



WOMEN'S MINISTRY AT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH—JULY 2025

I am a very sentimental person. I am sentimental about traditions that we have had in our family. I love to see my adult children keeping up with some of those traditions. I am also sentimental about things, especially things that remind me of my parents and grandparents. They are precious treasures to me. One such treasure is my beloved Grandmothers German Bible, the one she brought here when she immigrated from Germany in 1939. I am sure that she had to make a lot of hard decisions regarding what to bring. I am so glad that she decided that her Bible was important enough. Now her Bible is not a thin line pocket version that fits in a purse! It is huge with one of those carved covers. It measures five inches thick and twelve inches long, ten inches wide! And, it is beautiful! My Grandmother lived with us while I was growing up and I would go to her bedroom all the time and page through her German Bible, even though I couldn't read a word of it. I like to think that

my love of Scripture started then! That somehow, the power of the Holy Spirit was telling me; this is important!

I am sure we all agree that the Bible is a very important book!

2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that all scripture is profitable for us.

Romans 15:4 tells us that the Old Testament was written for our instruction and encouragement.

Psalms 119:105 tells us that the Word of God lights our path.

Matthew 24:35 tells us that this earth will pass away but His word (the Bible) will never pass away.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is alive and active today!

I could go on; you get the picture.

Sometimes, the Bible gets put on a shelf, or just sits on a coffee table collecting dust. One such time was prior to

King Josiah's reign. Josiah's predecessors were those Kings that, sadly, "did what was evil in the sight of the LORD". However, Josiah "did what was right in the eyes of the LORD" and he ushered in a time of reform, revival! How was that precipitated you ask? His High Priest, Hilkiah "found the Book of the Law" in the house of the LORD and he read it to Josiah. Upon hearing the Word of God, Josiah tore his clothes, wept and repented. Then Josiah read to the people all the words of the book of the Law found in the house of the LORD. Reading the Scriptures brought about a time of revival!! You can read the details here: **2 Kings 23:1-3**

The point: Don't lose sight of your Bible, read it, study it, cherish it!

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Isiah 40:8



Pray the Word

We love to *personalize and pray Scripture*. Here are some verses to get you get you started this month.

Psalm 4:8 (ESV) In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 37:7a (ESV) Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;

Psalm 46:10 (NIV) Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm 62:1-2 (NKJV) Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense. I shall not be greatly moved.

Quotes by Elizabeth Elliott

“Peace is as infectious as panic. If my soul is quietly at rest in God, then others will share my peace, because I share His.”

“God will see to it that we are in circumstances best designed by His sovereign love to give us opportunities to bear fruit for Him.”

Bible Study Tip

“One Interpretation,
Many Applications”

As we study the Bible, we need to remember that each passage has just one interpretation. The original author wrote to an original audience for a specific purpose. It cannot mean to us something different than it meant to them. Finding out about the author and the audience can help us as we seek to find the correct meaning of a passage. For each book, ask: Who wrote this? Who was it written to? What did it mean to the original audience?

LADIES PLAN TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER!



Connected Women's Ministry Summer Bible reading. Thursday mornings in June and July.

We will read portions of Scripture aloud together.

No registration required, just show up with your Bible and we will read together.

**Thursdays June 12, 19 and 26. July 10, 17 and 24.
We will meet from 9:00-10:30am.**

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 19:7-8*

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