

ROOTED

IN THE WORD

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Psalm 1 teaches us that the person who is rooted in the Word is, "... like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season and whose leaf does not wither." The time you spend with the Lord in His Word and in prayer is the greatest investment you can make in your relationship with God. I am praying that God will grow you and bless you as you journal your way through His Word.

- Pastor Rob Armstrong

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The **ROOTED IN THE WORD** journal is intentionally designed to help you grow and mature in your faith through the study of Scripture.

“For the **WORD** of the LORD is upright...” – Psalm 33:4

“I have stored up your **WORD** in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” – Psalm 119:11

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every **WORD** that comes from the mouth of God.” – Matthew 4:4

“Sanctify them in the truth, your **WORD** is truth.”
– John 17:17

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the **WORD** of Christ.” - Romans 10:17

“Let the **WORD** of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...” – Colossians 3:16

“For the **WORD** of God is living and active...” – Hebrews 4:12

WORD is an acronym that stands for:

Write
Observe
Reflect
Do

Three to five sentences, in each of these four sections, are sufficient to help you stay **ROOTED IN THE WORD** and live a Christ-centered life.

Write

As you read a passage of Scripture, write out the verse or verses that jump out at you. Include the following information in this section: the date, verse(s), verse reference (book, chapter & verse), and a title for the text.

Observe

The goal here is to observe and discover the original meaning of the text by asking key questions about the text: Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? Who wrote the text? What did the text mean then? When in the life of Jesus did this text take place? Did it take place before, during, or after the cross of Jesus? Why was the text written? How did people respond to the text back then?

Observe the type of genre in which the text is written. Is the text written as poetry, biography, narrative, parable, law, history, wisdom, prophecy, discourse, letters, or proverbs?

Observe the grammatical nuances of the text in its context. Pay attention to the following: pronouns, repetitive words, shift in location, shift in speakers, shift in audiences, shift in thought, shift in subject, or shift in verbs.

Observe whether the text is written as a prescriptive text or a descriptive text. A prescriptive text is one that prescribes certain behaviors or actions. Prescriptive texts tell us “what to do” (commission) or “what not to do” (omission). A descriptive text is one that describes what is happening without giving commands or instructions on how to behave. Descriptive texts tell us “what happened.”

Reflect

The goal here is to reflect and discover what the text means today. What is the timeless truth of this text that transcends time? What is the “take-away” truth of this text?

Do

The goal here is to discover what God wants me to do in response to this text. What can I do to move me from a hearer of the Word to a doer of the Word? What application can be made from this text for my life today? In what ways does God want me to share His Word, pray His Word, memorize His Word, sing His Word, or obey His Word?

Sample WORD entry:

Write:

Date: 8/15/19

Title: God Speaks: "So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

Observe:

Paul is writing a letter to the followers of Christ in Rome. Romans is rich with the theology of salvation by grace. Paul is explaining how a person is saved in Romans 10. Paul is saying that the words or works of man can't save but only God's redemptive work heard through His Word saves.

Reflect:

God's Word must get into a person in order for them to be saved. Getting into God's Word allows God's Word to get into me. Getting into God's Word saves me and sanctifies me.
take-away truth: Get into God's Word!

Do:

Lord, help me to get into your Word daily. God wants me to set aside time each day to read His Word, hear His Word, pray His Word, and obey His Word.

D-GROUPS: SCRIPTURE SCHEDULE

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MEMORY VERSES
08/09/2020 (49)	Matthew 9	Matthew 10	Matthew 11	Matthew 12	Matthew 13	Proverbs 29:22-23
08/16/2020 (50)	Matthew 14	Matthew 15	Matthew 16	Matthew 17	Matthew 18	Proverbs 30:5
08/23/2020 (51)	Matthew 19	Matthew 20	Matthew 21	Matthew 22	Matthew 23	Proverbs 31:8-9
08/30/2020 (52)	Matthew 24	Matthew 25	Matthew 26	Matthew 27	Matthew 28	Psalms 150:6

GUIDE

Books of the Bible (Memory Verses)

Write:

- Write out the verse or verses that jump off the page to you.
- Write the date.
- Write the verse reference (book, chapter & verse)
- Write out any words and phrases that jumped out.
- Write a title for this text.

Observe:

- Who wrote the verse? To whom was it written?
- Did it take place before, during, or after the cross?
- Is there any repetition? What is the genre?
- Is there any shift in audience, place, or time?
- Is the text descriptive or prescriptive?

Reflect:

- What is the timeless truth of this text?
- Did it take place before, during, or after the cross?

Do:

- What does God want you to do?
- What is keeping you from being a doer of the Word?
- Ask God to help you do what His Word says.

WEEK

49

Memory Verses:

“Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain;
unless the Lord watches over a city, the watchman stays alert in vain.”

Psalm 127:1

“An angry person stirs up conflict, and a hot-tempered one[a] increases rebellion.
A person’s pride will humble him, but a humble spirit will gain honor.”

*Proverbs 29:22-23

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day
many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name,
drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’
Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you.
Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’


Matthew 7:21-23

* Denotes children’s weekly memory verse.

MONDAY


Matthew 9

(Memory Verses: Psalm 127:1, Proverbs 29:22-23, *Matthew 7:12-23)

 **WRITE** the verse or verses that jump off the page to you.

 **OBSERVE** the meaning of the text.


 **REFLECT** on the timeless truth of the text.

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TUESDAY


Matthew 10

(Memory Verses: Psalm 127:1, Proverbs 29:22-23, *Matthew 7:12-23)

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WEDNESDAY

Matthew 11

(Memory Verses: Psalm 127:1, Proverbs 29:22-23, *Matthew 7:12-23)

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THURSDAY

Matthew 12

(Memory Verses: Psalm 127:1, Proverbs 29:22-23, *Matthew 7:12-23)

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FRIDAY


Matthew 13

(Memory Verses: Psalm 127:1, Proverbs 29:22-23, *Matthew 7:12-23)

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WEEK



Memory Verses:

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way.”

Psalm 139:23-24

“Every word of God is pure; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”

*Proverbs 30:5

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.”


Matthew 7:24-25

* Denotes children’s weekly memory verse.

MONDAY

Matthew 14

(Memory Verses: Psalm 139:23-24, *Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 7:24-25)

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TUESDAY

Matthew 15

(Memory Verses: Psalm 139:23-24, *Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 7:24-25)

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WEDNESDAY

Matthew 16

(Memory Verses: Psalm 139:23-24, *Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 7:24-25)

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THURSDAY

Matthew 17

(Memory Verses: Psalm 139:23-24, *Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 7:24-25)

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FRIDAY


Matthew 18

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WEEK

51

Memory Verses:

“The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in faithful love.”

Psalm 145:8

“Speak up[a] for those who have no voice,
for the justice of all who are dispossessed.
Speak up, judge righteously,
and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy.”

*Proverbs 31:8-9

“But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them
will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.
The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house,
and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.”


Matthew 7:26-27

* Denotes children’s weekly memory verse.

MONDAY

Matthew 19

(Memory Verses: Psalm 145:8, *Proverbs 31:8-9, Matthew 7:26-27)

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TUESDAY

Matthew 20

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WEDNESDAY

Matthew 21

(Memory Verses: Psalm 145:8, *Proverbs 31:8-9, Matthew 7:26-27)

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THURSDAY


Matthew 22

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FRIDAY

Matthew 23

(Memory Verses: Psalm 145:8, *Proverbs 31:8-9, Matthew 7:26-27)

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WEEK

52

Memory Verses:

“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.”
Hallelujah!

*Psalm 150:6

“Many women have done noble deeds, but you surpass them all!
Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting,
but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.”

Proverbs 31:29-30

“When Jesus had finished saying these things,
the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
because he was teaching them like one who had authority,”
and not like their scribes.


Matthew 7:28-29

* Denotes children’s weekly memory verse.

MONDAY

Matthew 24

(Memory Verses: *Psalm 150:6, Proverbs 31:29-30, Matthew 7:28-29)

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TUESDAY

Matthew 25

(Memory Verses: *Psalm 150:6, Proverbs 31:29-30, Matthew 7:28-29)

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WEDNESDAY

Matthew 26

(Memory Verses: *Psalm 150:6, Proverbs 31:29-30, Matthew 7:28-29)

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THURSDAY


Matthew 27

(Memory Verses: *Psalm 150:6, Proverbs 31:29-30, Matthew 7:28-29)

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FRIDAY


Matthew 28

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