

MEMORY WORK



¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:19-25 (NIV)



“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple” — PSALMS 19:7

God’s Word is living. Planting it in our hearts through memorization is like planting tiny kegs of spiritual dynamite ready to explode just when we need God’s encouraging words. God will use His Word to direct us in our ministry of encouragement. I frequently refer to the passage in Hebrews 10:19–25 in *Treasures of Encouragement*. Understanding this passage will make it easier for you to memorize it. Don’t sell yourself short and conclude you can’t memorize. This passage is seven short verses. If your group is meeting for twelve weeks, that means you have almost two weeks to memorize each verse. By God’s grace you can do this!

- Write out each verse on a 3 x 5 card or sticky note. Post it on your mirror, over your sink, in your car.
- Use waiting minutes (in a grocery line, doctor’s office, red light, etc.) to read it over and over again.

- Visualize each phrase as a building block and memorize one block at a time. Outline the progression of thought in the passage or list key words in order of appearance.
- Make yourself accountable to another person, maybe your prayer partner. Ask him or her to listen and correct you as you quote the verse.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Watch the Chapter 3 Encouragement Stories video at www.treasuresofencouragement.org
- Read Chapter 3 and complete *Staying Focused*, making notes of scriptures or statements that apply to you.
- Use the following to write a summary of this lesson:
 - Write a summary statement of Chapter 3.
 - List a few things from the chapter that were helpful to you.
 - How did this chapter change or inform your thinking about biblical encouragement?
 - Write a prayer based on some of the scriptures in this chapter.
 - How would you like for others to pray for you as you seek to apply the scriptures in this chapter to your life?
- Memorize Hebrews 10:19–20, using the hints on the Memory Work Handout.
- Complete your group encouragement assignment.
- Pray for your prayer partner. Send an encouraging text/scripture. Pray together.
- Personalize the Praying Scripture passage and continue journaling.
- Review *Treasures of Encouragement Stories*, Appendix A: A Treasury of Encouragement Ideas (pages 213–19), and Appendix B: Treasures of Encouragement over the Years (pages 221–28) in the student text for practical ways you can help turn another’s heart toward Jesus. Be intentional in offering biblical encouragement to a specific friend.
- **Bonus:** Listen to the recommended Help & Hope podcasts:
 - *From Pieces to Peace, Loving a Prodigal Daughter — A Conversation with Julie Malone*
 - *Adultery: Forgiveness and Redemption — Choosing to Forgive When Your Heart Is Broken — A Conversation with Sue Jakes*



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

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