

KeyVerses06 God's Word

Love follows knowledge. A new Believer needs to be fed, fed, fed until they can feed themselves. Here's the 6th of 11 KeyVerse series, each of them with 35 verses (7 weeks worth) to show care and content to a young Christian. This series features verses about God's Word.

Examples:

Week 1 Day 1: a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

But Jesus told the devil, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matthew 4.4)

Jesus got tempted to turn rocks into food when he was starving, but he refused. He knew there is something more important than food. It's God's word. That's how he thought, that's how we should think, (name). Tell God you want to take the Bible as seriously as Jesus did.

Week 2 Day 2: Is 61.1

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. (Psalm 19.9)

If a law is unfair, it really affects us, (name). God's laws aren't that way. He wants to keep us safe, so he gives us boundaries, what's right and what's wrong. He's really fair with us, because he loves us and knows what's best. Thank him for the Bible, to show you what's right and wrong.

Verses to use Choose any verses you feel give insights about God's Word.

Here's a sample list for your consideration (there are many more):

Week 1: Matt. 4.4; Joshua 1.8; Ps. 1.1-2; Rom. 15.4; Ps. 19.7;

Week 2: Ps. 19.8; Ps. 19.9; Ps. 19.10; Ps. 19.11; James 1.22

Week 3: Ps. 119.9; Ps. 119.11; Ps. 119.16; 2 Tim. 3.16-17; Ps. 119.67

Week 4: John 5.39-40; Ps. 119.105; Ps. 119.140; Is. 40.7-8; Is. 55.8-9

Week 5: Is. 55.10-11; Is. 66.2; Jer. 23.29; Ps. 12.6; Matt. 7.24

Week 6: Jn 1.1-2; Jn. 1.14; Ps. 119.89; Jn. 8.31-32; Ps. 33.6

Week 7: Jn. 15.7; Ps. 18.30; 2 Tim. 2.15; Ps. 119.37; Heb. 4.12

To do: Copy the verse from a website like biblegateway.com, add a comment, and email it to a new Believer, Monday – Friday. If you can, pick the same time each day – make it something they anticipate.

Or if you wish, use/modify the 35 KeyVerses below.

Small things done in great love will change the world, one person at a time...

* this is the 6th series of KeyVerses; see also 1st series: *Believer – 35 Basic KeyVerses*; 2nd series: *Believer – 35 God KeyVerses*; 3rd series: *35 Jesus KeyVerses*; 4th series: *35 Spirit KeyVerses*; 5th series: *35 Good News KeyVerses*

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Names of those getting the series (move name down one day at a time)

1. John Doe, started Jan 1/11
- 2.
- 3.

Week 1

Letter to introduce:

We'll start a new series today, (name).

We'll concentrate on God's Word, the Bible.

It's called the "living Word", because it's unlike any other book.

Books can teach and inspire us - only God's Word can speak to us from him.

I hope I can help you love the Bible, and call it "my Book".

Like God's love letter to you...

Day 1: Matt 4.4

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but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (Matthew 4.4)

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He knew there is something more important than food. It's God's word. That's how he thought, that's how we should think, (name). Tell God you want to take the Bible as seriously as Jesus did.

Day 2: Josh 1.8

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you'll be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. (Joshua 1.8)

This was God's advice to Joshua, Israel's wartime leader. He was responsible for the safety of many people. If he took the Bible seriously, God promised, he'd be successful. Want to be successful, (name)? Here's how: day by day, spend time learning from the Bible.

Day 3: Ps. 1.1-2

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Oh, the joys of those who don't follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. (Psalm 1.1-2)

It's easy to follow the crowd around us, (name). It's not so easy to follow God, but it's worth it. If you make God's Word a part of your daily life, God promises you will become person of strong character, prospering in what you do. Start today to pay attention to God's Word to you.

Day 4: Rom. 15.4

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. (Romans 15.4)

Many stories in the Bible feature people like ourselves. In the good stories, they asked for God's help. In the bad stories, they rejected him and wasted their lives. These are examples, (name), how to let the Scriptures mold our lives. Just like they waited for God's promises to come true, let's wait too, praying for more patience.

Day 5: Ps 19.7

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. (Psalm 19.7)
God's Word is like medicine to us. When we're discouraged and weak, it revives us. When we need answers, it makes us wise. When we're making decisions, (name), we need God's wisdom and energy. The Bible will do that if we read it and obey it. Make time today to *take God's medicine*. **(What does it mean to you to say the Bible is like medicine? Can you describe how Jesus has been like a doctor to you?)**

Week 2

Day 6 – Ps. 19.8

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. (Psalm 19.8)

We don't usually think of commands in a positive way, (name). Lots of time they make us groan, or even fight against them. God's Word has commands, do this and don't do that, but not to hurt us. They're meant to show us the path through life, so we can enjoy it. Ask God to help you see his commands as something good, not bad.

Day 7 – Ps 19.9

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

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If a law is unfair, it really affects us, (name). God's laws aren't that way. He wants to keep us safe, so he gives us boundaries, what's right and what's wrong. He's really fair with us, because he loves us and knows what's best. Thank him for the Bible, to show you what's right and wrong.

Day 8 – Ps 19.10

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

They [God's words] are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. (Psalm 19.10)

Most people live for money. Doesn't matter what country you pick, people want more money. Imagine valuing God's Bible more than getting rich! God says it's that valuable, (name). If he says so, it's true! Try to think this way about God's Word and really desire it.

Day 9 – Ps 19.11

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

They [God's words] are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. (Psalm 19.11)

Sometimes we can get offended if someone warns us. We might feel, why don't they mind their own business! The Bible has warnings for us, (name), because God cares for us. He doesn't want us to get hurt by choosing what's bad, what's wrong. That's why he tells us, if you do this, it will really wreck your life. Ask God to teach you to welcome his warnings, not get offended.

Day 10 – James 1.22

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you're only fooling yourselves. (James 1.22)

This is very easy to do, sadly, read the Bible, or hear someone teach it, but not really pay attention. It's like food sitting on your plate, (name). If you don't eat it, you may starve to death. Don't fool yourself. The key is not hearing, it's obeying. Tell God that's what you want to do. (How can you tell you're obeying what God says? What does it mean, to pay attention to the Bible?)

Week 3

Day 11 – Ps 119.9

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. (Psalm 119.9)

The culture around you wants you to forget God, (name). It offers you the gods of money, pleasure, and ego to follow. If you are determined to follow Jesus, you'll face strong opposition. That's why you need the Bible to strengthen you. When

you listen and obey God's Word, you get confidence to oppose the culture, You can resist sin and become a pure Jesus-follower. Ask God to help you obey his Word.

Day 21 – Ps 119.11

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

I've hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119.11)

When we sin, we act independent from God. We stop listening to him or following Jesus. How can we fight this tendency to walk away from God? By memorizing parts of the Bible, (name). That's what it means, I've hidden your words in my heart. Take time this week to read and memorize Bible verses that really encourage you. Make memorizing God's Word a habit.

Day 13 – Ps. 119.16

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

I'll delight in your decrees and not forget your word. (Psalm 119.16)

All of us have favorite song or movie or book. If we start following Jesus, the Bible becomes our favorite book, (name). We enjoy reading it, because God speaks to us through his Word. That's how we learn more about him. Ask God to give you a delight for his Word. Tell him you want it to become your favorite book.

Day 14 – 2 Tim. 3.16-17

A KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what's true and to make us realize what's wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we're wrong and teaches us to do what's right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3.16-17)

When we get lost, or drift away from God, the Bible becomes very helpful to us, (name). God talks to us through his Word. He show us what's wrong, and to straighten our lives up again. If you are a serious student of God's Word, he'll train you to work with God to improve the world. Thank God for giving us such an amazing gift, his Word.

Day 15 – Ps 119.67

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word.
(Psalm 119.67)

Sadly this can happen to us too, (name), when we wander away from God. He has to discipline us to bring us back to him. It can be very painful. How to avoid it? Take God's Word seriously. Study it and follow it. Then we won't wander away. Ask God to help you closely follow his Word. (Can you think of times you wandered from God? What brought you back to him? How did the Bible help you return to God?)

Week 4

Day 16: John 5.39-40

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

[Jesus] "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life. (John 5.39-40)

Jesus said this to the religious leaders of his day. What good was it to know the Bible, if they didn't get to know him! Same with us, (name). Studying the Bible should point us to Jesus. We should know him more, want to follow him more seriously. Ask God today to show you Jesus as you read the Bible.

Day 17: Ps 119.105

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119.105)

Imagine how satisfied this person is, (name). God's word guided them like a light in the dark, giving wisdom and direction to make the best decisions. God wants to do

the same for us as well, if we'll study and obey his Word. Make a strong commitment to know the Bible so well, it will be light in your darkness.

Day 18: Ps. 119.130

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand. (Psalm 119.130)

The Bible is complicated, yes, because life is, and God is. But it's simple too, (name). God designed it so even children can benefit. What's hard is to obey it and live it out. Don't be discouraged by the Bible's complexity. Ask God to help you understand it. And obey it.

Day 19: Is. 40.7-8

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The grass withers and the flowers fade
beneath the breath of the Lord.

And so it is with people.

The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40.7-8)

Not much lasts, not even us, (name). We live longer than the grass and flowers but still, we'll fade away. God's word won't. That's why you can read the Bible and it applies to you now. It has life to it. Depend on it. It's your best source of life and encouragement.

Day 20: Is. 55.8-9

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord.

"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so my ways are higher than your ways

and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55.8-9)

Think of a little preschooler trying to understand his daddy's thoughts. He simply can't. Same with us and God, (name). He controls and coordinates everything in

the universe, but doesn't tell us what he's doing. Why? We'd be like that preschooler, we couldn't comprehend it. But we can trust God and relax, like a child does with a good parent. Ask God to help you relax, not worry, and depend on him. **(How hard is it to trust your life, your future, to God? What are some things you'd like to know, but God hasn't told you?)**

Week 5

Day 21: Is 55.10-11

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth.

They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.

It's the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. (Isaiah 55.10-11)

When moisture hits the ground after a cold winter, it waters the soil. the flowers sprout up, the garden starts growing. We all notice it in the spring. The Bible is like this for you, (name). It waters your heart with God's life. You start to become like Jesus. His fruit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) grows more. Others notice it. Another good reason to spend time in his Word each day.

Day 22: Is. 66.2

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are mine. I, the Lord, have spoken! I'll bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word. (Isaiah 66.2)

Some books give advice that you can take or leave, (name). Like a cookbook – you might look at it but decide not to use it. God's Word is different. He speaks to you

through it, showing you the right way to live. He wants you to listen carefully and respect it. *Tremble at my word* is a reminder, take the Bible very seriously.

Day 23: Jer. 23.29

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

“Doesn't my word burn like fire?” says the Lord. “Isn't it like a mighty hammer that smashes a rock to pieces?” (Jeremiah 23.29)

The answer is Yes! God's word is powerful, (name). It can break up a hard heart. It can smash bad attitudes, bad habits. It can burn out the hatred and anger in us. Even a rebellious, stubborn heart, God's word can break. Ask God to make his word powerful in your life. Everything in your life that's hard and unresponsive to him, ask God to shatter, so you can have a tender, soft heart of love.

Day 24: Ps. 12.6

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The Lord's promises are pure, like silver refined in a furnace, purified seven times over. (Psalm 12.6)

The Bible is full of promises to us. If we claim them, ask God to keep his promises, he will! The promises are very dependable. Pure, like silver! Are you learning to live by God's promises, (name)? How would you go about doing that today?

Day 25: Matt. 7.24

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

[Jesus] Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. (Matthew 7.24)

It's not enough to listen to Jesus. We must obey him, (name), and follow his teachings. Today take time to read from the Gospels, and put into practice what Jesus is saying to you. **(What words of Jesus have helped you become wiser, and made your life solid? Can you think of some?)**

Week 6

Day 26: Jn 1.1-2

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God. (John 1.1-2)

The Bible is God's written word to us. Jesus is God's living word. He is God's way to communicate to us. That's why Jesus is more important than anyone, anything, (name). Tell God you want Jesus to be more and more valuable to you, because he is the best way to hear from God.

Day 27: Jn 1.14

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

So the Word [that is, Jesus] became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. (John 1.14)

It's amazing that God would visit this planet and live among us. That's what he did, (name), through Jesus. Now we can get to know God up close. Do your best to get to know Jesus intimately. Make him your best, best friend! He's full of love and faithfulness – he wants to share it with you.

Day 28: Ps. 119.89

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven. (Psalm 119.89)

There's not much that is eternal, (name). Even the mountains, the oceans, the stars... they're not. But God's word is. If you invest in it, reading, studying, memorizing, you're doing something with eternal value. Today determine to make God's word the most important book in your life.

Day 29: Jn. 8.31-32

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You're truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings [*literally, my word*]. And you'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8.31-32)

What is a disciple? Someone who pays attention to Jesus' teachings in the Bible. It's not just a term, (name). It's a habit, a conviction. Is this you? Are you a disciple? If so, Jesus promises he'll flood your heart with truth, truth that will free you up to live for him.

Day 30: Ps. 33.6

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

The Lord merely spoke, and the heavens were created.

He breathed the word, and all the stars were born. (Psalm 33.6)

Wow! Our words are just puffs of air. But God's words... he can create a universe with them. It's good to remind yourself, (name), that God has power and creativity. Ask him to get that power working in your life, so you can be creative with him, bringing others to Jesus. **(Why do you think people refuse to believe God made the universe? What difference does it make, to believe he did? How does it encourage you to know this?)**

Week 7

Day 31: Jn 15.7

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

[Jesus] But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! (John 15.7)

If Jesus' words are in you, (name), then it means you and Jesus are thinking alike. You've synchronized your thoughts with him. When you pray, you're learning to pray for things he's interested to do. That's why it's important to study and memorize his words. It gives you the mind of Jesus. Today take time to concentrate on his Word.

Day 32: Ps 18.30

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true.

He is a shield for all who look to him for protection. (Psalm 18.30)

It's good to notice God's promises as you read the Bible. It's not just for people thousands of years ago, (name). It's for us. It's for you, right now. Learn to take God's promises and pray them back to him. He wants to keep his promise. He will, as you ask him.

Day 33: 2 Tim 2.15

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who doesn't need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2.15)

It's easy to misunderstand the Bible. It's a complicated book, because God is complicated, life is complicated. Every job – plumbing, dentistry, cooking, painting – takes skill to learn. The same with the Bible, it takes skill to understand and interpret it. Ask God to teach you those skills, (name). Become a Bible-worker, so you can explain it to others correctly.

Day 34: Ps. 119.37

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word. (Psalm 119.37)

There are so many worthless things we can look at, (name). This verse is a prayer we should make our own. Ask God to help you turn from things that aren't good for you, things that can damage your life. Ask him for life, as you spend time in his word.

Letter to end series with:

This is the last KeyVerse in this series about God's Word, (name).

We've come a long way with these verses, you and I!

I'm really glad I can encourage you this way, from God, day by day.

Tomorrow we'll start a new KeyVerse series, about Jesus.

I hope they help you get closer and closer to him.

He wants to do live together with you, to be your closest friend and lover. The verses will encourage you, how much he cares for you.

How great, I can do this small way to help you.

But if you're too busy, and can't read them anymore, just let me know, I'll stop sending them, k.

Day 35: Heb 4.12

a KeyVerse about God's Word to encourage you:

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It's sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. (Hebrews 4.12)

Imagine how sharp a surgeon's scalpel is. That's what God's Word is like. It cuts deeply into our hearts, so God can do surgery on us. Tell God this is what you want, (name). You give him permission to operate, so anything evil, anything bad, anything dark, anything rebellious can be cut out, and you can become a healthy, obedient follower of Jesus. **(Can you think of a time when God had to "operate" on you? How does God's word penetrate deeply into your life?)**