

The Scripture Project

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Join us for The Scripture Project...hiding God's Word in your heart each week

Earlier this year I realized that I had stopped memorizing scripture. I think it happened last spring. I didn't intend to stop and I'm sure it wasn't a conscious decision. I imagine that I simply put it off during a busy week. And the next week it was probably very easy to not add it back in. And the weeks turned into months.

I've started again. I won't tell you that I like having one more thing to do, but I will tell you that I regret all the weeks that I missed an opportunity to do it. I had forgotten how wonderful and energizing it is to hide God's word in my heart and mind.

This time, though, I don't want to do it alone. I want you to do it with me. Yes, YOU. There are 46 weeks left in 2011. That means that we could have 46 passages of scripture tucked away by the end of the year.

I know you already have at least 15 reasons why you can't do this. Nothing seems to cause us to backpedal and make excuses like the thought of memorizing Bible verses. You would think we had been asked to stick needles under our fingernails.

So, go ahead, take a moment to think of all the reasons why you can't memorize scripture.

Done?

Now let me say... So what? Get over it and just do it.

Sorry, that's rude. But, I know it is hard to make this commitment. Those excuses can be pretty loud, so we need to silence them. We have to tell ourselves, "So what? Get over it and just do it."

You're not too old. You're not too young. You're not too busy. You're not a poor memorizer. You do have time. You do need it. It will make a difference. You'll never know unless you try. It doesn't matter what other people think. Quit saying you can't do it!

Start telling yourself why you CAN do it. I can give you lists of reasons, everything from "you'll sleep better," to "learn it before it is taken away from you," to "it's what God said to do." But this is something you're just going to have to decide to do on your own. It's between you and God.

I hope and pray that you will do it with me. There are more than 800 of us on this mailing list. Imagine the power of all of us praying for each other and learning God's Word together.

This week I'm going to give you your choice. Pick your verse from the four below and memorize it. Do whatever works best for you. There have been volumes written on how to memorize scripture, but this is really just about learning His word. Write it out on an index card that you carry around with you. Take time to read the verse every day, several times a day. Think about what it means. Let the words wash over you. Pray the words back to God.

We're going to open up our blog so you can share your comments, encouragements and struggles with each other. Visit it at www.hopeinthelord.org/blog.

I pray that you have a joyous week with God's Word! Check in on the blog and let us know how you're doing.

Much love,
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