


The Holy Spirit is the One who is making us more and more like Christ. He uses Scripture and everyday life to form Christlikeness in us.

Our job is to cooperate with God's grace at work in our life. One of the ways we can cooperate is by starting each day with the Word of God: **reading, studying, memorizing & praying God's Word.** The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to release and form the life of Christ in us.

This is how we *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord."* -2 Peter 3:18.

Slowly and thoughtfully read the passage from God's Word each day. Think about it. Focus especially on the verse marked **Meditating on God's Word.** Then, say and repeat the memory verse several times. By the end of the week, you will have it memorized. Finally, in addition to whatever else you are talking to God about in your prayers each day, also pray through the Scripture you read, turning it into a prayer.



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MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,
- *Psalm 23:1-2*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 36:1-37:1; Psalm 22

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

- *Psalm 22:14*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Jesus, you referenced this very psalm on the cross, as a message to those who persecuted you. You fulfilled these prophetic words. To the Pharisees who knew this psalm, they would be in shock that the words of David directly describe what they had done to You. These words also give us great confidence that Your Word is always true, in the Old Testament and the New Testament. Thank You Jesus for being our redeemer, amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 37:2-38:30; Psalm 23

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

As she was giving birth, one of them put out his hand; so the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his wrist and said, "This one came out first." But when he drew back his hand, his brother came out, and she said, "So this is how you have broken out!" And he was named Perez.

- *Genesis 38:28-29*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

God, You are perfect! When I read the story of Judah and Tamar, I struggle to understand why You would use the result of Judah's sin to begin the lineage that leads to Jesus. But You do wonderful things despite our sin. This isolated event, shared in the middle of Joseph's story, draws our attention to the details of your perfect planning. Not only this, but You use the birth of Perez to show how intentional

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 39-40; Psalm 24

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.

- *Genesis 39:20-21*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, as Christians, we tend to assume that we would not find ourselves in jail or prison. Joseph did everything with integrity, yet he still ended up in prison for many years. You were with him, and You protected him. May I seek the peace to know that no matter what my circumstances are, that You are always with me! Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 41-42; Psalm 25

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you.

- *Genesis 41:39*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

God, You are Sovereign. You made Pharaoh, an unbelieving man of power and influence, see how powerful and true You are. The only requirement was that Joseph would be obedient and courageous enough to be used by You. May I have the humility of Joseph to give You the glory and to obey You, so that others may come to know who You are. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 43-44; Psalm 26

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

- *Psalm 26:2-3*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, may we have this level of humility. To ask you to evaluate us and show us where we fail, in order to help convict us to live our lives in obedience to you. May you lead us to be transformed by Your Spirit and in doing so, be healed by Your mercy and grace. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 45-46; Psalm 27

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt."

- *Genesis 45:7-8*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

Lord, if only we would demonstrate this amount of grace to those who we felt slighted by. A former employer, spouse, estranged family, or friends. We often feel resentment to them for certain treatment, but have we ever gone back to apologize or forgive them for what happened? Their actions may have been subject to God's sovereignty as were Joseph's brothers, and he gave them grace in the end as well as an amazing testimony! May we read Your Word and feel your grace, as we give grace to others as well. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

READING GOD'S WORD

Genesis 47-48; Psalm 28

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations."

- *Genesis 48:19*

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

God thank you for this biblical constant, that you often use those who are considered less to do great things! Jacob new this firsthand, that although he deceived his father Isaac for his blessing, he was made great, and had a personal relationship with You. May we be assured that even though we may not be the eldest, in the highest position, or have the most influence, You can and will still use us according to Your Will. May we be obedient to You Lord, amen.