

## **BOOKLING #2**

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### ***HIS WORD in MY HEART***

*Memorizing Scripture for a Closer Walk With God*

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- p.11 “I hope to lead you to the oasis of God’s Word, to inspire you to trade your thoughts for God’s.”
- p.19 “People ask me, “What’s the most difficult part of memorizing?” The answer? Living it!”
- p.27 “The Bible does *not* command us to memorize Scripture. Having said that, these commands and exhortations do apply to each of us.
- Know God’s Word.
  - Do not forget His commandments.
  - Meditate on His law day and night.
  - Store up His words.
  - Remember God’s Word.
  - Have His Word ready on your lips.
  - Dwell on Christ’s words.
  - Keep God’s Word within your heart.
- ...
- God desires for us to know Him intimately and to follow Him correctly – that’s why He gave us His written Word. The Bible, God’s revelation of Himself, leaves nothing out that He wants us to know. Spending quality time in God’s Word leads us to a greater knowledge of God, and memorizing is one productive way to achieve that. The goal of memorizing should not be confused with the ultimate goal of knowing God and loving Him.”
- p.32 “By far, the keystone in memorizing is reviewing.”
- p.36 “Don’t memorize Scripture for someone else; do it for you.”
- p.37 “Choose a version of the Bible that you like best. It will be easier if you choose the one you’re most familiar with.”
- p.58,9 “Memorizing Scripture holds our minds captive so we can focus on God and His thoughts... I know that I am guilty of creating the god I want and guarding that concept... Memorizing books and passages ground me in truth that I might otherwise avoid or ignore. The totality of Scripture builds an accurate view of God... I want to love the God who exists and not the god I imagine.”
- p.65 “Memorizing Scripture doesn’t make me trust God, but it consistently gives me a picture of a trustworthy God.”
- p.78 “You will find that the discipline of memorizing Scripture becomes more automatic the more you do it... All people can find windows of time in their routine if they look for them.”
- p.88 “The habit of saying God’s Word over and over throughout the day results in more obedience in my life.”
- p.90 “Memorizing passages hasn’t removed temptation from my life, but when I’m seduced by the world and the things it promises, I know where to go for relief. I don’t have to look up the words; they’re stored in my mind, ready to be retrieved.”

- p.112 “Now that you know the words in your head, keep praying that God will take these truths and transcribe them onto your heart.”
- p.130 “Repetition over a prolonged period of time will move information from short-term to long-term memory and will make those truths available to you whenever you need them.”
- p.132 “Long-term you will need to find a review system that fits you. Every few years I tweak my system to make it work better for me.”
- p.135,6 “Our online community (see [www.janetpope.org/blog/](http://www.janetpope.org/blog/)) will also be giving updates on ways to use new technologies for Scripture memory.”
- p.137 “Find the pace that works for you... I work well with deadlines, but I also allow myself breaks whenever I need them. Experiment, try different ways, and find your own pace.”
- p.138 “Start Out Small – Don’t try to tackle the book of Galatians if you’ve never memorized passages before. I recommend a very short passage, like Psalm 1.”
- p.140 “Recite to listeners. Ask friends, a spouse, or your kids if they will read the passage while you recite it, in order to check your progress. There is a double benefit here, for you and the listener.”
- p.141 “Pray through what you’re memorizing for yourself and others.”
- p.143,4 “Many fail because they try to *add* Scripture memory to their already-packed schedule. With no more hours in your day, something has to be eliminated. Your greatest probability of success will be if you learn to incorporate Scripture memory into things you are *already doing*.”
- p.151-3 “What Does a Scripture Memory Group Look Like?... We meet on the second Monday morning of every month, in Susan’s living room, from 11:00-12:00... We greet one another, open in prayer, and then take turns reciting something we’ve been memorizing, usually only a chapter or two... The deep fellowship of this holy huddle inspires everyone to greater depths of knowing and loving God.”
- p.158 “Knowing the Bible is not our ultimate aim. The goal is to know God.”
- p.162 “To you who don’t want a rousing challenge, I understand. To you I say, Don’t think of memorizing passages as something *to do* but rather Someone worthy to pursue... Pursue the One who set aside His majesty to take on human skin... If you’ve found a better way to walk closely with God, then stay with it. If not, I offer you another option.  
Take baby steps if you’re cautious. Take giant steps if you dare. Either way, take hold of God’s Word and let God’s Word take hold of you.”