

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:

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Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

This morning's message will focus on the importance of bringing God's word into your life as a believer. As we apply this truth, I'll be urging you to make it your practice to memorize and meditate daily on God's Word. But whenever I speak on this subject, I find people ask me, "But how do you do that?" So, to provide a little guidance, here is a simple plan:

1. ***When you start to memorize, don't bite off more than you can chew.***
Pick 1 or 2 verses initially that declare rich truth in a nut shell!
2. ***Write the verse on a card; or some other place you can keep with you***
I like to type it into my Palm Pilot.
3. ***Carry it with you and use it to review your verse as you go thru the day***
You can do so at stop lights, on elevators, during work breaks.
You can make it part of your daily routine (tape to mirrors, place on your refrigerator, etc) You might even try recording it and listening to it in the car
4. ***Keep at it until you can quote it word for word.***
Once you've got it down, think about what it means throughout the day. Have an accountability partner or family member quiz you from time to time just to make sure you've got it. But the important thing is, to think about it.
5. ***Keep a stack of verses you've memorized***
Go back through them for review from time to time.
Repetition grounds truth into the memory.
6. ***Once you get a few verses under your belt, move on to longer passages.***
Now, as far as what you should memorize, let me offer a few suggestions:

Romans 6 is a good place to begin (all of it a little at a time!)

Other verses: Rom 8:1-4; 12:1-2; 13:14; Psa 119:9, 11; 86:11; 119:133; 104:3-4; Titus 2:11-12; Col 3:1-3; Gal 5:16-18; 1 Cor 6:10:13; Jas 1:14-15; 4:7-8; Mat 5:29-30; Prov 4:14-15; 1 Pet 1:13-16.

Any verse that speaks to you as you read.

Hiding His Word in My Heart,

Pastor Scott