

# Memory Verse

OF THE WEEK

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HEART THAT GOD  
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*Romans 10:9*



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## ✓ CHECK WHEN COMPLETED!

### ■ *Something to Chew On*

Sometimes people think it is enough to make a private commitment to Jesus. They will cite that it's a personal issue, nobody else's business. They may not go any further to explain what they believe in. Jesus said you've seen me, you've seen the Father. Publicly confessing in Jesus is more than like wearing a wedding ring. It is living a life where people see Jesus in us, where people can see the Father's love through us. Your private commitment to Jesus and your public confession of Him will affect the level of His power and authority you can experience within your salvation. "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" Rom. 10:9

### ■ READ GENESIS 27

There is no easy answer to justify what Jacob did to deceive his father, into stealing Esau's blessing away. Life is messy, it is generally unfair, and as much as we try to control each situation, it often can be least expected. The blame is not solely on Isaac or Rebekah. It could have been on Isaac for his misjudgment of Jacob and not recognizing his "voice." Some say that Jacob's "voice" meant his particular mannerisms rather than sound of speech as they were twins. Maybe Isaac should have known. Genesis 25 tells us God had already purposed for Jacob to receive the blessing over Esau. In the midst of uncertainty, can we trust God with our role in His ultimate plan for mankind

### ■ READ GENESIS 28

Jacob said in verse 16 that "... Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it! ... " Have you been in a place where you weren't aware of God's presence that was there all along?

### ■ READ GENESIS 29

Often life isn't perfect. We may accuse Jacob of being a deceiver. But he was also deceived into sleeping with Leah first thinking it was Rachel. No one is immune to the difficulties and deception of life.

### ■ READ JOHN 9:1-34

Jesus disciples were questioning the real reason a man was born blind. They were trying to pin blame on a tragic situation. Isn't that like us, always trying to place responsibility for something that has happened. Not that we should not own up to our mistakes, but sometimes that overshadows what is more important which Jesus covered in verses 3-4. He says, "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. ..." Jesus shows his power can be seen in great need. Then Jesus calls us to be focused on carrying out His work, not casting more blame.

### ■ READ JOHN 9:35-41

How are we spiritually blind? How can we begin to see?

### ■ APPLICATION

Pray those in government with the authority to make the wise decisions.

## *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!