

Winnipeg Evangelical Free Church
Memorization Challenge – Winter/Spring
January 21 to May 5, 2024
Hebrews 11:1-12:2

WHY MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE?

In order to succeed at something, we need to have a strong “why.” A robust “why” energizes our motivation and generates perseverance and success. A weak “why” doesn’t produce much ambition or commitment, so it results in unreached goals.

1. ESTABLISH YOUR “WHYS”! Why do you want to memorize Scripture?

What rewards do you expect to receive?

Consider Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1; Psalm 119:11; Ephesians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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2. ESTABLISH YOUR “GOAL”!

How many of the six **UNITS** do you want to memorize? _____

3. ESTABLISH YOUR TRANSLATION

CHOOSE A BIBLE TRANSLATION (not a paraphrase) from which to memorize. The texts from the New International Version (NIV) and the Christian Standard Bible (CSB) are attached.

4. ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY

Find a friend or partner who can spur you on in your memorization.

5. RECITE UNITS to someone (friend, spouse, etc.) with no more than ONE prompting.

ASK the Listener to sign and date the Report Form.

6. SUBMIT The Report Form to the Church Office or to Pastor Len Harms by Sunday, May 5th (midnight). **OPTIONS:** submit a paper copy, or text a picture, or email a digital copy to 204-794-7426 or len.harms@wefc.net.

7. CERTIFICATES, AWARDS, HONORS, PRIZES – To Be Determined

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Deadline: Sunday, May 5, 2024 (midnight)

Name of Participant _____

Bible Translation Used _____

My Goal was to memorize _____ **UNITS.**

Unit 1 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:1-6 **Date:** _____

Unit 2 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:7-12 **Date:** _____

Unit 3 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:13-19 **Date:** _____

Unit 4 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:20-26 **Date:** _____

Unit 5 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:27-34 **Date:** _____

Unit 6 **Listener's Signature** _____

Hebrews 11:35-12:2 **Date:** _____

Units 1-6 **Listener's Signature** _____

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UNIT #1 - Hebrews 11:1-6

NIV

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

UNIT #2 - Hebrews 11:7-12

NIV

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

UNIT #3 - Hebrews 11:13-19

NIV

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

UNIT #4 - Hebrews 11:20-26

NIV

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

UNIT #5 - Hebrews 11:27-34

NIV

²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

UNIT #6 - Hebrews 11:35-12:2

NIV

³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

UNIT #1 - Hebrews 11:1-6

CSB

¹ Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. ² For by this our ancestors were approved.

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UNIT #3 - Hebrews 11:13-19

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¹³ These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. ¹⁴ Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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UNIT #4 - Hebrews 11:20-26**CSB**

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