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# NOT BY BREAD ALONE

(Testimonies)

*“Kevin! That’s wonderful!”* I shrieked excitedly. I knew then that all was worthwhile. If no one else in the whole world responded to the challenge of memorizing Scripture, Kevin had. The Lord was working.

Yes, Kevin was the very first. In this chapter you’ll read about him and some of the others who entered into the joy of memorizing Scripture in context when the Lord first began *Sword of the Spirit Ministries* as well as just a few from some of those who have followed in their footsteps over the brief years we have been in existence. (We have also included a couple of long-time memorizers.) It has been a joy to see how the Lord has wonderfully blessed lives and families as His people have sought to know Him by giving the memorization of His Word priority in their lives.

*Kevin’s* start in life was far from ideal. He was born to a second generation alcoholic father who was also addicted to other drugs. As a child, he was physically

abused by his parents and sexually abused by a neighbor. He began smoking cigarettes at age 11 soon graduating to marijuana and on to cocaine by the time he was 18.

As a father himself, with three little boys, Kevin was dealing drugs out of his home, and doing whatever else was necessary to support his consuming habit. But he was soon brought up short! Realizing the warped home life that his children were facing on a daily basis, his wife's grandparents threatened to have them taken away from him unless he agreed to go to a Christian counselor. This was the turning point in Kevin's life. Unable to face the thought of losing his boys, he went to the counselor for help. It was this man of God who introduced him to the life-changing Savior who forgave his past and gave him the prospects of a bright and glorious future.

Kevin now owns a roofing business and has grown in the Lord as he has worked hard to pull his world together. But Satan doesn't easily relinquish his hold on those who have served him well. Life for Kevin has been a constant challenge.

It was while I was busily handing out Scripture verses to Sunday morning worshipers that I noticed Kevin headed my way beaming from ear to ear. After a warm hug, he gently ushered me out of the line of traffic, jabbering excitedly the whole time. But I just couldn't make any sense of what he was trying to communicate. He was obviously excited about something, but the garbled, disjointed chatter wasn't casting too much light on the situation.

Finally, bursting with pride, he beamed, "I need a little help, but I can say it okay." Finally! The light dawned!

I realized that Kevin had been working at memorizing the verse of Scripture I had distributed the previous week. *Now I* was excited! The Lord had torched a hungry heart through the entrance of His Word, and I hugged him gleefully.

Besides the miscellaneous verses handed out at church which got him started and which he learned to quote verbatim, Kevin has memorized Matthew 7 and much of Colossians. He has commented, “When things start getting rough, I always think, I better get back to memorizing Scripture.”

*Leslie* was a 25 year old homemaker who started memorizing Scripture in context shortly after delivering her first baby. Her testimony:

I always knew I should memorize Scripture but could never get around to it. Then came the challenge in church for all of us to memorize a chapter. It was suggested that if enough people participated, the church family would have the epistles preserved in their hearts and minds should we ever lose our printed Bibles. I decided that I would “do my part” and was assigned the first chapter of II Timothy. But when I had memorized the first chapter, I couldn’t stop. Within the next six months, I finished the entire book.

As a result of memorizing Scripture, I began noticing some marvelous things happening in my life. For instance, when I listened to my pastor’s sermons, the Scripture I had already memorized would affirm and sometimes even “flesh out” what he was saying.

Also, I've noticed an enormous change regarding my relationship to my heavenly Father. I no longer think of Him as I did before, defining Him by my own thoughts of what He must be like. Now I see God as He describes Himself in His Word. I thought when I started to memorize, God would immediately point to areas in my life that needed work. Instead, He forced me to focus on the foundation of my salvation, His great love, His forethought, and sacrifice for me, determined, in His grace, before the creation of the world.

My quiet time has become meaningful and exciting. Seldom did I gain very much from just *reading* the Bible, and as a result did not consistently observe a devotional time. Now, it's as if God's Spirit woos me, calling me to come and learn.

I memorize a little at a time by writing one or two verses of Scripture on a 3x5 card each day. By carrying this card around with me, I have a handy reference until I can recite it correctly. Then I say it all day long while going about my business of changing diapers, folding laundry, doing dishes, showering.... The next day, I write the next verse(s) on another card, and repeat the process, reciting from the beginning for the rest of that day. (I have found that writing the Scripture out helps me to memorize it.)

I've also learned to watch for miracles, because God *blesses* our efforts to memorize His Word. One particular miracle happens all the time. When I don't understand a verse or passage, I ask the

Father to bring understanding. He is so *faithful*. One day just *out of the blue*, the *light* clicks on in my mind and heart. God answers and the meaning is clear. It may happen while I'm waiting for a red light or when I'm lying awake at night. Often it comes when I'm not even thinking about it. But God is *always* faithful to enlighten me.

In miraculous ways, my Lord uses me, a very *fallible, imperfect* vessel, to speak His words to His people. I was asked to share II Timothy at a retreat last fall. Although I had rehearsed well enough, I was very nervous, and my delivery in practice was pretty monotone. But when I began speaking to the audience, it was as if the words just flowed out of my mouth, without even referencing what was in my mind and heart. It was God! As I continued, I began noticing the moving of God's Spirit over the congregation. Tears flowed and a hush swept over the assembly. God was speaking through me. It was nothing that I could *ever* do on my own.

I could go on and on. The excitement of watching God work and speak through His Word is too wonderful. And the blessings of hiding God's Word in my heart are too great to enumerate. Since finishing II Timothy, I have memorized Philippians and John 1:1-18. The Book of Ephesians is my current project. I can't get enough! There's so much to learn and so much of God that I want to know.

I pray that God will use His Word in my heart to speak to those who do not know Him; that I will be able to *give an answer for the hope* that is in

me using God's own words. Should we face persecution, I have peace knowing that I won't have to answer with my own words. God can speak His words through me.

*All scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (II Timothy 3:16)*

May God use His word to equip me.

That was six years ago, and at this writing Leslie has just delivered her third child and in addition to the Scripture mentioned above, she has to date finished memorizing the books of Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Today, Leslie writes:

I have found the memorization of Scripture a challenge to my mind and a comfort for my soul. In this way I truly feel that I can know the Father by memorizing His love letter to me. I have benefited greatly from this discipline. I notice that consistency breeds consistency in this particular discipline. The more I memorize, the more I want to memorize!

*Warren* is a 56-year old farmer, a husband, father and grandfather. He has memorized Romans 1 and the 176 difficult verses of Psalm 119. As well as being the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119 is probably one of the most difficult to memorize. Each verse is basically

independent of the others. There is not the narrative or composition that some find easier to grasp. Also, the many terms applied to Scripture are difficult to keep straight (law, testimonies, commandments, precepts, statutes, judgments). Anyway, Warren decided that if he memorized Psalm 119, this would prove to his own satisfaction that any chapter could be conquered. Warren tells us:

I liked the challenge of memorizing by chapter because I had never done it before. Growing up I learned random verses, but that was completely different. When reading a book, we don't read a few lines here then skip and read a few more words or a couple of lines somewhere else. Solid continuity is important in any text. That's the way Scripture was written. That's the way it's meant to be read and memorized, in order for us to understand it.

Memorizing it really makes the Word come alive. I understand it in a way I couldn't otherwise. It has helped me to grow spiritually. I wish someone had prodded me to do this years ago.

The Bible says we should *pray without ceasing*. Memorizing the prayer of Psalm 119 has given me a *mind set* of being in an attitude of prayer. Also, the more I get into it the more thankful I am for what I have. (Ed: Warren is a quiet, reserved gentleman but is always glad to share Scripture he has memorized with the church family and has quoted Psalm 119 on several occasions to different congregations.)

*Norris* began memorizing by chapter when he was 70 years old. Now, at 85 a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he can quote Matthew 5, 6 and 7; John

14, 15, 16 and 17; Colossians 1; I Corinthians 13; Isaiah 53; Psalms 1, 23, 84, 103 and 121. His testimony:

The Lord had been convicting me for several years before I decided to start memorizing Scripture. He kept reminding me of the Psalmist's words: *Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. (KJV)* I knew this wouldn't be in the Bible if it didn't mean what it said. Although *memorizing* was the last thing in the world I wanted to do, I finally gave in.

I found that memorizing the Word deepened my spiritual walk. When I read Scripture, I skim over it. It doesn't penetrate. But when I memorize, it penetrates because I have to know what is being said in order to remember it.

At my age it's a constant exercise in discipline to retain what I memorize. I go over all the Scripture I have learned once a week in order to remember it. If I skip, I forget. The six verses I memorized for confirmation when I was twelve years old have never left me. I never have to review them because they are part of me. At this stage of life, it's a challenge to memorize and then to retain it once I have learned it.

My advice to anyone is to *get going now*. Don't put it off. No matter where you are in life, the longer you wait the harder it will be to memorize and the more difficult to remember. Take it from one who knows. (Ed: Norris also says, "We need churches that memorize Scripture in this day and age more than ever. A church that memorizes is a church that is going places.")



*Leslie*, is another young mother and housewife (not to be confused with the other Leslie mentioned earlier in this chapter). As a mother of two pre-schoolers and pregnant with her third child, Leslie had trouble getting started on her memory program, for reasons every mother knows. But before delivering her baby, she had conquered the first two chapters of Colossians and went on to complete the entire book. She says:

When first challenged in church to memorize Scripture by chapter, I was interested though not convinced I could do it. And I was afraid of failing. Then I heard another young mother just like me, reciting a chapter in a Sunday service. (Ed: She heard Leslie whose testimony appears in the first part of this chapter.) God's Word came through with power in a way I had never before experienced. Seeing that she had successfully responded to the challenge gave me the confidence I lacked. I knew I needed this power in my life. I wanted the Lord to speak through me to others the way He had touched me through her presentation.

The first chapter of Colossians was a favorite of mine so that's where I started memorizing. But I was not prepared for how the Lord would bless. Wow! It wasn't hard at all. I enjoyed doing it. It was exciting. It was powerful. My biggest problem became getting the verse(s) written down on my 3x5 card and posted on my microwave. The memory part was fun.

In days past, I carried a great load of guilt and sense of failure when I missed my daily Bible study.

Now God's Word is in my heart and with me all the time. I can review it wherever I am. It's often at random times, in bed or in the car, that the Lord gives me new and exciting insight.

I will never forget my first public presentation. Looking out into the congregation I saw people leaning forward on the edge of their seats as I recited Colossians 1. God spoke! I knew it wasn't me. It was Him. I left the platform elated and exhilarated at having seen my Lord use *my* mouth to glorify Himself through His Word.

Many told me afterwards, "I could have listened to you all day." At the time I thought when a pastor reads a long passage he loses his audience long before he finishes, but it's obviously different when memorized Scripture is presented from the heart.

The Lord spurred me on to memorize the second chapter of Colossians, then the third, and the fourth. It took me almost a year to complete the entire book. Through this experience, Scripture became more personal and more powerful in my life. It is now part of me and vital to my very existence.

By getting to know Paul better through his letter to the Colossians, I no longer think of him as *Saint* Paul, only 'Paul'. I believe he lived every day just like we do. His life was significant only because he was sensitive and obedient to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Although I had read and studied Paul's letter to the Colossians numerous times, I didn't sense the depth of truth hidden in its pages as when I

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memorized it. I realize now it's impossible in this life to grasp the full meaning. I know that if this one letter is all the Scripture I have, it could feed me spiritually for the rest of my life.

I wish people knew what they are missing by not memorizing God's Holy Word. Reading and studying it is great, but there is so much more. I have found that memorizing in context opens up a whole new depth of meaning and application to my daily walk.

That testimony was written about one year after Leslie began memorizing. She has recently delivered her fourth child and from the time of that testimony until the present, she has also memorized II Timothy, Philippians, most of Ephesians, Philemon and has recently completed the book of Hebrews. The Lord beautifully blesses Leslie's public presentations as she quotes the Word from her heart. Here, now, is her recent testimony:

I had been a Christian for many years when I began memorizing Scripture by chapter and book five years ago. I have grown spiritually more than I ever dreamed possible! The Word of the Lord has truly become the foundation of my faith. Before I began memorizing, my overall understanding of the Bible was somewhat limited. Now, I have a built-in cross reference in my heart and mind that enriches and deepens the meaning of Scripture to me. I encourage anyone who desires a closer walk with the Savior to begin by memorizing Scripture in context. You will not be

left hungry! Praise the Lord Jesus Christ for His wonderful Word.

Like mother, like daughter. Now we have the second generation of memorizers. Leslie's daughter, *Shannon*, writes:

I started memorizing Scripture with my mother when I was five years old. I am now ten and I memorize on my own! It has helped me be more truthful. Because I know the Word, the Holy Spirit can convict me easier.

My whole family has been affected by God's Almighty Word. Thanks to my family, and especially Jesus, I have come to know the Lord. I have a stronger walk with God because of memorizing Scripture. I think everybody can have a better walk with God if they memorize it. I will memorize Scripture my whole life. How about you? God loves us all!

These are testimonies from some of the very first people who rose to the challenge of memorizing Scripture by chapter and book when it was first presented. All, except Norris, were first fruits of *Sword of the Spirit Ministries*. Following are just a few testimonies from others who have followed in their footsteps, as well as one who has been a *long-time* memorizer.

Leslie and her husband, Phil, now have a small group of Scripture memorizers who meet weekly in their home. Here are a few testimonies from that group. Some of them are comparatively young Christians whose time in the world was rooted in drug and alcohol abuse,

demonic involvement, and new age rationale so they have had significant baggage to deal with.

*One in this group* wrote:

*I love the Lord, because He has heard (and now hears) my voice and my supplications. (Psalm 116:1, Amplified Bible)*

These words are now, literally, written on my heart and my mind to reflect on whenever and wherever I need to be reminded of these words from God.

One of the most precious gifts God has given me in the three years I've known Him is encouraging me to memorize His written Word. Something powerful (in the spirit realm) happens to me when I memorize a whole chapter in context. The Holy Spirit frees me, sometimes one word at a time, sometimes one verse at a time. It's like the hands of a clock ticking, we can't see them move with the naked eye, yet they move. So it is in my spirit, with incredible depth and insight, God's pure truth continually consumes the dross and permeates my very being. Hebrews 4:12 says it best:

*For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power — making it active, operative, energizing and effective; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and*

*of joints and marrow [that is of the deepest parts of our nature] exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. (Amplified Bible)*

Thank you Jesus!

*Another* wrote:

When I heard the whole book of Philippians quoted at a presentation by *Sword of the Spirit Ministries*, I thought it was great and I was excited about memorizing, too. But I didn't do so good by myself and after awhile, forgot all about it.

Then my daughter and I went to hear Leslie also quote that same book at a group meeting in her home. I met some special people who made me feel right at home. It was so wonderful to hear the Lord's Word spoken. I remembered feeling the same as I had a few years prior. I knew that I wanted to be a part of this group of people.

When I was driving home, I prayed that the Lord would help me to be able to memorize and help me to know what to memorize. I was so excited I could hardly wait to get started. By the time I got home I knew the Lord had laid Psalm 139 on my heart. This was a psalm I'd loved ever since I first read it, years ago.

I wrote it all out and asked the Lord to help me keep it in my head. I know that without His help I could never have memorized those 24 verses in one week. I can't believe that I have memorized over 100

verses in about 3 months. The Lord is so faithful, and hiding His Word in my heart is the best blessing.

The Lord will help anyone keep His Word in their head and heart. All we need to do is ask. His Word is *living* and when we memorize it, it is for His glory. Thank you Lord!

And *another*

I had been under the loving conviction of God for many months regarding cigarette addiction. I had just about gone out of my mind trying to figure out how I could *desire* to do his will and still choose to serve this idol at the same time. My flesh was waging war against my spirit and I was becoming exhausted from the raging battle.

After reading a booklet from *Sword of the Spirit Ministries*, my heart was deeply touched and was so overjoyed I could hardly contain myself. I joined one of their memorizing groups and immediately memorized Psalm 23. What a promise and what a cleansing! What a journey!

Although I loved reading Scripture I didn't always know what to read. And what I was reading didn't seem to be sticking. I began memorizing James, but got discouraged because even though I loved it, I wasn't seeing any real changes in this storm that raged within.

That blessing was Psalm 6. It pierced my heart. It was as if my prayer was in the Bible. My body was secretly screaming with pain and I had worn myself out repenting. I immediately began to memorize it .

Every word was alive. It brought me to a depth of healing far beyond just deliverance from cigarettes. My body began to be restored from all the deception it had been fed, and all the damage that had been done over the years, both physically and spiritually. I began to take back all that was stolen from me by the enemy in every area of my life. I could actually admit all my fears to my loving Father through his own words in Scripture

There were many other factors and powerful Scriptures given to me from the Lord and others. And I was completely set free from this bondage, cold turkey, with no withdrawals. All by the power of the Word. God orchestrated it in a miraculous few weeks of my life in perfect sync of revival, perseverance, fear of the Lord, prayer, and the heartcry of His living Word written upon my heart

With this new challenge that can only be done with the help of the Holy Spirit, I know I'm in obedience as I meditate on His Word and continue to write it on my heart. No one and nothing can ever take it from me. His Word stands forever! Thank you, Jesus! I stand in awe of Your deeds.

*Also from Phil and Leslie's group:*

I am memorizing Psalm 119 in the Amplified Version. Although I had been using this Psalm in my devotional time for the past year, it began to penetrate my life in new ways when I began to memorize it. The strong emphasis on God's precepts and laws has made me determined to



stand strong on His Word in every situation. Even though we were strapped financially, I saw the need to give up clients who demanded that I compromise my Christian stand.

When my husband recently endured two heart attacks, I was rivetted to the Word for strength and assurance. (Ed: Leslie says that this lady is growing by “leaps and bounds”. Because she and her husband had served Satan’s purposes so faithfully in the past, he refuses to loosen his grip without a fight. She says she has found that victory has not come with prayer alone but that the Word is needed as an effective weapon in the demonic warfare they encounter.)

From *a retired pastor* and long-time memorizer (who now serves on the Board of Directors for *Sword of the Spirit Ministries*):

In the summer of 1970, when I was 51 years old, my wife, to whom I had been married for almost 25 years, lost her battle with cancer and went home to Glory. There followed a time of emptiness and loneliness. I battled with thoughts of self-pity and temptation. In an effort to control my thought life and bring it into captivity to Christ, I spent much time in God’s Word and began to memorize Scripture.

At first it was individual promises, or short familiar passages. Then I decided to try to memorize the whole book of Colossians. That was a transforming experience. I saw things in this book I had never seen before.

Having received such blessing for myself, I wondered if others might hear God's Word in a new way if whole chapters and/or books were recited with suitable expression and emphasis.

When I began reciting Scripture in context from memory, many came to me with comments such as:

"It made the Scripture come alive!" "I heard things I had never heard before." "The Word is so much more meaningful hearing it recited in context, than just reading it or hearing it read."

I am now 81 years old and continue to memorize to this day. I have memorized dozens of chapters, as well as entire books. (Ed: He has over 90 chapters in his repertoire.)

As a retired pastor, I would especially encourage anyone who teaches the Word of God to take time to memorize whole chapters and books.

From a *wife, mother and grandmother*:

When God graciously allowed me to attend a *Sword Of the Spirit* workshop, I heard the Word of God quoted from memory, by chapter and book. My heart was deeply moved by the power of the Word. I resolved to start memorizing starting with John 14.

Memorizing the Word of God, in context, has driven it deeply into my being and caused me to ponder, meditate and digest it rather than lightly skim over the words. It has become a precious encouragement as well as a tool.

Memorizing Scripture is the life blood of my Christian walk. It opens up the Word to my heart

as no other means can accomplish. It gives sustenance and rivets my heart to the Anchor so that I no longer drift. God uses it in untold ways to accomplish His purposes.

From another *wife, mother and grandmother* (79 years old at this writing):

When *Sword of the Spirit Ministries* introduced memorizing Scripture in context to our church, my heart responded. I had enjoyed memorizing poetry in school, Scripture also, as part of my training in Sunday School. Here was the challenge to memorize chapters! I committed to memorizing the first chapter of Acts.

After I had had open heart surgery, my doctor had stressed the importance of walking a few minutes every day. Since walking required only physical effort, I felt that exercising my mind, as well, would make that daily half hour more profitable.

I copied page one of Acts from my Bible and carried it with me as I walked. (It was much easier to hold a small fold of paper than a Bible.) Verse by verse I memorized and reviewed.

When I had page one in mind I copied page two. On that page Chapter 1 ended and Chapter 2 began, so I went on to memorize that often quoted chapter.

I'm now up to Chapter 14 and have quoted several passages in public. Although I didn't plan to memorize the entire book of Acts when I started, I now have that goal.

*Here and There:*

- I attended a *Sword of the Spirit* workshop last spring and just had to write to tell you that it has changed my life! I was spellbound to hear whole chapters and even books quoted from memory. I thought, "Maybe I could do that too!" I have to tell you that I have taken off, running, and am being so very blessed! My main time to memorize is on my daily walks. It's so neat because I can just feel the Word sinking deep into my very heart and becoming alive! I have completed John 15, Isaiah 53 and am starting Romans 8. Thank you so very much. I will be forever grateful.

- When first approached by the concept of memorizing Scripture in context, I wasn't sure how to respond. I read my Bible and knew some verses but to memorize whole chapters at a time seemed overwhelming. But I knew it couldn't hurt to try. So I called a friend and we decided to do it together. Once a week we get together to pray and memorize our verse for the week. Saying the words really didn't mean anything, but as we meditated and took each word into our hearts and claimed it to be true, the power of the Holy Spirit has become very evident in our lives.

As we continue to memorize, our faith also continues to grow and become bolder. This has become a very powerful way to strengthen our relationship with the Lord and we look forward to memorizing more of the Word.

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- Finally mastered the 91st. Hooray! Now I'm going to memorize the first. (Ed: Psalm that is.)

- Ivy and I are still memorizing. We are now doing Proverbs 4 which strikes a deep cord within me to teach Ivy. I just love it. I have hidden in my heart Psalms 16, 20, 61, 91 and 92. I am currently working on Psalm 51. (I'm not trying to boast, but it just amazes me that I could do this much!! I know it's the Lord!) (Ed: Ivy is her 8 year old daughter)

- I am writing to thank you for the ministry the Lord has prompted you to carry out. The learning of Scripture by book and chapter has begun a blessing for a lifetime.

I have learned Chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew, and God is opening little doors of deeper understanding each time I recite His Word. I had memorized these verses about 10 years earlier. However, after attending your seminar and experiencing entire books being quoted from memory, I knew that I had only memorized the words. This time I am learning to know the Author as you taught. We (myself, my wife and son) all learned Psalm 91 after receiving your workbooks last fall. My wife has begun learning the book of Philippians and is now in chapter 3. We are all learning Psalm 119, one verse a week. It will take some time, but we will keep you posted.

The blessings along the way have been numerous as God is so faithful to His Word. He

has brought to life verse 3 of Psalm 91, *Surely He will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.* In many little ways He has directed our paths around little pitfalls of the world we live in.

*Oh, that my ways may be established  
To keep Thy statutes!  
Then I shall not be ashamed  
When I look upon all Thy commandments.  
(Psalm 119:5-6)*

That is our heart's cry to the Lord. Thanks for directing us to His Word. God bless!

- I just wanted to write you a note and say thank you for sending me some chapters from your book. I was really motivated and encouraged to start memorizing Scripture. I have memorized Psalm 23, Isaiah 53 and am working on Isaiah 54. What a joy it has been to do this and I was so convinced that I couldn't. I want to start on parts of the New Testament as the Lord lays them on my heart. I'm so excited and have been encouraging others to try it.

- I listened to you on TV in Richland, Washington a few weeks ago regarding memorizing Scripture. I want to say, "thank you", for blessing my life.

Every morning early I go walking for an hour. Since hearing you on TV I have started memorizing

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Scripture. I have learned Psalm 121 and the first 12 verses of Ephesians 1. It is just like you said. The Scriptures have really been opening up to me more and more.

I'm really excited about this. I plan to memorize the whole book of Ephesians. I know I can do it with the Lord's help. Thank you again and God bless you.

- Memorizing Scripture has changed my life. Everything has changed. My prayer life has improved. It's rejuvenating my love for the Lord. I just can't believe how it's getting me excited about God again. It's like taking vitamins. You eat Scripture and it gives life to your bones.

- I'm on the 5th verse in Isaiah 53. *Slow!* Well, I'm in my 90th year. I'm determined with God's help, I'll make it!

*....the Word of God is full of living power....*  
*(Hebrews 4:12, NLT)*

*Forever, O Lord, Your Word stands firm in heaven.*  
*(Psalm 119:89, NLT)*

*You have magnified Your Word*  
*above all Your name.*  
*(Psalm 138:2, NKJV)*