

A Helpful Study Tool to Facilitate Learning at a Deeper Level

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BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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Pray, asking God for guidance through His Word and to get rid of other distractions.

Read the passage / chapter and find the one thing that you ponder on or jumps off the page as you read.
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S: SCRIPTURE: Which scripture(s) stuck out to you most? Write it down. Feel free to make it a work of art.

O: OBSERVATION: What you think about the verse? What does God seem to be revealing through it? Do any words stand out? Look them up in original Greek or Hebrew. Cross reference scriptures of similar topic to get an overview of the passage. Who is the author addressing? What is the cultural context? Who is the passage about?

A: APPLICATION: How do you apply this little truth to your life? Are there any areas in your life that do not align with the scripture and need to change? Have you seen growth in any areas?

P: PRAYER: Write a prayer asking how to implement this verse in your life. Pray for others who may be dealing with a similar issue. Praise God for his blessings and opening your eyes to his truths.



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**Choosing Victory
Self-Imploding
Faithfulness Wins**

Devotion Guide

September 10 - November 3, 2023



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9 *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” - Joshua 1:9*

24 *At that time the Israelites left that place and went home to their tribes and clans, each to his own inheritance. 25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. - Judges 21:24-25*
16 *But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.” - Ruth 1:16*

Introduction

For the next eight weeks we will read three historical books of the Old Testament. They contain the story of Israel occupying the Promised Land, learning to live in the freedom given to them as a people, the misuse of the freedom by good and bad Judges, and concluding with a powerful story of faithfulness which took place in the midst of great chaos.

Reading the history of Israel without a lot of stories we are familiar with can be challenging but important as well. It helps to get perspective on the unfolding of God’s redemption story. It will be a painful reminder of Israel’s difficult journey to the Promised Land and how quickly the position and favor can be lost because of the consequences of selfishness borne out of sin.

We count it as good news that the story of Ruth is found in this context. In the midst of growing chaos lies the story we are very familiar with and takes us on a deep dive into what it means to be faithful. And it all points to Jesus Christ.

It’s prophetic history we don’t need to take lightly. You will be amazed at the richness of the story and the eye-opening moments which stop you with awe and wonder of our Mighty God. Thank you for continuing to be a student of God’s Word.

Let’s learn together.

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Sunday, September 10, 2023

Reflect - on what you have learned from God’s Word
Refuel - worship and celebrate the Resurrection!
Rest - your mind, body and spirit

Monday, September 11, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 1
Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord’s Prayer

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 2
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Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 3
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Thursday, September 14, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 4
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Friday, September 15, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 5
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Saturday, September 16, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 6
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Scripture - Joshua 8
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Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 9
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Thursday, September 21, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 10
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Friday, September 22, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 11
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Saturday, September 23, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 12
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Scripture - Joshua 14
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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 15
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Thursday, September 28, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 16
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Friday, September 29, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 17
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Saturday, September 30, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 18
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Scripture - Joshua 20

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Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 21

Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord's Prayer

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 22

Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord's Prayer

Friday, October 6, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 23

Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord's Prayer

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Scripture - Joshua 24

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Scripture - Judges 2

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Scripture - Judges 20

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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Scripture - Judges 21

Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord's Prayer

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Scripture - Ruth 1

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Friday, November 3, 2023

Scripture - Ruth 2

Pause and Pray - Conclude by praying The Lord's Prayer

Saturday, November , 2023

Scripture - Ruth 3-4

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

Thoughts, Ideas, and Reminders

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