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### NEW! SMF Presents: Faithful Under Fire



In April 1942, 23-year-old Navy pilot Bill Evans wrote, "If the country takes these sacrifices with indifference, it will be the cruelest ingratitude the world has ever known." Bill Evans was about to lay down his life at the Battle of Midway. What did he mean? Simply this: When someone has sacrificed himself so that we might live freely and joyfully, we owe that person the debt of not wasting his sacrifice. Certainly we owe that to soldiers, sailors and airmen who've preserved our freedom; how much do we owe Christ a life that uses freedom to serve God and others? "By the mercies of God... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). See Faithful Under Fire on the enclosed sales sheet for the whole story of Evans' squadron at Midway and what we can learn from them.

# There's Still Time! Sign up for the Dallas Scriptorium, Feb. 3-4

"Promised Hope for Perilous Times," our Dallas Scripture recital on eschatology, takes place February 3-4 at Redeemer Bible Church, with a sneak preview at Dallas Seminary Chapel Friday morning Feb. 3. Come hear special guest Marquis Laughlin recite Dan. 1-6 and the book of Revelation. Seventeen other adults and young people are set to recite other chapters, but we have 10 chapters still open, including Isa. 2, Jer. 31, Dan. 12; Zech. 12, 14; Mark 13; and, 2 Cor. 5. You and your group can memorize one and sign up at www.scriptoriums.com/texas.html or call us at 888.569.2560.

### Sermon on the Mount and the 10 Commandments

One of the most famous passages in the Bible is the Sermon on the Mount. These 111 verses, Matthew chapters 5-7, offer so much light! The dominant phrase "your Father" repeats 12 times, as Jesus reveals the lifestyle of God's children and the true meaning of the Law. The Beatitudes, Lord's Prayer, many other well-known teachings of Jesus are found in this rich Gospel passage. The Sermon on the Mount is God's authoritative commentary on the Ten Commandments among other things.

### Memorize in 2017!

This spring of 2017, would you join us in memorizing one of these two famous passages—the Sermon on the Mount or the Ten Commandments? More details coming soon, but for \$10 we will equip you with:

- The Scripture Memory app, complete with the passages you're memorizing.
- Rewards at the end of each month
- A Sermon on the Mount/Ten Commandments memory journal
- Memorize the Mount Weekend Advance (Retreat) scholarship

### A Work That Goes Beyond

A special gift from the estate of a long-time memorizer enabled me to go full-time with SMF three years ago. Would you pray about including Scripture Memory in your legacy and financial planning? God's Word continues to bear fruit around the world as it's planted and watered and mixed with faith. Be a part of enabling Scripture Memory to equip the next generation. We thank God for His supply over these many years.

### Share With a Friend!

Whom do you know who would benefit from help memorizing Scripture? If those people don't mind, please send us their names and their best contact information.



# The Need for God's Word is Always New

Jesus said, "It is the Spirit who give life... the words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life," and, "Whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock" (John 6:63; 7:24).

The discipline of hearing and acting on Jesus' life-giving words challenges us every day! As we encounter new tasks and new situations, our need for God's Word is new. For that reason, Scripture Memory offers new ways of planting new verses in your heart. What is your need today? What promise of God will you draw on to meet that need?

# Ministry Update

Our current financial is about \$9500, but God has given much peace and provides manna day by day. Please pray.

"Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here.
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best.
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest."
—Lina Sandell

Much grace,

Jim Woychuk

