



BIBLE Passages *Journal*



John at an onsite “classroom” illustrating the separation of wheat from chaff in a grain field in Israel. A group of 22 individuals from different congregations in Singapore and Australia met him and Jonathan Moore for a program of study.

Dear Supporters
and Friends,

When I completed my Master’s degree in counseling in the summer of 1991, I could not have imagined the ways that God would one day demand of me to use what I had learned to help others. I anticipated that Carla and I might work in premarital situations helping young couples prepare for marriage, but I had no idea that we would end up working with preachers and their families in various crises situations.

Over the years as I have learned more and more about a complete biblical approach to counseling, I have been able to witness the power of God and His word in helping others solve both their individual and relationship issues. In the past we have counseled a lot of couples, but it seems like none have been more important than those we have counseled this past year and half. Above some of our regular efforts to minister to those needing help, we’ve been deeply involved in ministering to a number of preachers and their families who have endured a lot of hardship and pain from relationships marred by sin. Much of June was spent in this kind of ministry. In some of these situations we either have met with couples personally or spent numerous hours conversing with them via Skype, the phone, or in texting (and sometimes all the above). Each session involves prayer, listening, teaching, scripture reading, and caring confrontation. It isn’t always easy, nor is it something that we enjoy or look forward to, but it is extremely rewarding to observe the results, the changed behavior and the power of forgiveness

at work. It is even more rewarding to work with a preacher and his wife knowing that, if their relationship improves, our ministry will ultimately be helping an entire congregation, where they will in turn minister to others. The power of God in forgiveness is amazing to see, and “not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth,” (Ps. 115:1).

The month of June also gave me the opportunity to continue our work on the Bible Land Passages project. On several occasions I traveled to World Video Bible School and spent the day with Mat Cain as we worked together on selecting interview clips, photos, and video shots for use in the newest of the documentaries called “Passage 11: The Power of Jesus in Galilee.” We also discussed plans for the various reenactments needing to be filmed along with ideas for charts, maps and graphs to be employed throughout the instructional elements of the film. I’ve also spent numerous hours in identifying and labeling the many photos of the Bible Lands that will be made available to all Christians later this year. This project will include some 2000 high resolution photos for use in teaching, preaching and advertising the various works of the Kingdom. The first 2000 photos will be the first volume of what we hope will develop into a library of photos that will be used for the glory of God for many years to come.

During the month of June we also stayed busy with organizing and leading another Bible Lands Studies program to Israel. Jonathan Moore and I led a group of 21, mostly from congregations in Singapore, on a 12-day journey to places like Capernaum, Aphek, Megiddo, Caesarea Philippi, Magdala, Qumran, Jericho, Beit Shean, Beth Shemesh, Jerusalem and many more; all the while teaching lessons from God’s word, presenting evidences of the Bible’s inspiration and validity, and helping various individuals in their own personal walks of faith. Each day was long and filled with Bible study and exploration, and the nights filled with lectures and fellowship. It was such a rewarding 12 days, and we are optimistic that each person left Israel better equipped for effective classroom instruction in the Bible and more devoted in their faith toward God.

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is our least favorite part of our work, but without it we cannot continue. We are in need of additional support - if you know of a congregation or an individual who could help, would you please tell them about Bible Passages?

Additionally, during the month we hosted a men’s Bible Study at our home, I was interviewed on a podcast regarding Bible translations, spent time studying with a new convert whom I was privileged to baptize after he had studied with others, and who had also watched all of *Searching for Truth*.

Finally, I want to stress that I what have written above is not for our glory but for His. We simply want to be accountable to you, our supporters and friends. We also want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your gifts and love and especially your prayers. Without you and our God, none of the

work mentioned above would be possible. We are dependent upon your kindness and generosity and will be forever grateful for the sacrifices you are making on our behalf. May God bless you always, and May God bless the work of Bible Passages.

In Him, *John W. Moore*



Clockwise from top left: The students at the Four Seas Bible College in Singapore have been sweet to stay in touch...at Hensel Camp for just a day....John ran into Dan and Leola Chambers in Jerusalem....I love researching and writing for each issue of Christian Woman!....our little man had his first haircut, all of his curls are gone!...John and Jonathan Moore atop ruins at Chorazin...John with Sandro Jadon, Maurice and Inaam's son who has returned to Israel and is guiding at Nazareth Village...(center) Men's devotional in our home.



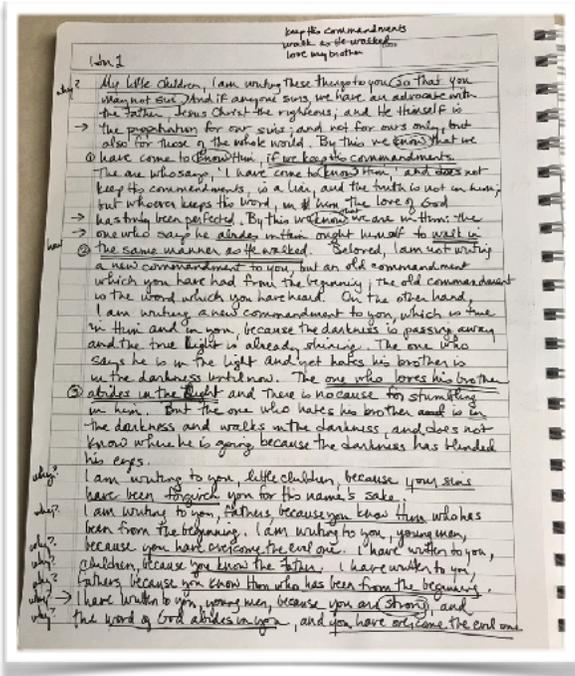
Carla's Comments

I've been using a "new" study method this year to immerse myself more in the word of God, and it's simple in practice, I go at my own pace, it's great to share with others, it has made me see so many details that I've glossed over before- and all it is, is simply writing. I read a blog post by Steve Higginbotham about his wife, Kim, copying the New Testament last year and it intrigued me. Since then, I've heard of many others (and I'm sure it's been done for years) - in fact, my friend Kathy Pollard began a Facebook group not long ago called "Writing the Word". Many of those in the group are copying the Psalms, but it certainly isn't limited to that book (let me know if you'd like to join in, and I'll add you!) What I love most about writing the word of God is that hand writing forces me to slow down and focus more. All I need is a notebook and a pen that I like. I don't worry about making it pretty - it's just for me. I'll underline words that I don't quite understand and use a Bible dictionary (because Bible words need to be investigated using the language in which they were written) to find their meanings. I'll



We celebrated our 32nd anniversary - John in Israel and me here at home - on June 14!

compare translations to see the different words used. Sometimes I'll briefly outline a chapter that seems to show a list, highlight words that are repeated and emphasized, or draw lines and arrows to thoughts that are connected. Sometimes I then copy those notes into my Bible. There are times I'm writing multiple sections, because I've been doing my own studies and then separate studies alongside friends - and I love to see what jumps out at them, too. Just yesterday I noticed in Psalm 139:23, a verse we've all known and loved: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts..." - I dug into the word "try" and it has more than just the obvious meaning of putting something to the test: it indicates a testing by fire, "to test metals by melting." It made me ask myself if I am willing to pray that prayer to God, for Him to truly "try" me in this way, because being put through the refiner's fire would be painful, although it would help to rid me of my impurities. Also, in this verse it was interesting to look at the word "anxious" and see the different translations; some used "anxieties" and others just use the word "thoughts". It indicates "disturbing or disquieting" thoughts. The same word is used in Psalm 94:19 - you should look it up!



Writing the Word - try it!

June was a quieter month, for me, anyway! John spent two weeks in Israel with a group from Singapore and Australia, and I missed him, but it was good for me to be home. A synopsis of June: Lots of friends and family in our home! Micah moved to a teeny apartment, and the first calf in his herd was born, a little heifer (awaiting 6 more!) I spent a day at Hensel camp helping in the kitchen, always a great place to be! Alyssa's eye, though scar tissue has slowed, is now needing to relearn to "talk" to her brain. It's not easy - please pray for her and Jake. Jordan and Erin are living the crazy busy summertime life that youth ministers experience, activities constantly. Jackson's curls got cut off (but will grow back) and Emmy is nearly standing on her own (not even 9 months old!) Our parents experience health issues. My brother in law, Roland, is so wonderful to check on all of them and notice things that need to be taken care of - don't tell him I said he's wonderful! We are so thankful for your encouragement, prayers and support. May God bless each of you! Carla