

MONDAY 08.10.26 - Matthew John 17:17

Jesus prays, “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

To be sanctified literally means to be set apart for a special sacred purpose. God has a plan for you. We live in a lost world of shifting values, moral decline, and where all truth is relative; if truth even exists.

How comforting is it to know you have found the Truth? God’s word is the truth that the world around us is missing. It becomes the refuge where your heart can be steadied. It corrects you when you wander, brings comfort when you are weary, and is the moral compass that guides you.

As you immerse yourself and meditate on God’s word the sanctification process continues. God is guiding you—gently shaping your thoughts, your desires, and your steps to reflect His heart. Even when you feel weak or inconsistent, His truth remains strong and unchanging. *Have you read your Bible today?*

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TUESDAY 08.11.26 - Hebrews 4:12

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

I love today’s scripture. Think about it, God has written us a love letter. His manual for life in Him. He did this so we could experience a life of abundance in Him, not only in eternity but even on this side of eternity. He did this out of His love for us and so that we can know Him, love Him, and experience Him right now on this very day. If you are like me, you find great joy in talking with your children and imparting wisdom to them. If that is true for us as earthly parents, imagine how pleasing it must be to God when His children read his letter, listen to His voice, and respond to His wisdom. Get into the Word, spend time allowing God to speak to you, and listen to what He has to say. Doing this will not only be good for you but will also be pleasing to God.

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WEDNESDAY 08.12.26 - 2 Peter 2:1-10a

- Be aware! Be alert! In every generation, false teachers have been responsible for leading God’s people astray. Note several of their characteristics from 2 Peter 2:
- (1) They are more interested in gaining popularity than in telling the truth (v 1). Their policy is to tell people what they want to hear and not the truth they need to hear.
  - (2) They lead others further away from God instead of closer to Him (v 2). They take people in the wrong direction.
  - (3) They are interested in personal gain (v 3). They equate godliness with gain, making their religion a money-making endeavor.
  - (4) They are immoral in their personal life (v 10). They exhibit a temptation to evil rather than an attraction to good.

These were characteristics of the false teachers in the days of ancient Israel and in Peter’s time, and they are their characteristics still. Be on your guard!

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THURSDAY 08.13.26 - Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If there is one thing we know is true in this life, it is that no one is perfect. Try as we might, perfection cannot be attained this side of glory. Things short of perfect sometimes are oversights or mistakes or confusion; or they are plain old sin. We sin by error but often intentionally. This verse warns believers to watch even those who teach us and lead us, to be certain that their

directions and instructions are consistent with the Word of God. The Spirit of God resides in us as believers, and we know God as personally as anyone on earth. If our advisors, who have always proved to be faithful, suddenly appear off course, we have an inner light to guide us. God’s desire is for each of us to follow Him faithfully, despite any instruction or guidance to the contrary. We know Him and love Him because He first loved us, so let us do just that. Watch carefully.

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FRIDAY 08.14.26 - 2 John 7-11

Scripture doesn't allow wiggle room when it comes to Jesus. Christians aren't simply people who admire Him. We are those who worship Him as the eternal Son of God who came in the flesh, died for our sins, and rose again. That is why John spoke so strongly against false teachers. They weren't just offering a different perspective; they were distorting the very identity of Christ. And a diminished Jesus cannot save.

While most of us aren't tempted to deny who Jesus is, we can still drift into living as though His lordship doesn't impact our lives. Right belief and devotion were never meant to be separated. Jesus took sin seriously enough to die for us. We should take Him seriously enough to live for Him, joyfully submitting every part of our lives to the One who alone deserves our worship, obedience, and trust.

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E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- KIDS

CHILDREN’S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- YOUTH

E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- ADULTS

SUMMER QUARTER - Sunday Mornings  
EXPLORE THE BIBLE: Joshua; Judges; Ruth  
LOCATION: B8-10 - June 7<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Youth

ON SUMMER BREAK
- Adults

Worship Center

COMING SUNDAYS MORNINGS AT SHILOH  
9:45AM DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>. Rooms to be determined.

- Explore the Bible: Romans:

Led by Gene Steinruck
- Bible Studies for Life

Connecting with Others Like Jesus Did - Led by Lane Kemler  
Essentials for Christian Living - Led by Dave Delcamp
- Women’s Study - Job

Led by Elizabeth Williams
- Men’s Study - Play the Man

Led by Dave Hummel & Mike Williams

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Angels by Melissa Spoelstra - Led by Chris Knepley  
Begins September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Room 2

MEN’S BREAKFAST

August 15th at 8:00am in the FAC  
Sign up at the Welcome Center

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

2 Peter 1:16-21  
How To Tell The Truth

Peter knew the truth about Jesus’ promised coming and establishment of His kingdom on this earth. We can be equally confident as well. How? First, because of ...

1. The Authenticity of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 16-18)

The early believers saw and heard the resurrected Christ.

2. The Reliability of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 19-21)

The Word of God is ...

- C\_\_\_\_\_ (v 19)

Peter knew a sounder basis for faith than that of signs and wonders.

- A\_\_\_\_\_ (v 20)

Peter is talking about how Scripture came into being. Scripture originated with God—not with the human authors.

- I\_\_\_\_\_ (v 21)

God used different human authors to write the Bible. Each author had their own style of writing, but the Holy Spirit carried them along. He assured that every word was exactly what God wanted expressed in Scripture.

Application

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E2 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



August 10 – August 14

INTRODUCTION:  
Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:  
Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, we will hear a message from 2 Peter 1:16-21, “How to Tell the Truth”. Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, our message will be from 2 Peter 2:1-10a, “Counterfeit Communicators”.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:  
“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will, but prophets of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”  
2 Peter 1:20-21