



SCRIPTURE MEMORY — FELLOWSHIP —

July 2016 Newsletter - “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (John 8:36).

True Freedom

On a day when we stop to thank God for the freedom we enjoy at high cost, let’s remember the “liberty by which Christ has made us free” (Gal. 5:1). Even when we were “in bondage under the elements of the world,” (Gal. 4:3) Christ loved us and “suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God” (1 Pet. 3:18). Like the Roman commander who said, “With a large sum I obtained this citizenship,” (Acts 22:27), let’s recall that our heavenly citizenship cost much more than we could pay. To be free in Christ is to be “free indeed” and free from all of sin’s bondage and condemnation (John 8:36; Rom. 8:1).

Camp Report

The week of Scripture Memory Camp at Southland Christian Camp in Ringgold, LA brought 141 campers from ten states for a week centered on Christ and His Word. Pastor Rich Carlson of Rock Springs, WY blessed us with his ministry, and 113 of our campers recited Scripture to earn a camp scholarship. God alone knows what faith in Christ, what gladness, what glory to Him will grow out of these hundreds of biblical seeds sown in dozens of believing hearts (Matt. 13:23)! Would you join us in praying for camp miracles in the coming months and years?



Make It Long-Term

Woman’s World magazine recently offered three tips for boosting long-term memory:

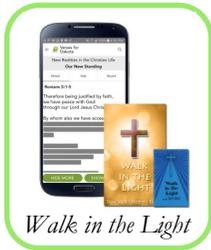
1. Get outdoors. A recent study shows that a brief stroll in the park boosts recall by 20%.
2. Learn an artsy hobby. Creative tasks such as knitting, painting, and coloring exercise your brain and reduce the risk of later memory loss by 73%.
3. Take a break. After memorizing new material, take a 10-minute break and do nothing at all. This “gives your brain the break it needs to log new information into its long-term memory banks.”

Coming Fall 2016

2 Timothy Project
“Remember the Parchments!”

Something new is just around the corner! Stay tuned for information about the upcoming 2 Timothy Project—a systematic memory plan for this entire book using the SMF App! More information at scripturememory.com/2Tim

App Report



Walk in the Light and *Attainments in the Christian Life* are now available in the SMF App. Also, to strengthen the community aspect of memorizing in the SMF App, we've designed accountability features that will allow memorizers to list up to 12 partners who will receive weekly reports of completed memory work. To help fund the programming of these new features, go to gofundme.com/28fjzjw4 or call us.

Deep Roots

Carolyn S. of Whiting, NJ wrote us: "It is difficult to put in a few words what the Lord has done for me through memorizing but I will give you a few reasons. You will get to know Him better as Creator, Who He is, His attributes, ... counsel for others in their time of sorrow, comfort in time of stress, burdens, in knowledge of today and the future.... It is exciting to recall scriptures from hearing sermons and through music. Memorizing scripture has changed my life forever. I am driven. Let's memorize! You can do it!" The long-term fruit may be summarized in Anne Skrabanek's (Marlin, TX) words: "Our families have deep roots in God's Word greatly due to SMF/BMA influence and ministry." Are you rooting first yourself, then your family in the Word of God?

New Flyer!



Our new promotional brochure explains what SMF offers in 30 seconds in one single-folded, glossy sheet. This quick-start guide makes introducing Scripture memory easy. Use this brochure as a bulletin insert, a greeting card enclosure, or a coffee-table conversation-starter. You can also keep a few stashed in your car's glove compartment for ready access. Call us today for up to 50 free copies. Payment of postage kindly requested.

Ministry Update

Please continue to pray for the SMF staff (Dakota Lynch, Laura Raborn, and me), that the "work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of our God and Father" would be evident in our ministry (1 Thess. 1:3). Pray for our coming fall outreach as we seek ways to tap into the great mass of non-Scripture memorizing folks. Ask the Lord as well for the supply of \$4,100 in unpaid bills as well as what is needed to implement the new accountability features in the SMF App. Thank you so much. Now more than ever, let us be "holding fast the word of life," "which is able to save your souls" when implanted within (Phil. 2:16; James 1:21).

Much grace to each of you,


Jim Woychuk



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