



God Speaks Study Verse: Various NIV Scriptures

Psalms 40:2 He Lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. **1 Peter 2:11-12** Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. **Romans 8:5-8** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. **1 Peter 2:1-3** Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. **Colossians 2:6-10** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. **Romans 8:14-17** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship and by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Joshua 1:8-9 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me-put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. My Thoughts: WOW!!! I know these scriptures are pulled from their original contexts and I know it's not the KING JAMES version, but I appreciate the clarity that the New International Version brings out. But this study is not a debate about versions of the Bible. It's about how we study and receive from the word of God. One the first devotions I shared was titled “Put yourself into the Scripture”, Short version, in *1 Corinthians 13:4-7* teaches about the gifts of the Spirit, in each place where it spoke of Love you replace it with Jesus and then your name. Using this concept today, as I prayed and read; these scriptures began to form a letter as if God was writing a personal letter. I share with you my thoughts and understanding of God's word. I am not a scholar or ordained. I am just me living my best as a yielded vessel to God. If you gain strength and encouragement through my simplified journey with the Lord, then I shout Praise the Lord. He is the Light unto my path, I am all He says I am, I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. I humble and yield myself to Him. I believe the message today is WE can not give up. WE must endure until His returns. WE must protect ourselves from Satan and evil influences by putting on the whole armour of God, WE must reach out to a lost and dying world as best we can. WE must encourage each other that we may remain strong and excited to share what the Lord is doing. THERE is hope for today and tomorrow. Jesus is alive and well. WE are the vessel of the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon the world. God needs US to be faithful to Him, His word, His Church. What is the old saying? If God can get it through you He can get it to you.

Let it through to your neighbors, but even greater, to your PASTOR by being faithful to your church every Sunday, Your sincere Amen, a raised hand, a singing voice during praise and worship. It makes a difference. What if God needs you to pray for someone that day?,If you are not available to respond, it delays His movement. We are a network that functions well independently BUT even greater together. I pray for you to receive what the Lord is saying to His people.

Until next time, May God bless, heal, protect and grow in you daily. Everyone say, AMEN