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*Living
the Life*

**CREATIVELY
CONNECTING
WITH GOD**

FELLOWSHIP



*Remember to follow Jesus
& enjoy the journey with Him!*

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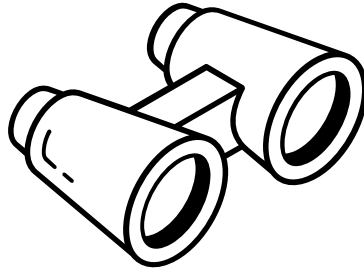
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Fellowship is a place of grace, where mistakes aren't rubbed in but rubbed out. Fellowship happens when mercy wins over justice... Real fellowship is being as committed to each other as we are to Jesus Christ.

Rick Warren

JOURNEY OPTIONS



Introduction

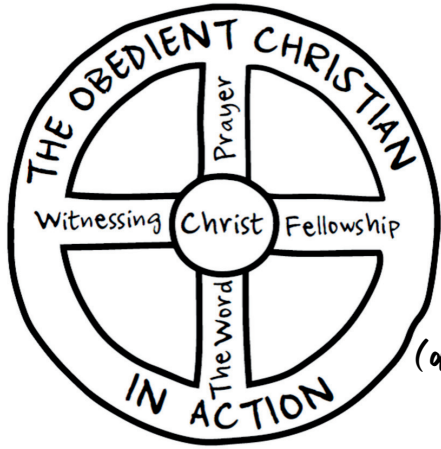
Memorize the Verse

1. Read In Context/Serifs/Review
2. Cross References/Dual Lined Lettering/Review
3. Consider Opposites/Shadows/Review
4. Consult Outside Sources/Outlined letters/Review
5. Conceptualize How Original Hearers Heard/Filled Letters
6. Consider Repetition/Variable Lettering/Review
7. Converse With Jesus Through the Passage/Flourish/Review

Connect To Your Life

Capture Treasure

Living The Life



FELLOWSHIP:

Fighting Together for Joy

(aka acknowledging Christ is the Center of everything)

The purpose of the four spokes in the Navigator Wheel Illustration is to help us honor Christ as the Center of everything. It is especially important to keep this in mind when considering fellowship. Much of what passes for fellowship in the church today can easily serve to draw us away from this. Many churches have “connect” groups. What connection are they aiming for? I suspect for many people the goal is to connect with other believers. Sadly, if that is the primary intent, people will miss out on the goodness and beauty and depth the Lord intends for them even in their relationships with each other.

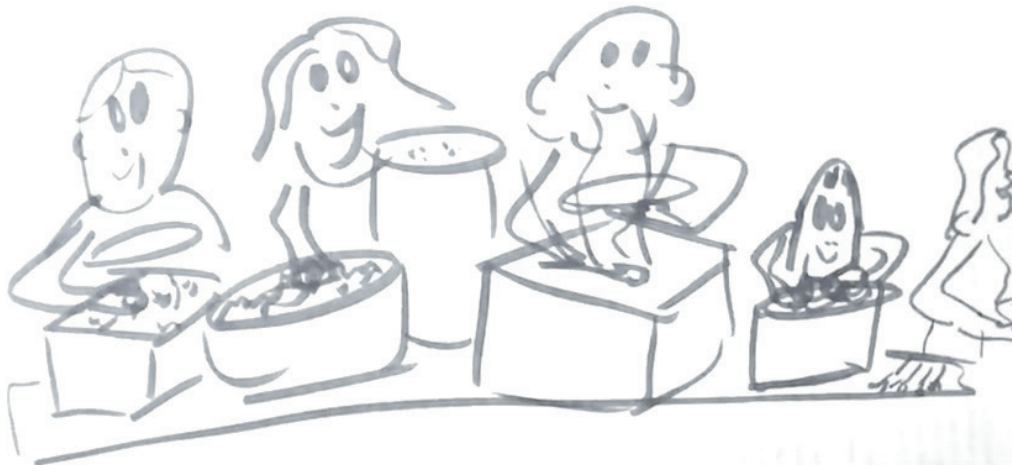
1 John 1:3 states, “We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.”

There is a beauty that happens in our relationship with each other when our fellowship is first and foremost with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

FELLOWSHIP

When you think of fellowship, what picture comes to your mind?

Here is what comes to my mind:



You can tell I've been to many church potlucks. Each person brings a dish that they spent time making and you get to select whatever looks delicious. You might pick a little of one thing, more of another. There's variety and deliciousness, and you sit at long tables hopefully enjoying the company of whoever sits near you.

The Greek word that is used when you read the word fellowship in your Bible is usually the word transliterated koinonia. The meaning of this word goes much deeper than what my picture represents. Koinonia is not only a coming together casually, but a participation, a connection that takes place where there is a contribution, a sharing, an involvement taking place deep inside you.

One of the ways this word can be interpreted is social intercourse, where you're not only talking, you're taking in what someone says and they're taking in what you say in a way that penetrates the depths of both of you.

This term first occurs in the book of Acts after there is an explosion of growth in the early church. After thousands of people came to know Jesus, many while they were far from their homes, the believers lived together, shared life together, and had things in common. There was a real involvement in one another's lives as they cared for each other.

This went far beyond the transfer of ideas or only spending time together.

The term Koinonia predates its biblical usage and appears in a number of ways. One way was commercially, like if two guys were to go out and they were to buy a boat together, and start a fishing business together. They were actually said to be in Koinonia. That was their business partnership that they were sharing together.

Marriage was another way that the ancient Greeks used this term of Koinonia because it pointed to the sharing of two lives together. Another way that it's used was in relationship to the gods like Zeus. The fourth way koinonia was used was to refer to the spirit of generous sharing.

When Paul used the term Koinonia and when Luke used it in writing the book of Acts, it denoted something so much richer, a type of deep involvement. Thanks to the fall, this doesn't come naturally to us.

Have you ever been in a group of believers and it felt shallow? Where maybe you came to the group feeling alone, and you walked away from the group feeling even more alone.

True fellowship requires a level of intentionality, which is why we're instructed in Hebrews 10:24 -25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

This week we are going to camp out Matthew 18:20. "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them." Isn't neat how this verse really captures the heart of fellowship - Jesus being the center!

Before diving in, why not enjoy some fellowship with the Lord and ask Him to bless your ears to hear all He wants you to?

True fellowship may or may not occur at a potluck, but a potluck can be a powerful metaphor illustrating a key aspect of koinonia.

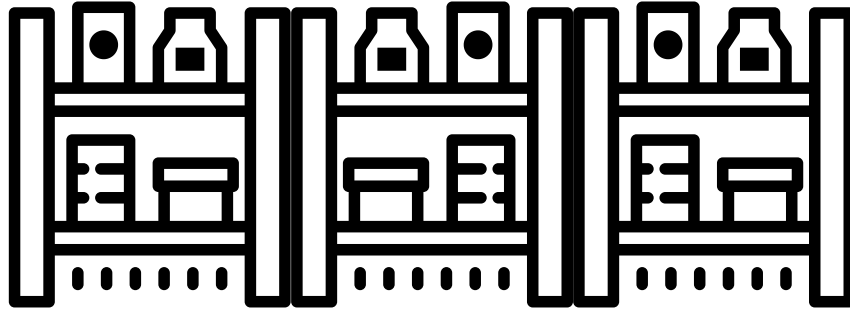
I'm from the south. When we have potlucks down here, people tend to go all out cooking their best dishes, they bring them and I'm telling you it is a feast to enjoy. Before they ever come together, people invest time and energy, and they have put a lot of intentionality into preparing something to bless the other people who will be around them.

In 1 Corinthians 14:26 believers are instructed, when you come together, one person should bring a hymn, another bring a lesson,, someone else may bring a revelation or whatever treasure God has given and everything is to be done for the purpose of edification.

Every believer is to bring something
because every believer has something of value to offer.

You have something of value to offer!
Do you believe this? Why or Why not?
Take a moment to record your thoughts below:

This is why we've been doing the pantry exercise. As you take time to add to your pantry what's helped you grow in understanding and experiencing true fellowship, this can enrich your discipling so you can easily see what God's blessed you with that can be passed on.



For example, in my Pantry on the Fellowship shelf, in addition to my Special Treasures bookmark for Shared Quiet Times, I have a Forgiveness booklet, a bookmark on how to apologize, Ken Sande's book The Peacemaker as well as his wife's curriculum for children (that I use even with college students), The Lost Art of Listening by Michael P. Nichols, my booklet Journey to Hear, Thanks for the Feedback and it's accompanying Bible study, as well as Dr. Harriet Lerner's book Why Won't You Apologize.

What can you add to the shelves of your pantry?
Take a moment to write what comes to mind.

In his book True Community: The Biblical Practice of Koinonia, Jerry Bridges writes: "One of the plainest expressions of love in Scripture is fellowship – sharing with others. One of the most valuable things we can share is ourselves: our time, our talents, our energies in serving others in the Body of Christ. "

It takes effort to do this. But riches can come into our life and the lives of everybody around us when we pursue koinonia with Christ at the center.

MEMORIZE THE VERSE

Fellowship
Matthew 18:20

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Hebrews 10:24-25

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Matthew 18:20

DAY 1: "FOR"

CONSIDER IN CONTEXT

Read the following passage and consider: what do you learn about God?

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

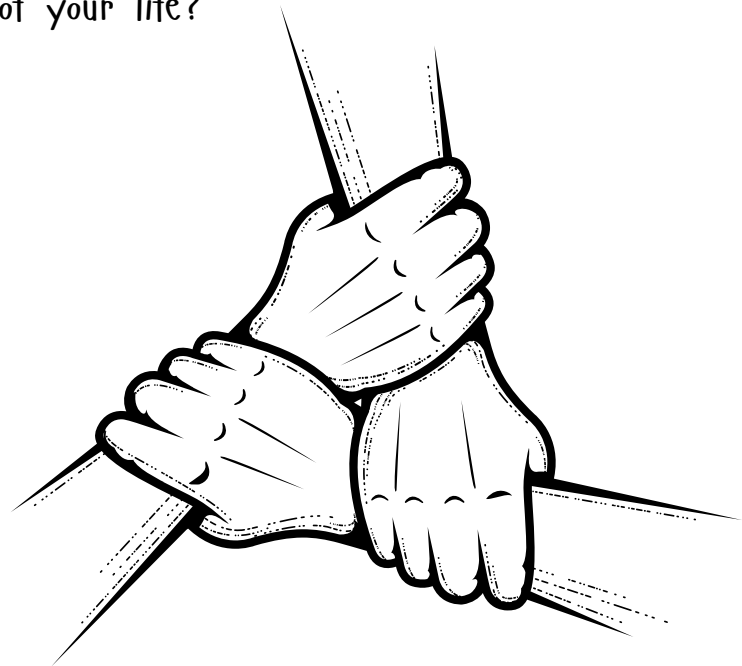
10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:7-20

what do you learn about God from this passage?	what do you learn about fellowship from this passage?

How can knowing this help keep
Christ at the Center of your life?



CAPTURE THE MAIN THOUGHT

Draw a summary picture

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a summary picture. The box is centered on the page and occupies most of the lower half of the page.

WORD ART

is a form of art that includes text, words or phrases as its primary artistic component. It is a combination of language and visual imagery.

Adding Word Art to your Scripture Memory review and meditation can add beauty and fun while also helping you focus on one word at a time.

My friend, Debbie Friley, loves to adorn one word or phrase, then write in the rest of the verse or text using a simple handwritten font. The result is delightful! You can find more examples on her website: debbiefrileyartworks.com



There are many different ways you can do this. This week we will be exploring seven new techniques for creating Word art. Remember, it is not about the art, but creating space to focus and enjoy meditating with Jesus.

SERIFS

(def.) a SLIGHT LINE, ORNAMENTAL
FLOURISH OR FEET FINISHING
OFF A STROKE OR LETTER

for

where

two or three

NOTE: There are different ways to draw serifs. So please know this is not an exhaustive treatment of them. You can google online "How to draw serifs" and learn so much! But to get you started.

1. On the next page, you can practice drawing a serif alphabet or consult for writing your verse
2. Draw your verse as you normally would on the following page, leaving extra space between the letters. Serifs take up more space than sans-serif letters.
3. Then add dashes to the bottom of each stroke. See examples below.
4. When you finish writing the verse, if you'd like, add borders, text boxes, prayerful patterns... in the margins

Optional: You can add dashes to the top or sides, anywhere a stroke ends.

Have fun experimenting! Just remember it's not about the art, but creatively meditating with Jesus!

sans serif:

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Matthew 18:20

serif:

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SCRIPTURE MEMORY REVIEW

LEARNING TO USE SERIFS

(NOTE: LOWERCASE LETTERS E AND O DO NOT USE SERIFS)

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Matthew 18:20

WORD ART

HAVE FUN CREATING LETTERS WITH SERIFS
AS YOU WRITE THIS WEEK'S VERSE FROM MEMORY

REVIEW YOUR VERSES

Color or paint a water color border around each verse as you review it..

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DAY 2: "WHERE TWO OR THREE"

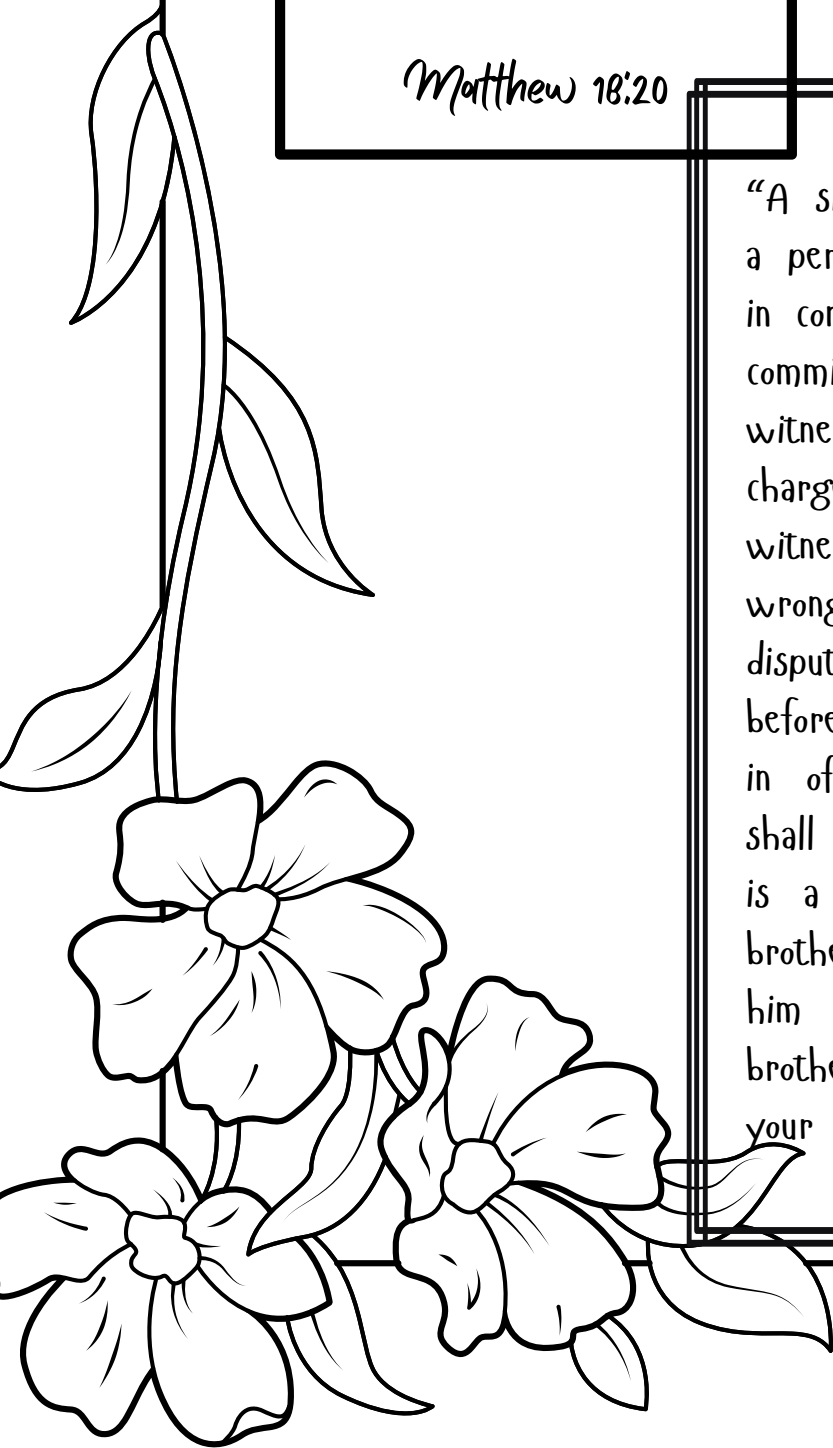
CONNECT TO CROSS REFERENCES

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Matthew 18:20

"A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. 16 If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, 17 then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. 18 The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, 19 then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Deuteronomy 19:15-19



Fellowship

Matthew 18:20

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I among them."*

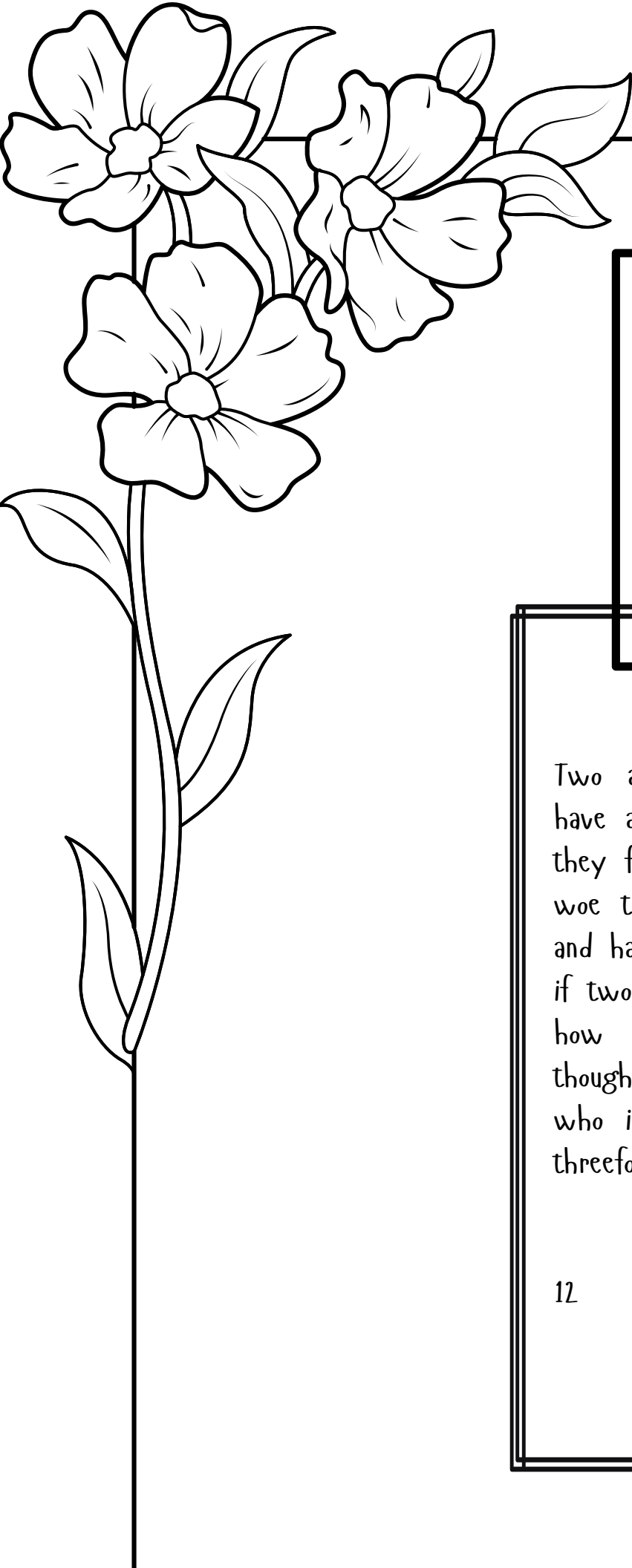
Matthew 18:20

*What connections do you see
between these two verses?*

*How does this connect
with your life?*

*Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the
truth, and someone turns him back, let him know
that he who turns a sinner from the error of his
way will save a soul from death and cover a
multitude of sins (James 5:19-20).*





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Matthew 18:20

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-

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Record yourself on your phone saying these verses from memory then check yourself. Check the box in the upper right hand corner after you recite each verse word perfect.

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WORD ART

DUAL LINED LETTERS

Adding a second line to a letter can be a simple way of dressing it up.

STRAIGHT
LINE: Two or Three

WAVY
LINE: Two or Three

BROKEN
LINE: Two or Three

HORIZONTAL
ON TOP: Two or Three

THICK: Two or Three

ON TOP &
DOWNSTROKES: two or three

Adding a heavy line on top of downstrokes (all the strokes that end at the bottom) is often used in faux calligraphy! This can be a simple way to take your lettering to a whole new level.

You can draw the second line using the same pen or pick up a thicker pen or even use a different color!

For your Scripture Memory review today you will have opportunity to use a font created by adding a second line. On the page following that have fun experimenting with this week's Bible verse. And as you do, remember, it's not about what your lettering looks like. The gift is in utilizing this as an opportunity to help you focus on Jesus and meditate on His Word With Him.

Calligraphy Practice

Scripture Memory Review

FONT: Chalga Outline

“FOR WHERE
TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED
IN MY NAME
THERE AM I
AMONG THEM.”

MATTHEW 18:20

WORD ART

HAVE FUN CREATING DIFFERENT DUAL LINED LETTERS
AS YOU WRITE THIS WEEK'S VERSE FROM MEMORY

The page contains ten sets of handwriting lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing space for writing the week's verse.

DAY 3: "ARE GATHERED"

CONNSIDER OPPOSITES

Therefore it is against the LORD that you and all your company have gathered together. What is Aaron that you grumble against him?"

Numbers 16:11

In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Luke 12:1

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— Acts 4:26

So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment.

1 Corinthians 11:33-34a

Is it always good when people gather together? Why or why not?

Have you ever gathered with two or three other believers and it not been good? What was that like?

*When have you experienced good gathering with other believers?
What made it good?*

REVIEW YOUR VERSES

Recite each verse aloud to a friend (or even a stranger as you wait in line!) and have them check you. Then draw a circle around each smiley face after you recite each verse word perfect.

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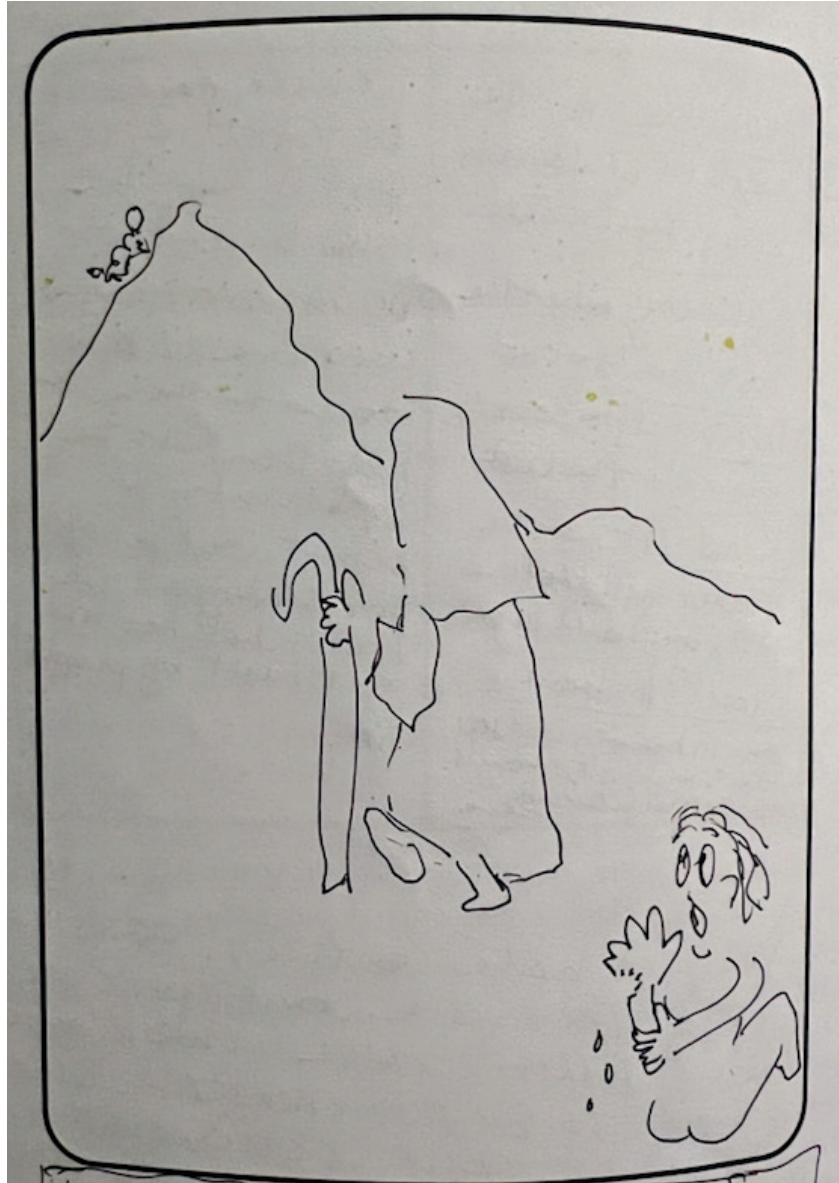
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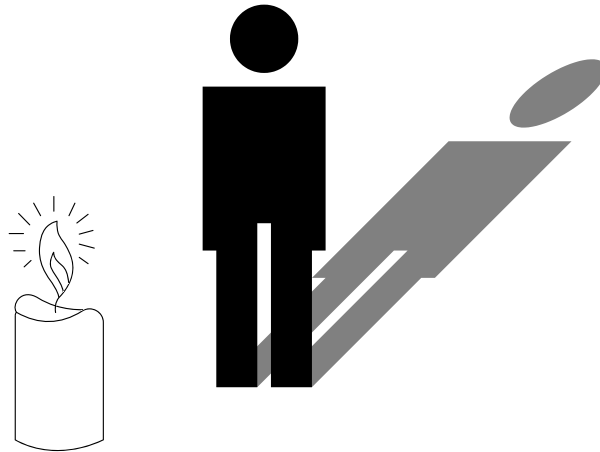


I hate conflict. and I am a terrible confronter. I'd much rather withdraw. But to experience the benefits of true fellowship, I must be committed to addressing hurts and be willing to help others grow. Anytime believers spend time together in close proximity, especially working together, even voluntarily, life sure can get messy. And I must be prepared to accept ingratitude and being taken for granted by thoughtless members of the body of Christ. Jesus experienced this, but still continued to serve and love.

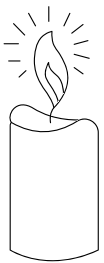
Please give me grace Lord to forgive and follow you,
even when you lead into conflict.

WORD ART SHADOWS

Adding shadows to your letters brings additional depth and dimension to them and is not that difficult to do. Picture a candle (or other light source). If it was shining on something where would the shadow be cast?



The main challenge is to be consistent. If you draw the shadow on the right side of the first letter, be sure to stick to that side for the rest of the letters. And if you draw it on the bottom of the first letter, make sure you only add it to the bottom of each letter's strokes.



GATHERED

You can do this with any type of letter. Have fun experimenting as you first give this a try on the following page learning the Balloom Drop Shadow font.

Calligraphy Practice

Scripture Memory Review

FONT: Balloon Drop Shadow

"FOR WHERE TWO OR

THREE ARE GATHERED

IN MY NAME, THERE

AM I AMONG THEM."

MATTHEW 18:20

FONT: Hangaboly

WORD ART

HAVE FUN PLAYING WITH SHADOWS
AS YOU WRITE THIS WEEK'S VERSE FROM MEMORY

A series of ten sets of handwriting lines for writing a verse. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

DAY 4: "IN MY NAME"

CONTEMPLATE KEY WORDS

What thoughts come to mind as you meditate on the following words from Matthew 18:20?

in my name

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

CONSULT OUTSIDE SOURCES

To do something in someone's name means to act under that person's authority and direction, not your own. Acting in someone's name requires us to deny our own desires and instead to precisely follow and obey the other person's direct leadership and instructions.

- Steve Simms

What thoughts come to mind as you consider this explanation for Jesus' words?

Why do you think it's important Jesus says "Gather in my name"?

"It is possible to have hundreds of people gathered for church and still not have two or three gathered in His (Jesus') name." -Jim L. Wilson

What can it look like for you to do this with other believers?

REVIEW YOUR VERSES

Write your verses in the spaces below:

Fellowship

Christ the Center

Obedience in Christ

The Word


Prayer

WORD ART

OUTLINED LETTERS

Another way to do Word Art is to outline letters. There are many different ways to do this:

BLOCK: 

ROUNDED: 

SQUISHED: 

TRIANGULAR: 

BUBBLES: 

Bubble letters are a simple way where you first draw the letter in pencil, then draw around the letter to make it bigger and rounder.

You can also outline with broken lines for a more modern or crisper feel. This is the style you will have opportunity to use in your Scripture memory review today:

GATHERED

On the page following your Scripture Memory review have fun experimenting, creating your own outlined letters. Remember, it's not about the art, but enjoying time with Jesus as you ponder His Word. If you don't have time to outline the entire verse, just select one or a few words and ponder those with Jesus.

Calligraphy Practice

Scripture Memory

Review

FONT: LOVELO LINE

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MATTHEW 18:20

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DAY 5: "THERE AM I"

CONSIDER HOW ORIGINAL HEARERS HEARD

Jesus makes the statement "There am I" before He has died and resurrected.
What thoughts might have gone through his hearers minds?

Could you do what Jesus says he does in Matthew 18:20? Why or why not?

What do you learn about Jesus from this statement?

How do these verses relate?

"For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps.

Job 34:21

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:3

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

Isaiah 43:2

Isaiah

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

isaiah

57:15

Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.

Jeremiah

23:24

So what is Jesus saying in Matthew 18:20?

The question that started this dialogue was "Who is really greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?" How might that impact the way the original hearers heard?

REVIEW YOUR VERSES

For your review today, copy your verses onto index cards and place them in strategic locations that will spur you on each time you see them to think about each verse.

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WORD ART

FILLED LETTERS

You can have so much fun filling in outlined letters with all sorts of different patterns. Or even use a different pattern for each letter. But what will really make your Word Art Pop is adding shadows!

WORD

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Those examples only utilized lines. The possibilities are endless regarding all the fun ways you can fill letters!

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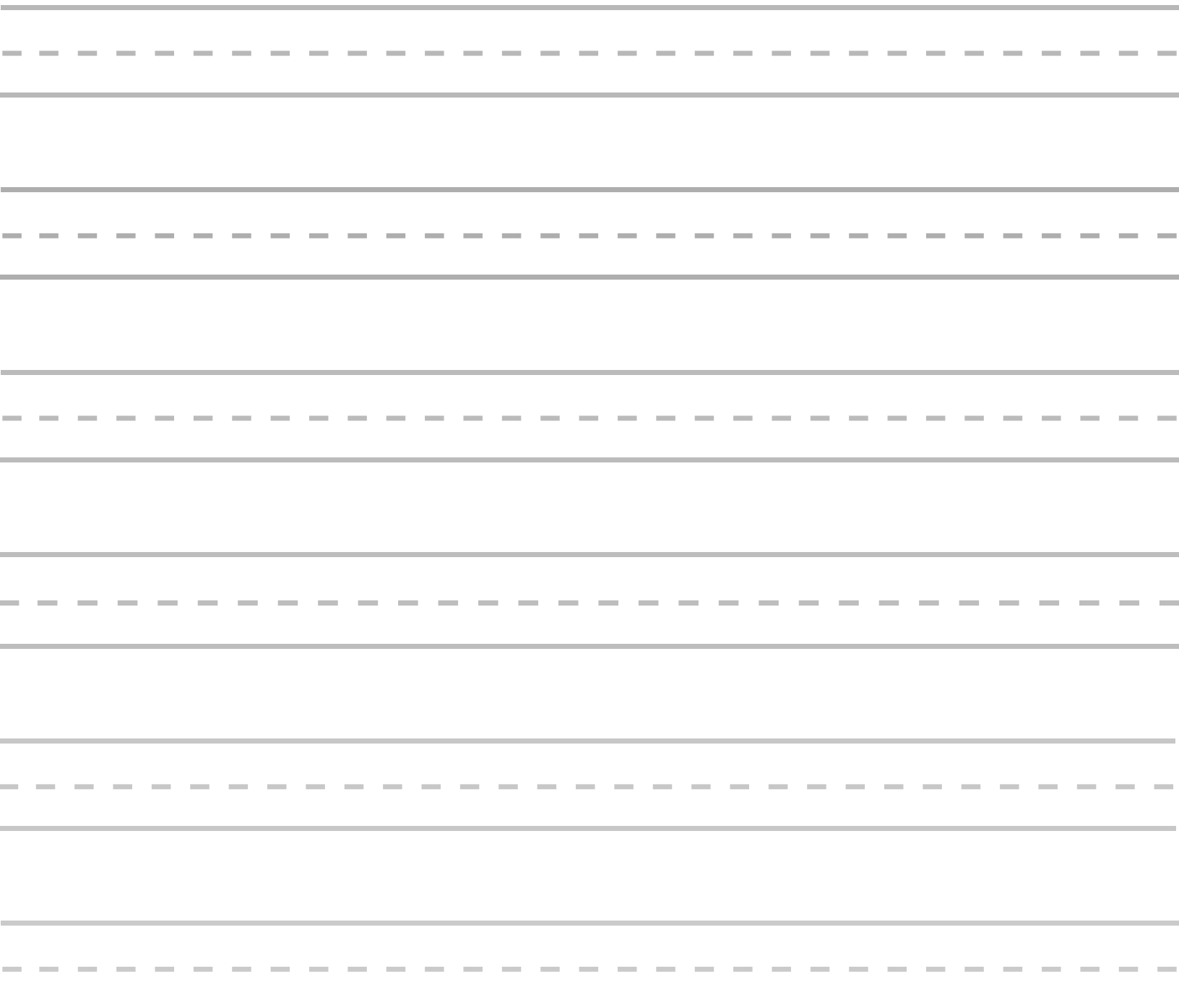
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You can do all the letters in a verse as you review. But that will take a good bit of time. Here is where I recommend following in the footsteps of my friend Debbie Friley and selecting one or a few of the words you want to focus on pondering and highlight them with WordArt. Then, draw the rest using a simple text font. On the following page have fun creating and pondering with Jesus!

WORD ART

HAVE FUN CREATING SOME* FILLED LETTERS
AS YOU WRITE THIS WEEK'S VERSE FROM MEMORY



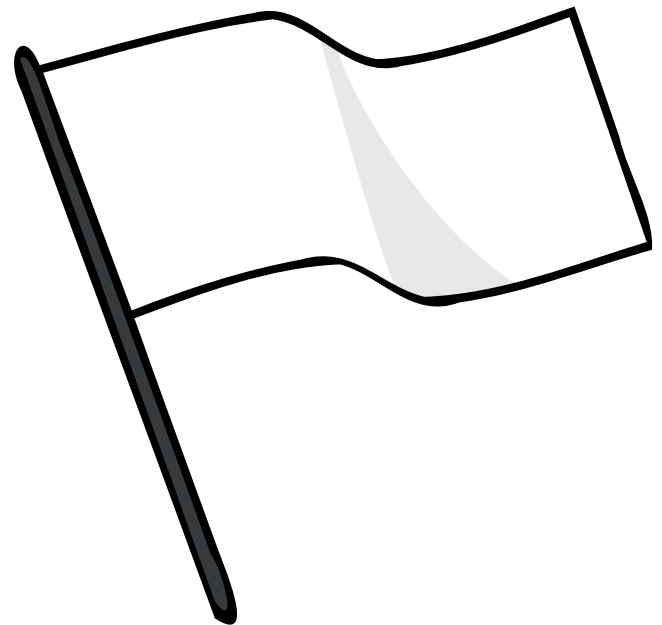
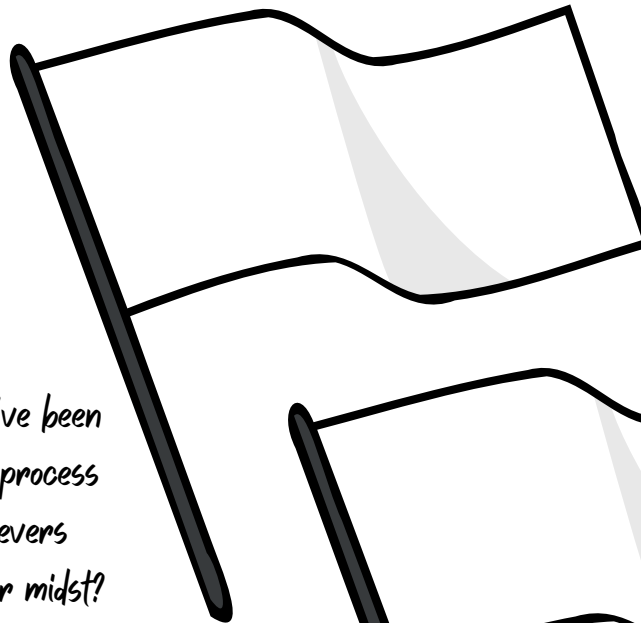
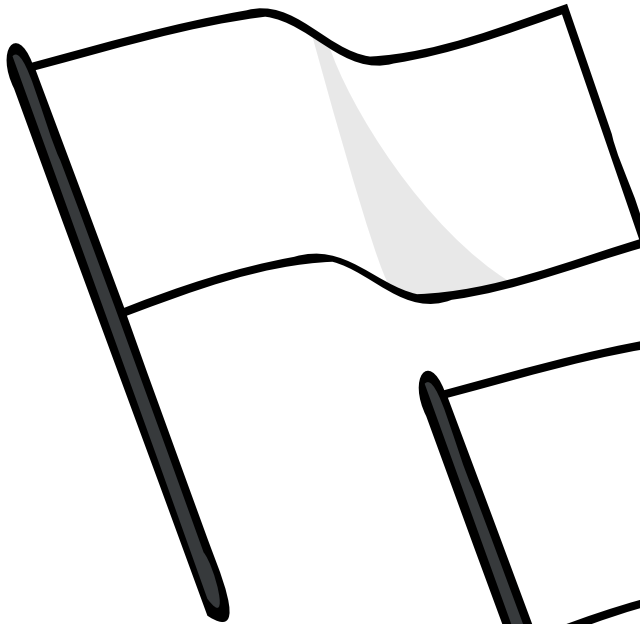
*NOTE: YOU DON'T NEED TO FILL ALL THE LETTERS UNLESS YOU WANT TO. YOU CAN SELECT ONE OR TWO KEY WORDS.

DAY 6: "AMONG THEM"

CONSIDER REPETITION

In this verse, what phrases draw attention to Jesus? Write the phrases on each flag. below

Why do you think Jesus is emphasizing this?



What difference could it make when you've been sinned against and are going through the process confronting someone to have other believers supporting you & to know Jesus is in your midst?

Why is this a key part of Fellowship?

REVIEW YOUR VERSES

For today's review, write all five verses with no prompts from memory in the spaces below.



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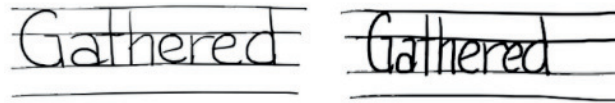
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Varying the height of the letters or even different parts of the letters:



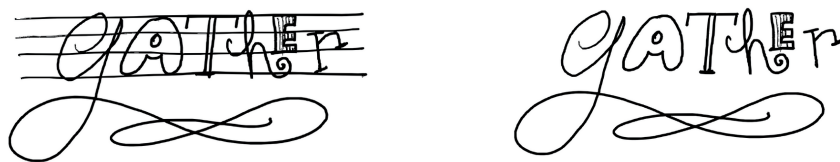
Varying the width of the letters:



Varying the location where letters are placed or even the angle:



One of my favorites is where you take different lettering styles and have fun putting them together:



You really get to play with this one!

On the next page have fun writing this week's memory verse using as many of these different techniques as you can!

WORD ART

HAVE FUN PLAYING WITH VARIABLE TEXT
AS YOU WRITE THIS WEEK'S VERSE FROM MEMORY

The page contains ten sets of handwriting practice lines. Each set consists of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing a guide for letter height and placement.

DAY 7: PRAY THROUGH THE PASSAGE

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."

23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Matthew 18:14-35



REVIEW YOUR VERSES

In Psalm 19:10 we are told that God's Word is sweeter than honey! After you review each verse today, color in the picture of honeys. When you finish reviewing all of your verses, ask Jesus what sweet treat He'd like to bless you with! Then enjoy it with Him!

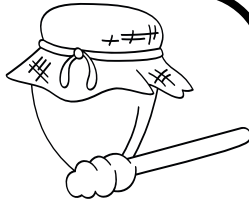
Fellowship
Matthew 18:20

For where two or three
are gathered
in my name
there am I
among them.



Matthew 18:20

Christ the Center
2 Corinthians 5:17



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Obedience in Christ
John 14:21



Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

The Word
2 Timothy 3:16



All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16

Prayer
John 15:7



If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7

WORD ART

Flourishing

This can be a ton of fun if you keep yourself from being intimidated and remember, it's not about the art or final appearance but playing with Jesus as you meditate with Him on His Word.

I find if I try to flourish an entire verse it's too much. But I learned from my friend Debbie Friley to just do one or a few of the words and can that ever add fun, whimsy and sometimes even beauty to my meditations.

Even professional calligraphers play around with the words and try different combinations and designs before they settle on the final result you see. It took a number of attempts before I came up with what's below.

FOR WHERE
TWO OR THREE
are

Gathered
in my name there am I
with them

If you don't have a lot of time just give it a go with a pen and remember it's not about the final result. But if you have time, trying different combinations using a pencil can actually provide some really sweet time with Jesus. Just add swirls to the spaces created between letters that ascend or descend. And if you ask Jesus to give you ideas and guide you in this, you just might be amazed at what results!

Calligraphy Practice

Scripture Memory Review

FONT: festive One

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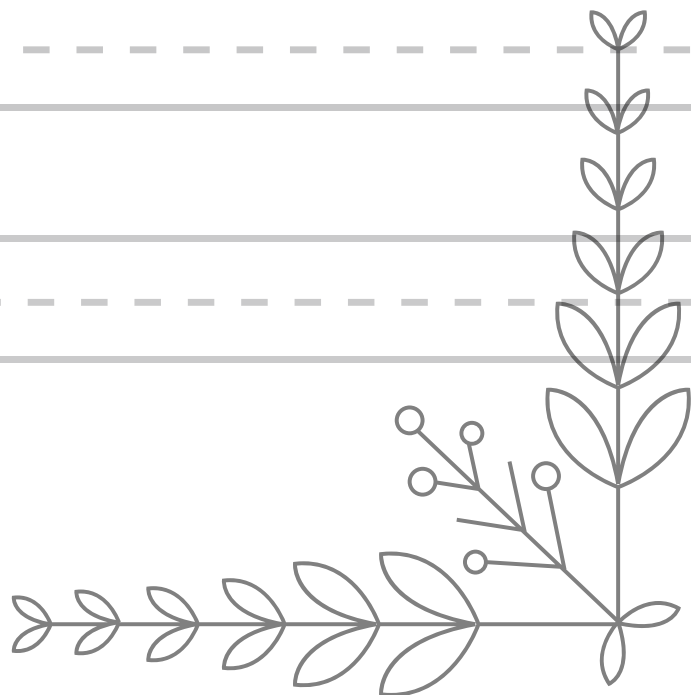
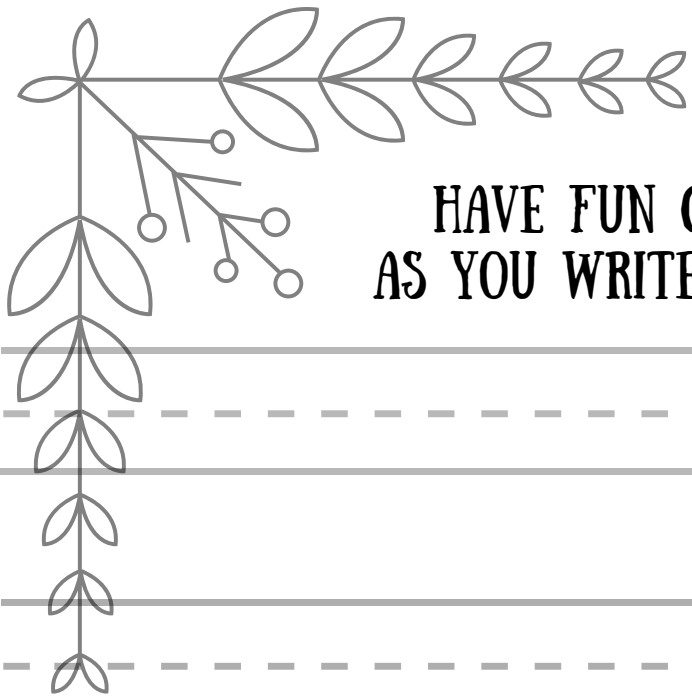
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Matthew 18:20 (EGV)

WORD ART

HAVE FUN CREATING LETTERS THAT FLOURISH
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CAPTURE THE MAIN THOUGHT

Draw a summary picture

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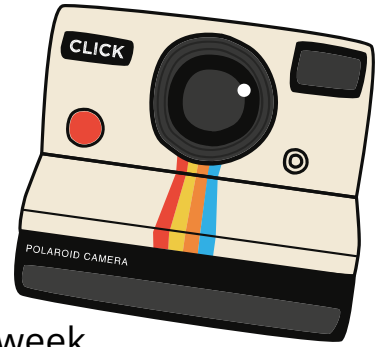
CHRIST THE CENTER

*How can fellowship help you keep Christ
at the Center of your life?*

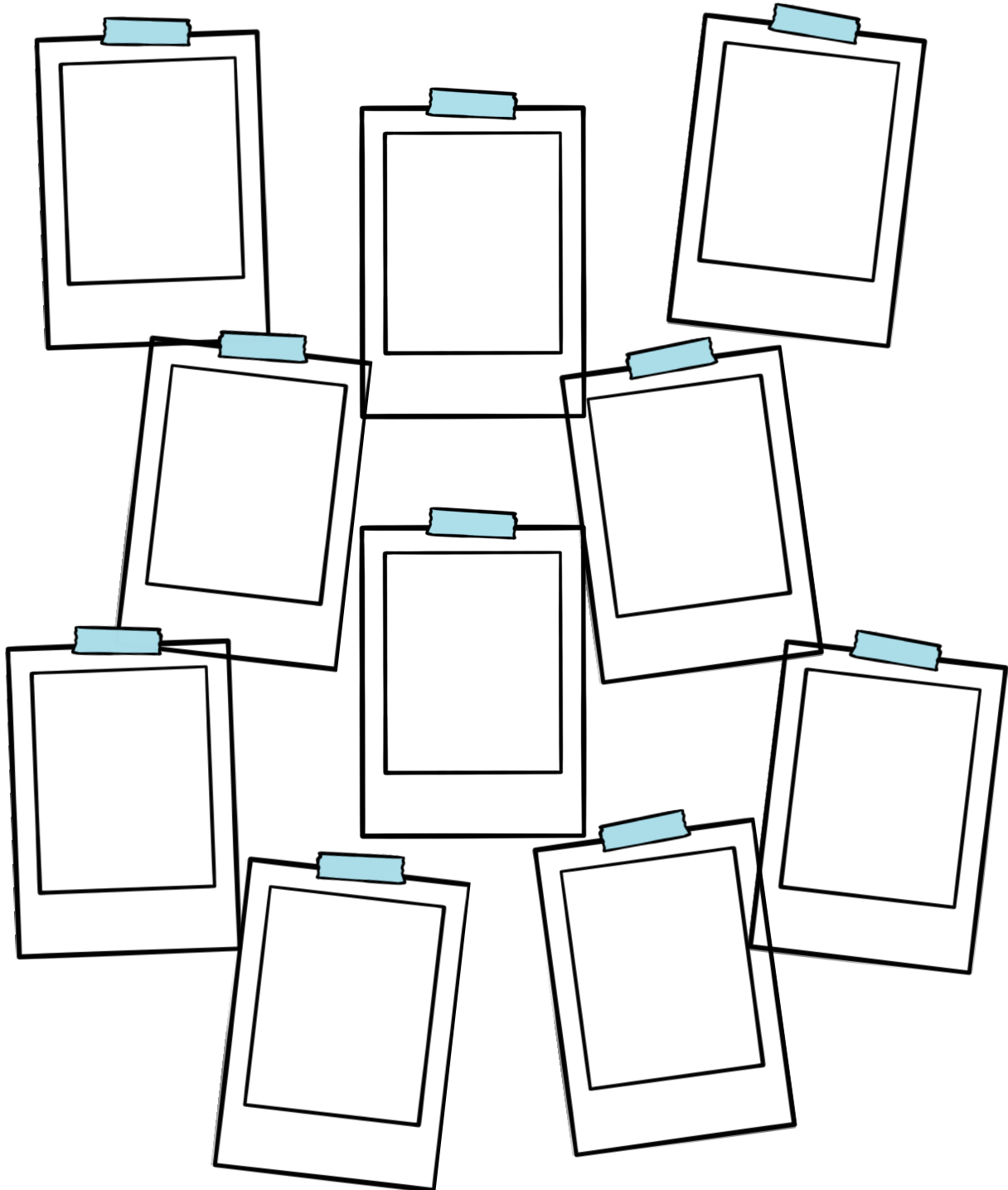
*How can having Christ at the Center of your life
help you experience true fellowship?*

HIGHLIGHTS

from this week's journey



Look back over your notes and creations from this week.
Take time to capture below the treasure Jesus gave you.



PROCESSING THE WEEK WITH JESUS

W = What stood out to you?

Review your Journal Notes from this past week, highlighting key thoughts you want to remember, then recording them below:

H - How has your understanding of God grown as a result of your time spent with Him meditating on His Word?

E = Examen

What did you do this week that moved you closer to Jesus or increased your awareness and enjoyment of Him? What resulted in you feeling farther away from Him or less aware of Him? Why?

E = Explain.

How would you explain to a friend what you sensed the Lord's been teaching you this week? Write a summary below of what you learned this week.

L = Loving God, Loving Others

How do you sense the Lord is inviting you to practically respond to Him and others as a result of your time in His Word this week?

LIVING THE LIFE

As you read through the following, dialogue with Jesus and take time to apply it to your application for this week.

Specific = What specifically do I sense the Lord is leading me to do?

Measurable = How will I know whether I've done it or not?

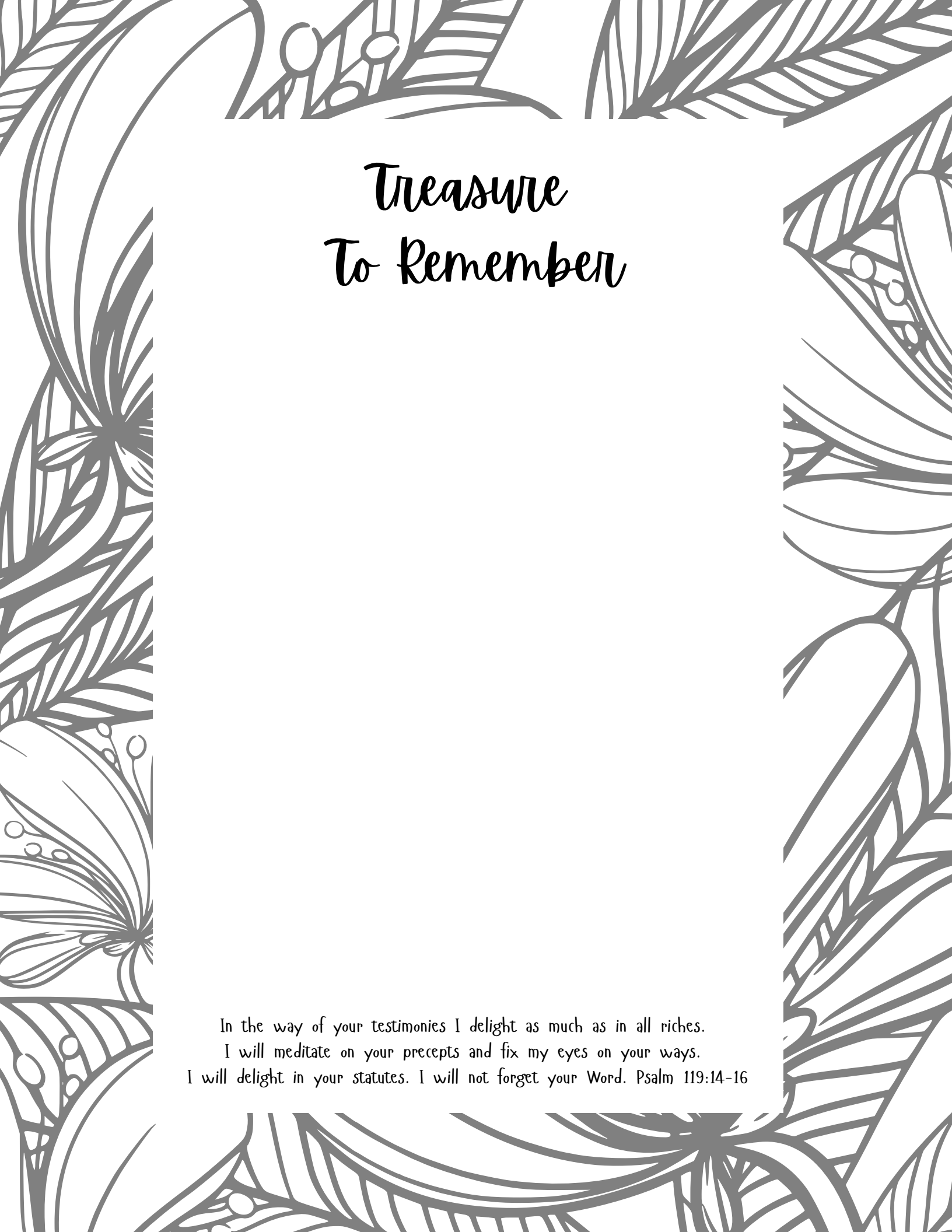
Accountable = Who could I ask to help hold me accountable? What do I want that to look like?

Realistic = Is it realistic for me to do this? If it's not realistic for you to do at this time the "R" becomes "Revise."

Timely = How much time do I sense the Lord wants me investing in this? When do I sense the Lord wants me to have this done by?

Then, commit your plans to the Lord and ask for His help to do this!

Once you've completed your application, record below what happened.
Why do you think the Lord invited you to do this?



Treasure To Remember

In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.
I will delight in your statutes. I will not forget your Word. Psalm 119:14-16