

WORD IN MOTION

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BIBLE READING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Week 1 (July 1-7)

☐ Job 20-35, Acts 10:24-15:21

Week 2 (July 8-14)

☐ Job 36-40, Psalms 1-12, Acts 15:22-19:20

Week 3 (July 15-21)

☐ Psalms 13-30, Acts 19:21-23:15

Week 4 (July 22-28)

☐ Psalms 31-48, Acts 23:16-28

Week 5 (July 29-31)

☐ Psalms 49-56, Romans 1-3

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

GENERAL:

"Oneness and Trinity : A.D 100-500" by David K. Bernard

ADVANCED:

"Is GOD a moral monster?" by Paul Copan

FRENCH:

"Sur la vie Pentecôtiste" par David K. Bernard



THE GOOD NEWS

"Word in Motion" is a dynamic newsletter crafted to ignite and propel young individuals in their spiritual journey with God. Each edition delivers unique, yet impactful messages aimed at motivating and empowering readers to deepen their connection with the Divine. Through thoughtful reflections, inspiring quotes, and biblical insights, "Word in Motion" encourages young hearts to embrace spiritual growth, overcome obstacles, and live out their faith with boldness and conviction. This newsletter serves as a catalyst for transformative change, inspiring young souls to keep moving forward in their walk with God, one step at a time.



MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

1 Thessalonians 5:16-25

16. Rejoice evermore. 17. Pray without ceasing.
18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 19. Quench not the Spirit. 20. Despise not prophesyings. 21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
22. Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 25. Brethren, pray for us.



“4 KEYS TO GROWTH” By: Rev. William Sleep

Acts 2:41-42: 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

A Key Beginning:

On the Day of Pentecost, when Peter preached the first New Testament message, someone in a crowd asked “What Shall We do” (Acts 2:37). The question was in response to Peter’s preaching and people recognizing that they were not right with GOD.

Peter responded with what people needed to and still need to do in our present time to get right with GOD and to be saved from their sins. Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Key # 1 They continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine.

The people of the 1st Century Church grow because they continued in the apostles' doctrine.

The 1st Key for us to grow spiritually, we must continue to follow the Bible, which is GOD’s Word.

We must become students of the Bible, we must fall in love with GOD’s Word, and we must apply GOD’s Word in our lives and our hearts if we want to grow spiritually.

Psalms 119:11 “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

KEY #2 THEY CONTINUED IN FELLOWSHIP... (JOINT PARTICIPATION)

The 1st Century Church did not have buildings where they could come together to hear GOD’s Word and worship GOD. Instead, their Church services were in people’s home.

The 2nd Key for us to grow spiritually, we must be faithful in our attendance to the House of GOD.

It is in the Church where we grow spiritually through the preaching of GOD’s Word. It is in the Church that our faith is increased. It is in the Church that we come together and Worship Jesus in spirit and in truth. It is in the Church that we feel His presence. It is in the Church where GOD’s family gathers.

No matter how much technology has changed, and made it convenient to watch Church at home, nothing can replace being in GOD’s House, In GOD’s presence, with GOD’s family.

Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

KEY #3 FOR US TO GROW SPIRITUALLY IS BY SPENDING TIME WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD.

The 1st Century Church spent time with other believers.

It is through spending time together with our brothers and sisters in the Lord that we build relationships with one another. We have people that encourage us and pray for us.

There is an old saying that goes “Birds of a feather flock together”, the people we associate with the most are the people that we end up becoming like the most. When we develop healthy and strong relationships with others in our Church family, we grow and are strengthen from each other.

Proverbs 27:17 (AMP) “As iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens [and influences] another...”

KEY #4 THEY CONTINUED IN PRAYERS

The 1st Century Church prayed.

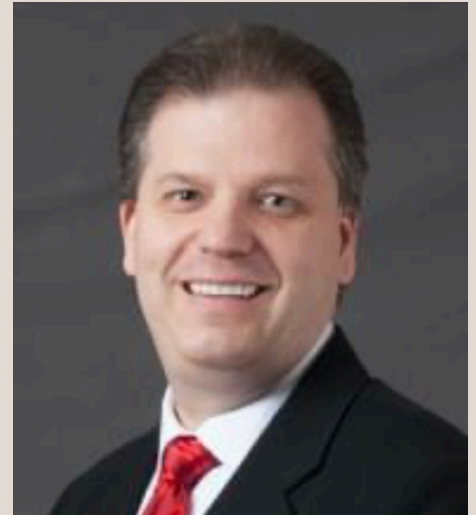
The 4th Key and not the least important key to spiritual growth is prayer. We will never grow spiritually without a prayer life.

It is through prayer that we are connected to GOD. It is in prayer that we are strengthen, comforted by GOD. Prayer is GOD’s mirror that shows us our shortcomings, and reveals to us what we need to do or to change in our live to grow spiritually and to be closer to GOD.

The one statement I have heard and kept throughout my walk with GOD is “that you will never backslide if you have a prayer life”. If we truly want to grow spiritually, we need to pray.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 “PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.”

Having a key beginning, and using all four keys in our walk with GOD, will help us to grow spiritually, and one day doing those key things will bring us to heaven.



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MADE TO WORSHIP

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

By Kate-Rochelle Suarez

**ALL THE EARTH SHALL WORSHIP THEE, AND SHALL SING
UNTO THEE; THEY SHALL SING TO THY NAME. SELAH.**

[PSALM 66:4]

Recently, on a rainy evening, while I was walking back home from work, I decided that I'd take my time. I walked slowly as the rain was getting heavier by the minute. I was in no rush to get home that evening. So, I took my time to breathe and to look around—the beautiful tulips blooming in the middle of May, the tall trees and the green leaves that provided a covering from the rain here and there, the raindrops hitting the ground and sometimes creating puddles...I thought to myself that nature was doing exactly what it was supposed to do.

Rain: Precipitation forms in the clouds when water vapour condenses into bigger and bigger droplets of water. When the drops are heavy enough, they fall to the earth.

The one thing that crossed my mind as I was strolling in the pouring rain was...

“God, You are getting the glory from this.”

“How so?” you may think. You see when creation is fulfilling what it was made to do, it *ascribes who He is. For instance, when an invention does exactly what it was meant to, *credit goes to the one who created it. In other words, God is being glorified when the moon shines at night as it was created to do so.

The Bible commands His creation to praise Him (Psalm 96) as it reveals His power and nature. (Romans 1:20)

This also made me think that because we humans are created by God, then we must worship Him— We are ambassadors. By default, we are all worshipers. In fact, we are *made* to be worshipers. Our purpose on Earth is to live for Him and give Him glory. Just because you are not preaching behind a pulpit, leading worship, or playing an instrument, it does not mean that you ought not to worship your Creator. If nature is doing its part in fulfilling its purpose, I believe that we humans are to do the same.

“If the stars were made to worship, so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence, so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness, so will I
For if everything exists to lift You high, so will I”

This is a call back to a lifestyle of worship. Worship should not be deprived within the walls of the sanctuary. True worship is a lifestyle of surrender and reverence to God. As much as He is worthy of all the glory, honour, and praise, He is worthy of all of your good and bad. Let's not get caught up on our positions/titles, in the music, how the person next to us responds or how we feel—it isn't about us.

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”

[Psalm 95:6]

Lord, deepen my desire to love you, to have a relationship with you, to serve you, and to worship you. Forgive me for getting caught up in the things I have going on and for losing sight of my purpose. Help me to live the life that You called me to live. I place everything into Your hands and I'm coming back to the heart of worship. Be the centre of my heart, mind, and life. It's all about You, God. I pray this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

*Ascribe : Attribute, Assign, Impute

*Credit mean to lay something to the account of a person or thing.



“THE REDEMPTION OF THE THIEF: A TESTAMENT TO GRACE AND MERCY”

By Simon Valenciano-Martel

Luke 23:40-43

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? [41] And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. [42] And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. [43] And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

The question many philosophers, preachers, teachers, and scholars ask is: “How can that sinner enter heaven without being baptized? Does it contradict *John 3:5*.” (*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*) The answer is very simple, and yet many people make the mistake of misunderstanding it: ‘When the thief died, he was still under the law, which required a spotless lamb to take his place as a sacrifice.’

Now, the question that follows the original question normally is “was there a lamb that died on the Cross that day?” Not only was there a lamb, but it was the Lamb of God that took his place, the Elohim, the El Shaddai, and the First and the Last that took his place.

The thief asked for forgiveness and the Lamb was slain for his sins, there was nothing else for death to do other than to obey the Blood of the Lamb. In spite of the fact that death came at the door and was ready to claim him and bring him to the place of weeping and gnashing of teeth, the blood of the Lamb closed that door and instead the man was welcomed in paradise.

Revelation 12:11

[11] And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

There are only two ways we can overcome the Devil and death: the blood of the Lamb and our testimony! And the thief that died on the cross that day certainly had both.



“CHOICE THEORY”

By William Glasser, MD

7 Caring habits

(Internal control) :

1. Supporting
2. Encouraging
3. Listening
4. Accepting
5. Trusting
6. Respecting
7. Negotiating

7 Deadly habits

(External control) :

1. Criticizing
2. Blaming
3. Complaining
4. Nagging
5. Threatening
6. Punishing
7. Bribing

“EACH ONE, BRING ONE,
EACH ONE, TEACH ONE,
EACH ONE, REACH ONE.”

“READY FOR YOUR NOW”

Matthew 25:1-12

“The five foolish virgins had everything they needed to meet the bridegroom, they were ready, yet they neglected the importance of their oil. Which is why when the bridegroom arrived unexpectedly, none of them were prepared. Initially, their lamps burned brightly, but as time passed, their light began to fade. Eventually, they all fell asleep. In contrast, the five wise virgins kept extra oil on them, they wasted no time when the announcement came that the bridegroom had arrived; they got up and went straight to the wedding.



For them, midnight brought victory and rejoicing as they finally received what they had been waiting for. However, the foolish virgins, realizing they needed more oil, hurried to buy it. They likely purchased more than necessary, filling their bags to the brim. Despite their efforts, when the door closed, there was no victory or joy for them. Though they knew the Lord and recognized His Glory, He did not know them.

What a tragedy! They had spent their lives preparing for that moment, yet they were not ready. It's not about what you give to God but when you give it GOD.

As a young person, if you're not wholeheartedly devoted to God, prioritizing Him in everything— whether studies or relationships— when challenges arise, you won't be prepared. The most profound prayer meeting isn't on Earth; it's the cries of those in Hell, suffering endlessly with no hope of escape. Where dreams turn to despair, and nightmares become reality.

One moment with Jesus can change everything. If we squander the opportunities and time we have, if we fall asleep when He's calling us to pray, can we really say we are going to be ready for His return?"

By Simon Valenciano-Martel



“FREE THE CAPTIVES”

Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

In the world we live today there is a term known as prisoners of war, this simply means people who have been captured by the enemy army in war.

However this term does not only pertain to physical imprisonment, but spiritual imprisonment as well. As a matter of fact there are souls that are bound by the devil and don't even know it. Instead these inmates just go through their daily lives not knowing the confinements the devil has on them. *John 8:34 even says "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."* In this world we live in with countless people bound to sin and forced to be servants of the devil can only be freed if we go out and tell them the Gospel. We must cry out to those who are slaves to sin that Jesus is here to set them free. This is an anointing that must be carried out by all us saints, because if we fail to do so then those who are slaves to sin on this Earth will be slaves to sin in eternity. *Ezekiel 33:8 says "When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."* It is time for US to go! Jesus has anointed US to set the captives free. And, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" So go and take back what the devil has stolen, set the captives free or end up a prisoner in eternity .

By William "Gizzy" Sleep

OUR TEAM

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