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