



# SCRIPTURE MEMORY — FELLOWSHIP —

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

Know Scripture.

Live Scripture.

Love Scripture.

## New Scripture Songs from Genesis to Psalms

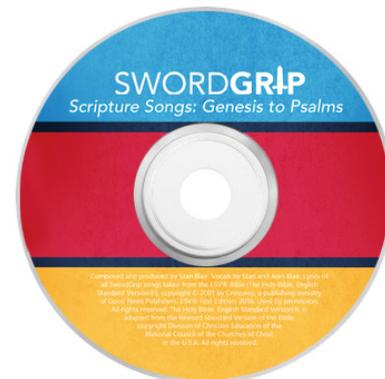
*“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:19*

Songs stick! If you want Bible verses to stay in your head, matching the words to music is a tried-and-true technique. For that reason, SMF is pleased to announce a **brand-new Scripture song CD** featuring 76 key verses from Genesis to Psalms. We are especially thankful to Stan Blair for the hundreds of hours he selflessly devoted to the production of this album.

The *SwordGrip Scripture Songs: Genesis to Psalms CD* features memorable tunes to verses on Creation, the Shema of Deuteronomy 6, the Davidic Covenant, Esther’s bold faith, Job’s confession of the living Redeemer, and a variety of psalms. Your whole family will have fun singing and memorizing these important passages of Scripture!

Listen to track samples and order the CD at [scripturememory.com/SwordGripSongs](http://scripturememory.com/SwordGripSongs). Available for \$10 as a CD or as a digital download in iTunes. All verses are word-for-word ESV. Order online or call 888.569.2560 for total with shipping and tax.

Want more Scripture songs? SMF offers Scripture songs in KJV, NKJV, ESV, and NIV84. Give us a call, and we’ll tell you more about them!



*76 Verses Set to Music!*



## Scripture Memory Tip: Repetition with Emphasis

Repetition is the basic building block of memorization. Yet, it’s easy to get distracted or feel bored when you’re saying the same phrase over and over. One way to keep your mind engaged (and thus boost the effectiveness of your memorization) is to repeat phrases while emphasizing a different word each time. Try reading this aloud, emphasizing the italicized words: “*Show* me Your ways, O Lord”—“Show *me* Your ways, O Lord”—“Show me *Your* ways, O Lord”—“Show me Your *ways*, O Lord”—“Show me Your ways, O *Lord*”—“Show me Your ways, O *Lord*”—“Show me Your ways, O *Lord*” (Psa. 25:4a). Like turning a diamond to see each facet, this is a great way to meditate on what you’re learning. It will also help improve your accuracy.

## Memorizer Testimony: Accountability—the Missing Key!

“I have a Scripture memory partner who holds me accountable each week. In my opinion, this is the KEY to Scripture memory! There are dozens of reasons (excuses/distractions) every week I can come up with to self-justify why I didn’t memorize my Scriptures. When looking for a Scripture memory partner, I was looking for someone who was experienced and had mastered the habit because I did not want someone feeling sorry for me that my week was busy or some other reason and then let me off the hook. If my week is a little crazy and by Wednesday I am not ready to recite my verses, I start to feel the accountability to clear my schedule and elevate the priority of getting my Scriptures memorized. I essentially found a great coach! Good coaches help teach, train, push, challenge, and hold their people accountable. It has been a great blessing!”

—Damon in Minnesota



### SMF Camp Update

Scripture Memory Camp is still scheduled for July 6-10, 2020!

At this point, it seems likely that Louisiana will be in Phase Three of the reopening process, which would permit us to have camp while still honoring the safety and health of all who choose to attend.



Camp is SMF’s way of motivating and rewarding young memorizers. To receive a full scholarship this year, each camper must memorize the age-appropriate number of verses from *SwordGrip Old Testament: Genesis to Psalms*. For accountability, campers are also required to recite their verses to a pastor or church leader.

Our prayer is that camp produces a generation of young people who “have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15). Just imagine the lifelong impact as God’s Word bears fruit in these hearts!



Will you consider investing in these young lives by sponsoring a camper? Each full scholarship costs approximately \$175. Your gift will provide a week of food, lodging, recreation, and most importantly, time in God’s Word.

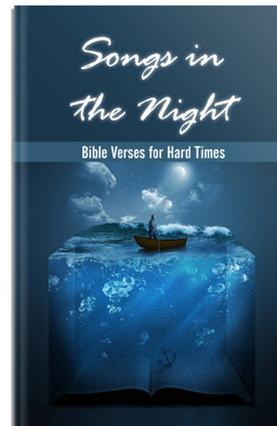
We expect to award more than \$9,000 in scholarships this year, and your gift of any size will help make this possible. Please use the enclosed donation stub or visit [scripturememory.com/donate](http://scripturememory.com/donate).

# New Scripture Memory Courses

## Songs in the Night

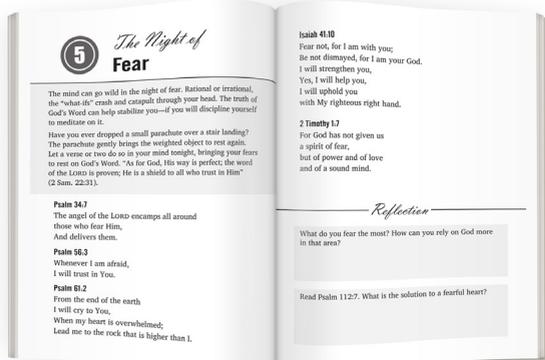
“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” James 1:2-3

Our newest Scripture memory course, *Songs in the Night*, includes 60 memory verses on hard times. Memorize five verses each on topics like depression, fear, bereavement, and doubt. Hide these verses in your heart, and they will serve as a lamp to your feet and a light to your path when the way grows dark (Psa. 119:105).



Each weekly lesson includes memory verses, a brief devotional, and study questions. Get a copy for yourself, and keep a few extra on hand to give away.

*Songs in the Night* booklets are \$7 each, available in KJV, NKJV, or ESV. 7.25 x 5.25 inches. Soft-touch cover. Order online or by phone at 888.569.2560.



## 40 Verses on Money

Money is like a power tool. To those who know how to use it properly, money can be a great blessing. But when placed in untrained hands, money is a source of heartache and “harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition” (1 Tim. 6:9).



This new *Money* memory course includes 40 verses that will help you honor God with your finances and view money through the lens of Scripture. It covers topics like loving money, losing money, sharing money, stewarding money, and spending money. Plus, devotional content is included to help you study and apply God’s Word! Booklets are \$5 each, available in KJV, NKJV, ESV, NAS95, NIV84, or CSB. 8.5 x 11 inches. Order online or by phone at 888.569.2560.

## Psalms of Ascent Psalms 120-134

The city of Jerusalem is situated on a high hill. Jews traveling to Jerusalem for one of the three main annual Jewish festivals traditionally sang these songs on the “ascent,” or the uphill road to the city. Consider memorizing the Psalms of Ascent for your own “upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). Available only in the VerseLocker app at [psalms.verselocker.com](http://psalms.verselocker.com).



## What's at Stake in the Quest to Memorize Scripture? *by Jim Woychuk*

Every day, we prioritize dozens of inferior activities—games, movies, Facebooking, and politics to name a few. But why is Scripture memory worth prioritizing?

**Obedience**—“Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...” (Matt. 28:20). “Observe” means “guard” or “keep.” Losing God’s Word mentally is the opposite of Jesus’ command.

**Desire**—Wisdom is more precious than rubies, and “all the things you may desire cannot compare with her” (Prov. 3:15, cf. 8:19). God’s words impart understanding to those who receive and believe them. Thus, they are more desirable than gold (Psa. 19:10). In fact, they’re what you really want!

**Prayer**—Jesus links effective prayer to internalized Scripture (John 15:7). So does John (1 John 3:22). Want to strengthen your prayer life? Reverberate Scripture!

**Love**—The greatest command, according to Jesus, is to love God with heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37-40). The passage Jesus quotes here is Deuteronomy 6:4, which is immediately followed by a call to Scripture memory: “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart” (Deut. 6:6).

## Ministry Update *by Dakota Lynch*

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isa. 55:9). When Scripture says God’s ways are higher, we shouldn’t expect that what He has in mind is simply an improved edition of our own plans. Over the last three months, our itinerary was completely changed as nearly every ministry trip was cancelled or postponed. Clearly, God’s plans for this season are quite different from what we had in mind.

Rather than spending the last two months on the road, SMF has been serving Scripture memorizers in other ways. These efforts have included the launch of three new memory courses: *Songs in the Night*, *Fear*, and *Money*. We also hosted the first-ever digital Scriptorium and completed production of a new Scripture song CD (pg. 1). Finally, we partnered with memorizer Marquis Laughlin to host a livestream recitation of the book of Revelation on our website.

Even though this year has not taken shape according to our plans, we praise God that His agenda cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2). His ways are not only higher; they are infinitely better.

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