

Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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“I remember exactly where I was when...”

How many of you can say this about some event, some moment in time, where your life changed forever? How many of you know where you were when Pearl Harbor was attacked? Or when we dropped the bombs on Japan? Or when we first stepped on the moon? Or more recently, when the Twin Towers in New York were hit?

What about the day you made the commitment to read 5 times a week, 52 weeks a year, for the rest of your life? A commitment to Read, Comprehend, and Make Application of God’s Word in your life? Today is that day!

What about the day you gave your life to the Lord? Do you remember what you pledged that day? You pledged your life to Him. You gave Him your all. But how many of us throughout the years—with kids, a job, a mortgage, car payments, college, weddings, etc. have taken back a portion or even all of our life and put serving Him on hold? It’s time to take back our lives from the world, and all of the illusions it has deceived us with, and give it back to Him.

Last week we discussed becoming something that the church of Christ used to be—Walking Talking Bibles. I asked each one of you how nice it would be for people to say of Pleasant Valley, “They stand for God’s word.” Remember, God’s people were destroyed for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4 : 6). I do not want that to be us! That is why we are going to read together, so together we can stand for God’s word.

Let’s Read Together!

We begin a new chapter for Pleasant Valley. A chapter that will hopefully lead to all of us growing spiritually. However, this will only be the case if we all participate, if we all make the commitment to ourselves, our brethren, but most importantly to God.

Enclosed you will find your (and your families) reading card(s). Each one of them will have the date the week begins and the Book and Chapter for each day that you should read. Each day is only one chapter, so make the commitment to read each day.

I’d expect that each of you could read the chapter required in about 10 minutes or less. However, I’d like you to set aside 20-30 minutes each day for this endeavor. Turn off the TV, silence your phone, lock the door, and focus on what you are reading.

Remember—

READ, COMPREHEND, MAKE APPLICATION

Also, on our website under the “Online Sermons and Readings” tab you will find starting today, the required reading. (Next weeks reading will not show up until next Sunday.)

Also, starting next week, a sheet similar to this can be found in the bulletin with five questions that are taken from the previous weeks reading. (This can also be found on the website.)

Join me, my family, and your brethren and grow.