

# Memory Verse

OF THE WEEK

TRUST IN THE LORD  
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UNDERSTANDING; IN  
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*Proverbs 3:5-6*



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**APRIL 12-18, 2020**

## ✓ CHECK WHEN COMPLETED!

### ■ *Something to Chew On*

God promised Abraham that he would be a great nation. He tells him that his descendants will be like the dust. But then Genesis 22 shows how God truly felt about Abraham. When Abraham was obedient even to the point of sacrificing his own son, God swears by his own name that Abraham's descendants would be as numerous as the stars and sand. We know that God will never go against His word. However, He swore by His own name, like a double guarantee, and as if He has now taken special delight in Abraham, His chosen one. It's one thing to know that God chooses us as His instruments. But it's quite another thing for God to be delighted in us, to be counted among His favorites.

### ■ READ GENESIS 23

Even though Abraham was honored by the Hittites, he still "bowed low" before them in verse 7. How does it speak of Abraham's character?

### ■ READ GENESIS 24

Why did Abraham forbid his servant from bringing Isaac to his homeland if he could not find a wife there? Like Abraham's servant, God can tell us to do things that require complete faith, with no fall back plan as the servant was suggesting. Do you have a need to always have a plan B? God is more interested that His plan A for your life works out with your cooperation.

### ■ READ JOHN 7:1-9

Timing can be everything! Sometimes in life, selfish ambition can put us in situations where God hasn't blessed yet. Or we have choice words for someone who is not ready to receive it. Jesus' brothers urged him to go to Judea to become famous by all the miracles He could perform. However, Jesus knew what He was called to do and the timing of it, and He wasn't going to be sidetracked from the purpose He was called to. Likewise, your friends may have good intentions for your life, your loved ones may see your potential. But only you would know the purposes that God has called you to and its timing for that potential to be fully revealed. Trust in God, not in man.

### ■ READ JOHN 7:10-24

What is Jesus trying to convey to us in verse 24 when He says to "Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly?"

### ■ READ JOHN 7:25-53

What keeps people from believing in Jesus? How did you come to drink of His living water? Why wasn't Jesus arrested by the Temple guards in verse 45? Sometimes there's an anointing for us that sets us apart from others so that His purposes can be fulfilled. It's always a good idea to seek His presence first.

### ■ APPLICATION

Call someone this week whom you haven't spoken to in a while to check up on them.

## *Go Deeper...*

### PONDER

Hope and joy and peace sound terrific! Two things are vital for this to be a part of our lives. First, we must trust God to meet our needs and get us to where we need to be. Second, we expect the power of the Holy Spirit to bless us and empower us with God's qualities.

### PRAY

Great and Mighty God, bless me with greater trust that you are nearby and long to help. Bless and empower me to be the person you want me to be. Fill me with your Spirit so I may live my life more like Jesus lived his life here on earth. Through him I pray. Amen.

### PUT INTO ACTION

Choose one thing that you depend on yourself to do, then put that trust into God's hands instead. Write it down in your journal or tell a friend to hold you accountable to it!