

Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from under a chair in the Worship Center. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at www.spwired.com.

Monday. Read Genesis 2:15, 18-25. This passage talks about man and woman as partners, as companions. God made us different but at the same time created us to complement each other. If you are married do you and your spouse function as companions and partners, helping each other and complementing each others? Or if you're single, in your dating relationships do you look for someone who will be your partner, your companion in life? What do you look for?

Tuesday. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. While this is primarily speaking about friendship it is a great description of the foundation of marriage. If you are married, how well do you lift up your spouse when they're down? Are you there to warm his or her heart and defend his or her honor? The third strand in this passage can be viewed as the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's presence is what truly makes the bond unbreakable.

Wednesday. Read Mark 10:6-9. Here we read Jesus as he quotes from the book of Genesis. He shows us that marriage is a union created by God. Much like a pastor is ordained into his or her role as a minister, a couple is ordained into their life in marriage. This means that there is the presence of the Holy Spirit that gives strength beyond what any two people have in them. Note that this strength is available through prayer.

Thursday. Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-8. This passage points to a shared mutuality in relationships where husband and wife give themselves fully to each other. There is a sense of equality. This passage also clearly tells us that while marriage is the norm, singleness and marriage are both acceptable states for Christians. Both marriage and singleness are a calling by God. How can the church be better at affirming singleness **and** preparing people for marriage? If you are married, what can you do to strengthen your marriage?

Friday. Read Genesis 2:15, 18-25 again. After studying other passages in the Bible, does this reading from Genesis say anything new to you? If you are married ask God to help you complement your spouse. If you are single spend time asking God to know your calling, married or single.

Prayer Concerns

Serving in the military:

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 Cyle Haywood
 Jesse Smith
 Nathan Lawellin
 Matthew Peak
 Stephen Leadbetter
 Richard Hurst
 James Lesmeister
 Kourtney Lesmeister
 Jon Arnold
 Jason Lewis
 Chris Palmer
 Jeff Foust
 Michael Norvell
 Wally Warber
 Kristin Carter

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Greg Addington
 Sanford Frogg
 Brett Mardis
 Mitchell Kent
 Josh Walker
 Ian Hammons

Health & Healing

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 Shirley Oxendine
 Skip Drouin
 Marge Lewis
 Tina Harter
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Cancer Treatment:

Tom Feltenberger
 Dottie Maloney

Jack & Vivian Harper
 Easton Murdock
 Rose Hymer
 Tony Allen
 Joyce Pace
 Joey Walker

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 Kayla & Kortney Lesmeister
 Christina Davis
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