

*It ain't those parts of the bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand. -Mark Twain*

## Bless You Lord

*by Teresa of Avila*

*Bless You Lord...for not abandoning me when i abandoned You.*

*Bless You Lord...for offering Your hand of love in my darkest and most lonely moment.*

*Bless You Lord...for putting up with such a stubborn soul as mine.*

*Bless You Lord...for loving me more than i love myself.*

*Bless You Lord...for continuing to pour out Your blessing upon me, even though i respond so poorly.*

*Bless You Lord...for repaying my sin with love.*

*Bless You Lord...for being constant and unchanging, amidst all the changes of the world.*

*Bless You Lord...for Your countless blessings on me and on all Your creatures.*

## GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

**IF THE REQUEST IS  
WRONG,  
GOD SAYS, NO.**

**IF THE TIMING IS  
WRONG,  
GOD SAYS, SLOW.**

**IF WE ARE WRONG,  
GOD SAYS, GROW.**

**BUT IF THE REQUEST IS  
RIGHT,  
THE TIMING IS RIGHT,  
AND YOU ARE RIGHT,  
GOD SAYS, GO!**

## The Awesome God

Condensed from St. Francis of Assisi

You are Holy, the Only One Who Does Wonderful Things.

You are Strong; You are Great; You Are the Most High.

You are the Almighty King, the King of Heaven and Earth.

You are Good; Every Good and the Greatest Good.

You are Love; You are Knowledge.

You are Humility; You are Patience.

You are Every Sufficient Richness; You are Beauty.

You are Protector, Guardian, and Defender.

Your are our Faith; You are our Hope.

You are our Amazing Sweetness.

You are our Eternal Life.

You are our Awesome Lord, All-Powerful God, Merciful Savior.

## How God Responds

by Dr. Steve Stephens

When you **CRY**, He will **COMFORT** you.

When you are **HAPPY**, He will **LAUGH** with you.

When you need to **TALK**, He will **LISTEN**.

When you need **DIRECTION**, He will **GUIDE**.

When you are **LONELY**, He will be **THERE**.

When you are **FRIGHTENED**, He will **PROTECT** you.

When you need a **FRIEND**, He will **CARE** for you.

When you need **HOPE**, He will **NEVER** let you down.

## *Beautiful One*

*Wonderful, so wonderful  
As your unending love  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful you are.*

*Beautiful one I love you  
Beautiful one I adore  
Beautiful one my soul must sing.*

*Powerful so powerful  
Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see  
The beauty of your majesty  
Awakes my heart to see  
How marvelous how wonderful you are.*

*Beautiful one I love you  
Beautiful one I adore  
Beautiful one my soul must sing.*

*You opened my eyes to your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
Because nothing on Earth is as beautiful as you  
You opened my eyes to your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
Because nothing on Earth is as beautiful as you are.*

*Beautiful one I love you  
Beautiful one I adore  
Beautiful one my soul must sing.*

*And you opened my eyes to your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
Because nothing on earth is as beautiful as you are.*

## Holy Is the Lord

by Jeff Searles

Holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord  
As we bow before Your throne  
Majesty and honour to You alone  
Majesty and honour to You alone

Worthy are You Lord  
Worthy are You Lord  
Sweet Lamb of God the Chosen One  
Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne  
Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne

No longer will we give our hearts  
To the things of this world  
For a debt of love we will offer to You  
We look for the day when every knee will  
bow

We will join with the angels  
Around Your throne, and we will sing ...

Holy is the Lord!

It is when we notice the dirt that  
God is most present in us; it is the  
very sign of His presence. --C.S. Lewis

Every little action of the  
common day makes or unmakes  
character, and that therefore  
what one has done in the secret  
chamber, one has some day to  
cry aloud from the house-tops.

--Gordon MacDonald

# EVEN WHEN BY SEVEN PLACES

THIS WEEK, I PRAYED, ONE TIME.  
MY PHONE, IT RANG, I PUT YOU ON THE OTHER LINE.  
AND NOW MY THOUGHTS THEY DRIFT AROUND,  
MY KNEES REMAIN UNACQUAINTED WITH THE GROUND.  
UNLESS MY FAITH IS PUT TO THE TEST AND I AM FORCED TO BOW.  
ALTHOUGH IMP IN THIS FLESH IT DOES NOT MEAN  
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE THE BEST FROM ME, FROM ME

EVEN WHEN MY EYES ARE DRY  
EVEN WHEN MY SOUL IS TIRED  
EVEN WHEN MY HANDS ARE HEAVY, I WILL LIFT THEM UP TO YOU  
IT IS NOT ABOUT HOW I FEEL, OH LORD I AM HERE FOR YOU  
I EXIST FOR YOU

I CLOSE MY EYES BUT ALL I SEE  
IS A BACKGROUND OF BLACK, BOUNCY SQUIGGLY LINES  
AND THIS WEEKS MISTAKES COMING BACK TO MIND BUT  
I WILL LIFT MY VOICE AND MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND  
FORGET ABOUT ME, I ONLY GET ME DOWN  
ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SEE IT DOESN'T MEAN I SHOULDN'T SING TO YOU,  
TO YOU

YOU'VE GIVEN ME YOUR LIFE AND HAVE HELD MINE TOGETHER YET I  
FIND  
EXCUSES TO SLOUCH IN MY PEW  
BUT WHEN GLORY DIVINE  
IS SITTING IN MY VERY PRESENCE, THE LEAST THAT I CAN DO  
IS GIVE MY ALL TO YOU, GIVE MY ALL TO YOU



We don't serve God to gain His acceptance;  
We are accepted so we serve God.  
We don't follow Him in order to be loved;  
We are loved so we follow Him. --Neil T. Anderson



*If your day is hemmed in prayer,  
it is less likely to come unstitched*

*-Anonymous*



## **Everything I Hate**

by Smalltown Poets

i think i am elastic  
these arms they are a wonder  
pull from sideways, up and under  
i think it's time for something drastic  
and it could be more than i bargained for  
ten to one it is

oh i'm into everything i hate  
my spirit is not fooled; my members take the bait  
oh i'm in to everything i hate  
still not dead enough to stifle this debate

these heels were made for bruising  
and the cobblestones they're using  
are the pleasures of my choosing  
i must be born for losing  
heal these soles to hurt no more  
and i'll lift these hands just like before  
Cover me like a dimestore suit  
until I'm just like you

careful little eyes what you see  
careful little feet where you go

**WE ARE IN DANGER  
OF FORGETTING  
THAT WE CANNOT  
DO WHAT GOD  
DOES, AND THAT  
GOD WILL NOT DO  
WHAT WE CAN DO.**

**--OSWALD CHAMBERS**

## **LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE**

BY TREE63

**LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME  
YOUR BLOOD HAS SET ME FREE  
JESUS MY LORD LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
FOR ME**

**I HAVEN'T BEEN THE SAME  
EVER SINCE THAT DAY I CALLED YOUR NAME**

**YAHWEH, YAHWEH LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
FOR ME**

**WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU MY LORD?  
I WANT YOU TO KNOW MY HEART IS YOURS  
IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF WHAT YOU CAN DO  
FOR ME  
BUT WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU MY LORD?**

**UP TO YOUR CROSS I CRAWLED  
NOW I AM STANDING TEN FEET TALL  
JESUS MY SAVIOR LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
FOR ME**

**FREE AT LAST I'M FREE  
I OWE YOU MY LIFE COMPLETELY**

**YAHWEH, YAHWEH LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
FOR ME**

The natural life knows that if the spiritual life gets hold of it, all its self-centeredness and self-will are going to be killed and it is ready to fight tooth and nail to avoid that.

--C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis

## **EVERY MOVE I MAKE**

BY DAVID RUIS

EVERY MOVE I MAKE  
I MAKE IN YOU  
YOU MAKE ME MOVE, JESUS  
EVERY BREATH I TAKE  
I BREATHE IN YOU

EVERY STEP I TAKE  
I TAKE IN YOU  
YOU ARE MY WAY, JESUS  
EVERY BREATH I TAKE  
I BREATHE IN YOU

WAVES OF MERCY  
WAVES OF GRACE  
EVERYWHERE I LOOK  
I SEE YOUR FACE  
YOUR LOVE HAS CAPTURED ME  
OH MY GOD, THIS LOVE  
HOW CAN IT BE

An excellent way to test our values is to observe what we do when we don't have anything to do, how we spend our leisure time and how we spend our extra money. --Eugene Peterson

**Discipleship is anything that causes what is believed in the heart to have demonstrable consequences in our daily life.** --Eugene Peterson

The poor man and woman of the gospel have made peace with their flawed existence. They are aware of their lack of wholeness, their brokenness, the simple fact that they don't have it all together. While they do not excuse their sin, they are humbly aware that sin is precisely what has caused them to throw themselves at the mercy of the Father. They do not pretend to be anything but what they are: sinners saved by grace.

--Brennan Manning

**Success is not a matter of mastering subtle, sophisticated theory, but rather of embracing common sense with uncommon levels of discipline and persistence.** --Patrick Lencioni

THE BIBLE TELLS OF A MURDERER AND ADULTERER WHO GAINED A REPUTATION AS THE GREATEST KING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART.

AND OF A CHURCH BEING LED BY A DISCIPLE WHO CURSED AND SWORE THAT HE HAD NEVER KNOWN JESUS. AND OF A MISSIONARY BEING RECRUITED FROM THE RANKS OF THE CHRISTIAN TORTURERS. I GET MAILINGS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND AS I LOOK AT THEIR PHOTOS OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN BEATEN AND CATTLE PRODDED AND JABBED AND SPIT ON AND ELECTROCUTED, I ASK MYSELF, "WHAT KIND OF HUMAN BEING COULD DO THAT TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING?" THEN I READ THE BOOK OF ACTS AND MEET THE KIND OF PERSON WHO COULD DO SUCH A THING—NOW AN APOSTLE OF GRACE, A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST, THE GREATEST MISSIONARY HISTORY HAS EVER KNOWN. IF GOD CAN LOVE THAT KIND OF PERSON, MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, HE CAN LOVE THE LIKES OF ME.

—PHILIP YANCEY (WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT GRACE)

## **We Will Dance**

by David Ruis

Sing a song of celebration  
Lift up a shout of praise  
For the bridegroom will come  
The glorious one  
And oh we will look on His face  
We'll go to a much better place

And dance with all your might  
Lift up your hands and clap for joy  
The time's drawing near  
When He will appear  
And oh we will stand by His side  
A strong pure spotless bride

We will dance on the streets that are gold  
The glorious pride at the great Son of Man  
Let every tongue and tribe and nation  
Rejoice in the song of the Lamb

Just think you are here not by chance but by GOD's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else; you are one of a kind. You lack nothing that His grace can't give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation. You are GOD's servant in GOD's place at GOD's perfect time.

## Greater Grace

by Scott Underwood

Long ago even before You made the world.  
 You chose me through what Christ would do.  
 A greater grace You gave to me.  
 You are the source and Jesus is the means.  
 Forgiveness. Adoption. Acceptance.  
 Is Your grace.  
 And I fall on my face. And I yield to You.

## YOU ARE GOD

by SCOTT UNDERWOOD

You are God of the heavens and  
 God of the earth.  
 You are God of our Savior's virgin birth.  
 You were God on the cross and  
 God over hell.  
 You were God before man and  
 God when He fell.  
 You, You are, You are God.  
 You are God, God, God.  
 You are God in what seems like  
 happenstance.  
 You are God in every circumstance.  
 You are God when we fall and  
 God when we stand.  
 You are God who holds us in Your hand.

## JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS

**JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS,  
 ALL I AM AND HAVE AND EVER HOPE TO BE.**

**ALL OF MY AMBITIONS, HOPES AND PLANS  
 I SURRENDER THESE INTO YOUR HANDS.**

**FOR IT'S ONLY IN YOUR WILL THAT I AM FREE,**

**JESUS, ALL FOR JESUS,  
 ALL I AM AND HAVE AND EVER HOPE TO BE.**

## Thank you for hearing me

by david crowder band

**thank you for loving me**  
 thank you for finding me  
**thank you for hearing me**  
 thank you for healing me  
**thank you for loving me**  
 thank you for saving me  
**my Jesus, I love thee**  
 I know thou art mine



"If sinners be dammed, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one GO there UNWARNED and UNPRAYED for." -Charles Spurgeon



by Kutless

I see the city lights all around me  
 Everyone's obscure  
 Ten million people each with their problems  
 Why should anyone care

And in Your eyes I can see  
 I am not just a man, vastly lost in this world  
 Lost in a Sea of Faces  
 Your body's the bread, Your blood is the wine  
 Because You traded Your life for mine

Sometimes my life it feels so trivial  
 Immersed in the greatness of space  
 Yet somehow You still find the time for me  
 It's then You show me Your love

And In Your eyes I can see  
 And in Your arms I will be  
 I am not just a man, vastly lost in this world  
 Lost in a sea of faces  
 Your body's the bread, Your blood is the wine  
 Because You traded Your life for mine

If only my one heart  
 Was all You'd gain from all it cost  
 Well I know You would have still been a man  
 With a reason  
 To willingly offer Your life

I am not just a man, vastly lost in this world  
 Lost in a sea of faces  
 Your body's the bread, Your blood is the wine  
 Because You traded Your life for mine

Just one in a million faces

# YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

BY CHRIS TOMLIN

GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS OH GOD.  
 YOU WRESTLE WITH THE SINNER'S HEART.  
 YOU LEAD US BY STILL WATERS AND TO MERCY.  
 AND NOTHING CAN KEEP US APART.

SO REMEMBER YOUR PEOPLE.  
 REMEMBER YOUR CHILDREN.  
 REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE.  
 OH GOD.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH.  
 YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR ME.

GREAT IS YOUR LOVE AND JUSTICE GOD.  
 YOU USE THE WEAK TO LEAD THE STRONG.  
 YOU LEAD US IN THE SONG OF YOUR SALVATION.  
 AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE SING ALONG.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH.  
 HEAVEN REACHING DOWN TO US.  
 YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR ME.

GOD, I SEE YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH.  
 I'M COVERED IN YOUR LOVE.  
 YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH FOR ME.

"I'd rather have people hate me with the knowledge that I tried to save them." -Keith Green

# THE APOSTLES CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER, ALMIGHTY,  
THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,  
AND IN JESUS CHRIST,  
HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD,  
WHO WAS CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,  
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED.  
HE DESCENDED INTO HELL.

THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS  
AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER, ALMIGHTY,  
WHENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE  
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS,  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND LIFE EVERLASTING.

AMEN.

# NICENE CREED

(fourth century)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The "Rule of Faith"

by Irenaeus:

... this faith: in one God, the Father Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and the seas and all the things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who was made flesh for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who made known through the prophets the plan of salvation, and the coming, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead, and the bodily ascension into heaven of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and his future appearing from heaven in the glory of the Father to sum up all things and to raise anew all flesh of the whole human race ...

<b>BEFORE</b>	<b>AFTER</b>
<b>I KNEW GOD</b>	
	
<b>ANY QUESTIONS?</b>	

**THERE IS JUST ONE LIFE. IT WILL SOON BE PAST.  
ONLY WHAT IS DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST.**

# The Roman Road

1. [Rom. 3:10](#), "As it is written, *'There is none righteous, not even one...'*"
2. [Rom. 3:23](#), "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
3. [Rom. 5:12](#), "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."
4. [Rom. 6:23](#), "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
5. [Rom. 5:8](#), "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
6. [Rom. 10:9-10](#), "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."
7. [Rom. 10:13](#), "For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

## The Four Spiritual Laws

1. **God loves you:**
  - "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" ([John 3:16](#)).
2. **Man is sinful and separated from God.**
  - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" ([Rom. 3:23](#)); "For the wages of sin is death" ([Rom. 6:23](#)); "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God" ([Isaiah 59:2](#)).
3. **Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin.**
  - "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" ([John 14:6](#)); "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" ([Rom. 5:8](#)).
4. **We must individually receive Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" ([John 1:12](#)); "if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved" ([Rom. 10:9](#)); "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" ([Eph. 2:8](#)).

Repent and turn to God, so that  
your sins may be wiped out.

Acts 3:19

**G**OD WILL LIFT UP YOUR HEAD  
HOURS OF DAY

GIVE TO THE WIND YOUR FEAR  
HOPE AND BE UNDISMAYED  
GOD HEARS YOUR SIGHS AND COUNTS YOUR TEARS  
GOD WILL LIFT UP, LIFT UP YOUR HEAD

LEAVE TO HIS SOVEREIGN SWAY  
TO CHOOSE AND TO COMMAND  
WHEN SHALL WE WANDERING ON HIS WAY  
KNOW HOW WISE AND HOW STRONG  
HOW WISE AND HOW STRONG

THROUGH WAVES AND CLOUDS AND STORMS,  
HE GENTLY CLEARS THE WAY  
WAIT BECAUSE IN HIS TIME, SO SHALL THIS NIGHT  
SOON END IN JOY, SOON END IN JOY  
SOON END IN JOY, SOON END IN JOY

GOD WILL LIFT UP YOUR HEAD  
SOON END IN JOY

"Answering a student's question, 'Will the heathen who have not heard the Gospel be saved?' thus, 'It is more a question with me whether we, who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not, can be saved.'" --Charles Spurgeon

"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." --John Stott

*"Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved. Now choose what you want."* --Martin Luther

*"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."* --C.S. Lewis

"THE ONLY THING CHRISTIANITY CAN NOT BE...IS MODERATELY IMPORTANT." --C.S. LEWIS

**"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."** --Samuel Chadwick

"WITHOUT CHRIST,  
NOT ONE STEP;  
WITH HIM, ANYWHERE!"  
--DAVID LIVINGSTONE

"I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done." --Hudson Taylor

*"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe."* --Augustine



# How to Memorize Scripture

Many people don't think they can memorize their way out of a new shopping mall let alone remember a verse in the Bible. I've spoken with dozens of people about Scripture memorization who say the same thing: "I have a terrible memory." My answer to them is, "Nonsense!" Everyone memorizes all the time. You've learned to speak, haven't you? You've memorized thousands of do's and don'ts in life, right? You know your social security number, your phone number, your address, how many brothers, sisters, or children you have, how to get to work and what to do when you get there. The problem is not that people can't memorize, it's that they won't memorize.

The Bible is the foundation for witnessing and you must memorize verses to be able to use it -- this applies to your devotional life as well as witnessing. One serious problem I've found is that most people have memorized fewer than seven verses. The average Jehovah's Witness has committed many more to memory and, given the opportunity, could make the average Christian feel about as knowledgeable as banana bread. What I would like to do is help you memorize better.

## Four easy steps to memorization

There are four easy steps to Scripture memorization. Let's use [1 Peter. 2:24](#) as an example: *"and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by his wounds you were healed"* (NASB).

### Step 1: Location

The first step is to memorize the location, not the verse. The reason for this is if you forget the verse, but you've memorized the location, you can always go look it up.

First, memorize the location: "1 Peter 2:24." Say "1 Peter 2:24" over and over again. Don't worry about what it says at first, just memorize the location. Make sure that when you say 1 Peter 2:24 it flows smoothly off your lips. Say 1 Peter 2:24 emphasizing different syllables. Say 1 **Peter** 2:24, or 1 Peter **2**:24 or 1 Peter 2:**24** or even **1** Peter 2:24. But say 1 Peter 2:24 enough times that when you say 1 Peter 2:24, it is as natural as breathing.

### Step 2: Gist

The second step is to learn the gist of what the verse is. In this case it is very simple, "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross." Say, "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross" in different ways. Say, "Jesus **bore** our sins in His body on the cross," or "Jesus bore our **sins** in His body on the cross," and "Jesus bore our sins in **His body** on the cross," etc. But say "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross" enough times that when you say, "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross," it is as natural as saying [1 Peter. 2:24](#). (Kind of repetitive, isn't it?)

### Step 3: Association

The third part is more fun. This is where you associate the two together. Say, "1 Peter 2:24 is Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross is 1 Peter 2:24. 1 Peter 2:24 is Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross..." Say this over and over again, about ten times. In no time, if you do this, you will memorize.

This association part is important because it helps you to think of one part whenever you think of the other. For example, if someone asked you "Where does it say that Jesus bore our sin in his body?", you'd immediately reply with "1 Peter. 2:24." It works.

### Step 4: A piece of paper

The fourth and final part is to take a piece of lined paper, 8 1/2" by 11", and draw a vertical line about one inch from the left hand side.

Write the verse location in the left column on your paper and on the right side simply write the verse. Do this with each verse you want to remember. Fold it up, put it in your pocket or purse, and carry it with you everywhere you go. When you forget a verse or its location simply pull out the paper and refresh your memory. In no time at all, you'll have over one hundred verses committed to memory.

Memorization is like exercise. The more you do it, the easier it gets; the less you do the harder it gets. So do it. If you follow this procedure your mind will become like a sponge, you'll end up memorizing all sorts of stuff with the greatest of ease, like how many socks are in your drawer, everything that is in your refrigerator, and even where your car keys are.

**Let MY WORDS BE FEW**  
**BY Matt Redman**

**YOU ARE GOD IN HEAVEN  
 AND HERE AM I ON EARTH  
 SO I'LL LET MY WORDS BE FEW  
 JESUS, I AM SO IN LOVE WITH YOU**

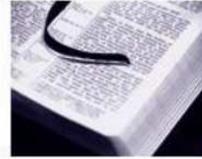
**AND I'LL STAND IN AWE OF YOU  
 YES, I'LL STAND IN AWE OF YOU  
 AND I'LL LET MY WORDS BE FEW  
 JESUS, I AM SO IN LOVE WITH YOU**

**THE SIMPLEST OF ALL LOVE SONGS,  
 I WANT TO BRING TO YOU.  
 SO I'LL LET MY WORDS BE FEW.  
 JESUS I AM SO IN LOVE WITH YOU.**



**Ask.**

ASK AND IT  
 WILL BE  
 GIVEN  
 TO YOU;



**Seek.**

SEEK  
 AND YOU  
 WILL  
 FIND;



**Knock.**

KNOCK AND  
 THE DOOR  
 WILL BE  
 OPENED.

"We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but we have only one swift hour before the sunset in which to win them." --Robert Moffat

"You wonder why people choose fields away from the States when young people at home are drifting because no one wants to take time to listen to their problems. Ill tell you why I left. Because those Stateside young people have every opportunity to study, hear, and understand the Word of God in their own language, and these Indians have no opportunity whatsoever. I have had to make a cross of two logs, and lie down on it, to show the Indians what it means to crucify a man. When there is that much ignorance over here and so much knowledge and opportunity over there, I have no question in my mind why God sent me here. Those whimpering Stateside young people will wake up on the Day of Judgment condemned to worse fates than these demon-fearing Indians, because, having a Bible, they were bored with it---while these never heard of such a thing as writing."--Jim Elliot

"The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No; it rests in union and communion with the vine; and at the right time, and in the right way, is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus." --Hudson Taylor

# Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble?

by delirious?

Did you feel the mountains tremble; did you hear the oceans roar?  
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen one  
Did you feel the people tremble; did you hear the singer's roar?  
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving one

And we can see that God you're moving  
A mighty river through the nations  
When young and old will turn to Jesus  
Fling wide you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord

Open up the doors and let the music play  
Let the streets resound with singing  
Songs that bring your hope, songs that bring your joy  
Dancers who dance upon in justice

Do you feel the darkness tremble?  
When all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river  
To wash away our brokenness

And here we see that God you're moving  
A time of jubilee is coming  
When young and old return to Jesus  
Fling wide you heavenly gates, prepare the way of the risen Lord

"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all." --D.L. Moody

*"I would rather feel companion than know the meaning of it." --Thomas Aquinas*



"GOD CANNOT BE COMPREHENDED BY US, EXCEPT AS FAR AS HE ACCOMMODATES HIMSELF TO OUR STANDARD."  
--JOHN CALVIN

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?" --Martin Luther

**Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.**

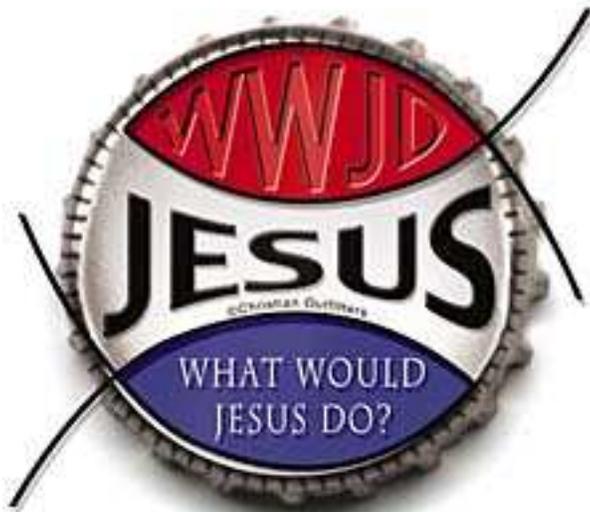
--Corrie Ten Boom

WE MAY NOTE IN PASSING THAT HE (JESUS) WAS NEVER REGARDED AS A MERE MORAL TEACHER. HE DID NOT PRODUCE THAT EFFECT ON ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY MET HIM. HE PRODUCED MAINLY THREE RESULTS:

**Hatred** ~~PERSON~~ ~~ADORATION~~

THERE WAS NO TRACE OF PEOPLE EXPRESSING MILD ADMIRATION."

-C.S. LEWIS



## THE HEART OF WORSHIP

BY MATT REDMAN

WHEN THE MUSIC FADES,  
ALL IS STRIPPED AWAY, AND I SIMPLY COME  
LONGING JUST TO BRING  
SOMETHING THAT'S OF WORTH,  
THAT WILL BLESS YOUR HEART

I'LL BRING YOU MORE THAN A SONG  
FOR A SONG IN ITSELF  
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE REQUIRED  
YOU SEARCH MUCH DEEPER WITHIN  
THROUGH THE WAY THINGS APPEAR  
YOU'RE LOOKING INTO MY HEART

I'M COMING BACK TO THE HEART OF WORSHIP  
AND IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU  
ALL ABOUT YOU JESUS  
I'M SORRY LORD FOR THE THING I'VE MADE IT  
WHEN IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU  
ALL ABOUT YOU JESUS

KING OF ENDLESS WORTH  
NO ONE COULD EXPRESS  
HOW MUCH YOU DESERVE  
THOUGH I'M WEAK AND POOR  
ALL I HAVE IS YOURS, EVERY SINGLE BREATH

"The preaching that this world needs most is the sermons in shoes that are walking with Jesus Christ." --D.L. Moody

*"Good works do not make a good man, but a good man does good works." --Martin Luther*

**"I have held many things in my hands, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." --Martin Luther**

"DO NOT HAVE YOUR CONCERT FIRST, AND THEN TUNE YOUR INSTRUMENT AFTERWARDS. BEGIN THE DAY WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER, AND GET FIRST OF ALL INTO HARMONY WITH HIM."

-HUDSON TAYLOR

**PRAYER IS THE BREATH OF THE NEW CREATURE. --RICHARD BAXTER**

# **Enough**

by Chris Tomlin

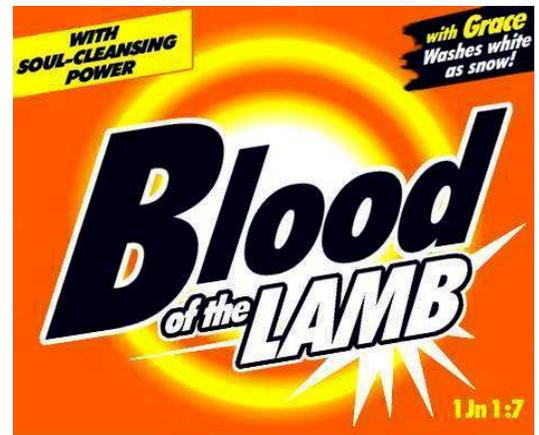
**You are my supply, my breath of life  
Still more awesome than I know  
You are my reward, worth living for  
Still more awesome than I know**

**And all of You is more than enough  
for all of me  
For every thirst and every need  
You satisfy me with Your love  
And all I have in You is more than enough**

**You're my sacrifice, of greatest price  
Still more awesome than I know  
You're my coming King, You are everything  
Still more awesome than I know**

**More than all I want  
More than all I need  
You are more than enough for me  
More than all I know  
More than all I can see.  
You are more than enough**

"THE REASON WHY MANY FAIL IN BATTLE IS BECAUSE THEY WAIT UNTIL THE HOUR OF BATTLE. THE REASON WHY OTHERS SUCCEED IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE GAINED THEIR VICTORY ON THEIR KNEES LONG BEFORE THE BATTLE CAME...ANTICIPATE YOUR BATTLES; FIGHT THEM ON YOUR KNEES BEFORE TEMPTATION COMES, AND YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE VICTORY." —R.A. TORREY



## **More Than A Friend**

by Jeremy Riddle

In the quiet of my soul,  
In the stillness I hear your voice call.  
And I am overwhelmed,  
and I am lost for words...  
To describe you.

Jesus you're more than a friend.  
Jesus you're more than my heart,  
could ever express.  
Your love and your grace never fail me.  
Your merciful touch always heals me.  
You bring joy to my soul.

My heart longs to worship,  
you my King.  
And I long to bring you  
a pleasing offering.  
And I am overwhelmed, and I am lost  
for words. To describe you.

