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Knowing the Scripture

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She encountered a man in the act of robbing her home. She yelled at him: "Stop! Acts 2:38!"

Now, by saying this she was making reference to a sermon preached by St. Peter at Pentecost in which he called his hearers to repentance. The intruder, however, understood

neither the reference nor its context.

Nonetheless, the burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him away, he asked, "Why did you just stand there? All the lady did was yell a Scripture verse at you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38s!"

Here is a case in which ignorance of

the Scripture was a good thing. Typically it is not. God does not want us to be ignorant of Scripture. If we look at the context of the verse from the Book of Acts the woman in the story cites, it is clear that God wishes the Gospel to go out to the world. He wants it to be understood. Everyone on Pentecost Day understands God's Word being

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preached in their own languages. The Bible says about three thousand people were baptized on that day.

What God wishes has not changed since the days of the apostles. God wants a powerful witness to his powerful Word given to our world. Our witness, as it is in Acts 2:38, is given in understandable ways; in the language of our culture. Too many Christians think that evangelization is the task of professionals. That is not true. It is the work of every Christian. We evangelize in our daily lives and in our daily work. Think of how many peo-

ple the average believer encounters in a given day. Many of those people are not going to church to hear God's Word. Many do not read the Bible. Think of all those people being encountered by the Word of God in the living witness of God's people out in the world.

Of course, this type of witness requires that our lives be shaped and formed by the Word of God. For that to happen, we have to know God's Word. St. Jerome is credited with saying that ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. It's impossible to give a Christian witness with that kind of ignorance. This month's issue of ONE focuses on a favorite Bible verse or passage. In the story with which we began, knowing a Bible verse stops a thief. That's useful. Far more importantly, having the verses of the Bible shape our hearts and minds forms us into the kind of people who are able to give a living witness to the Word of God in a culture in need of that witness; not just to yell stop to evil-doers, but to turn hearts and minds to the good.

HOLY HUMOR

A father was teaching his son to admire the beauties of nature. "Look, son," he exclaimed "isn't that sunset a beautiful picture God has painted?"

"It sure is, Dad," responded the youngster enthusiastically. "Especially since God had to paint it with his left hand."

The father was baffled, "What do you mean, son, His left hand?"

"Well" answered the boy, "my Sunday school teacher said that Jesus was sitting on God's right hand."

Submitted by Steve Dinkel, Liberty Foursquare Church

RECIPE

My grandma was a great cook! She was famous for her cookies, but this was also a favorite treat. To make it "just like Grandma's" this needs to be served in a crystal bowl.

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ON THE COVER
Students at Hays High School participate last September in the "See You at the Pole" event.

Take a lesson from the book of Jonah

Everybody knows the story of Jonah and the whale. The book of Jonah has fascinated me ever since I got past the notion that the most important message was exploring the unlikely implications of being swallowed by a big fish. I see in Jonah everyone whose pride and wrong-headedness leads to chaos and turmoil. Jonah is a stubborn and unforgiving man whom God uses for good in spite of Jonah's best efforts to reject God's leading.

In the beginning, God had a job for Jonah — go to the people of Nineveh and tell them of God's saving grace and mercy. How hard could that be to say "yes"? But

Jonah felt utterly justified despising those Ninevites. After all, they were "The Enemy." Everyone he knew agreed. Surely it was obvious they deserved utter destruction?

So Jonah turned and ran as far in the opposite direction as he could. The Message translation of his running to the harbor and locating a boat bound for Tarshish explained his goal was to get "as far away from God as he could

get." Cue the massive storm and Jonah's advice to the terrified crew - throw him overboard and the storm will cease. Jonah would rather drown than make a single move to save his enemies!

It takes three days entombed in a smelly fish belly for Jonah to finally agree to turn back to God and go to Nineveh. Even then, his grudging obedience follows the letter if not the spirit of God's orders. For three days Jonah walked across Nineveh repeating the warning "In 40 days Nineveh will be destroyed." Even with Jonah's halfhearted warning, the people and the king heard and radically changed their ways so greatly that God did indeed change the planned destruction and save the city.

You would think that Jonah might be pleased that God's warning was heard. But No! Jonah is predictably furious with God. "I knew it!" Jonah rages to God. "I knew you were sheer grace and mercy, not easily angered, ready to forgive. I can't stand that you love and protect those I hate. So God, if you won't kill my ene-

mies, kill me!" God of course had other plans.

Jonah's wrathful response to God's mercy serves as a warning reminder every time I might be tempted to rejoice in another's pain or downfall. Don't be like Jonah! God is the one who created us all — shaped and formed in God's holy image. God's love and mercy extends to cover those I may find it hard to love.

In this divisive political season with its constant messages to despise and dehumanize others, we might take a lesson from Jonah's folly. If we are wise we can even avoid those smelly days of fish belly Hell. God's love and compassion is greater even than our most adamant feeling against those we call "enemy." Perhaps God is calling you to cross over to speak saving words of peace and repentance. Will you obey or run the other way?



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Students participate last year in the See You at the Pole event at Hays Middle School.

See You at the Pole

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For 25 years, See You at the Pole has been a day for students to gather at their schools flagpoles and pray together.

On Sept. 28, at 7 a.m., all around the world in every time zone, students will gather around flagpoles and pray for their schools, friends, families, churches, and communities. It is a day committed to unity in Christ and prayer.

In addition to the global day of prayer, the week of Sept. 25 through Oct. 1 is the Global Week of Prayer which encourages students to find time throughout the week, whether they attend public school, private school or home school, to pray with friends. The week also is geared toward launching on-campus Bible clubs and student ministries.

Nick Eiden, youth pastor at Celebration Community Church, said that SYATP in Hays will be focused on the middle and high school students. Strong student leadership is crucial to the success of the event. Eiden plans to

promote it to students, and, with the help of other local youth pastors and student leaders, he will meet groups of students at various flagpoles between 7:20 and 7:30 a.m.

The event is not adult led but adult coordinated, and the goal is to support students while they engage in prayer for their schools, the country, the local government and community.

"Our goal is to lift up students and staff in prayer," Eiden said.

Eiden said he hopes to keep the prayer groups ongoing throughout the week.

Voices of faith

What's the best part about going to church?

The Rev. Bob Hill, pastor emeritus, Community Christian Church: "Going to church" has many "best parts," whenever the parts are done with excellence.

Some churches have extraordinary music programs that lift yearning souls into heights of glorious celebration.

Some churches have exceptional preachers who astound listeners with their poetic capacities to command engagement about matters of ultimate importance.

In other churches the rarefied gifts of prayer are front and center.

In yet other churches, mem-

bers and visitors alike are reminded of the empowering delight of living in a caring community and encountering afresh the holy promise: "Lo, I am with you always...."

Church experiences afford participants the regular discipline of reverence as well as opportunities for usefulness through hands-on service.

In a fractured society distracted by hyper-individualism, there can be devastating isolation. Going to church provides an encounter with an extended family and helps people guard against the temptation of self-absorption.

Most people long for the blessings of solitude, but there is an

even greater need for a sense of belonging.

Going to church can provide you a group that knows your name, welcomes you with grace, comforts you in sadness, and celebrates your joys and successes.

Going to church, at its best, is an adventure that broadens your vision, heals your destructive habits, enhances your talents, expands your friendships, intensifies your jubilations, soothes your sorrows, and magnifies the amazing, abounding graces of God.

Going to church helps you go through the rest of the week _ and eventually the rest of life _ with purpose, fulfillment, and immutable joy.

Westview adds twist to Wednesday services

Westview Church in Hays once again will be hosting Wednesday night activities. But this year, the church — located at 3000 W. 41st — is adding a twist to the night.

Beginning in August, the church hosts Westview Charging Station. The night will kick off with a simple supper from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for a donation, followed by a lesson at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Wes Oakley will begin the first series titled "Running with Giants" for adults.

Also at 6:30 p.m., Elevate Kids will start back up, and R3 for middle- and high-school students will begin at 6:30 p.m. next week as well.

Nursery services will be provided to watch children if they are not old enough to attend one of the services as well.

Those wanting to participate in the events do not need to be a part of Westview Church.

For more information about the church, visit www.westviewchurch.tv.



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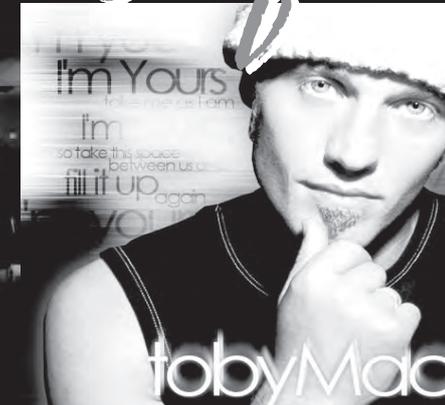
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A prayer cabinet from Scotland purchased by Sue Bickle sits on display in her store, Northglen Antiques, in Hays. Bickle estimates the prayer cabinet dates back to sometime between 1500 and 1546.



RARE FIND

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Sue Bickle at Northglen Antiques has been in the antique business for 16 years, but that doesn't mean she's seen it all.

"I've never seen anything like this," Bickle said of the prayer cabinet that takes residence at the front of her store at 4945 General Hays Road.

Bickle used to travel to Scotland twice a year to bring back containers full of her treasures. Through her travels, she now

has connections there who contact her if they find anything of interest.

The prayer cabinet first caught her attention when her "picker," Andy, in Scotland contacted her more than a year ago. He bought it from an antique collector who was letting go of his treasures. The collector believed the cabinet to be from the 1700s and did not think it was from Scotland, but rather that it was central European.

Once Bickle saw a picture of it, she just had to have it.

The cabinet arrived in Hays on July 2, 2015. Bickle has spent the last year researching the cabinet and the different carvings that adorn it. Last Saturday, Bickle located information that allows her to date the cabinet from 1500 to 1546.

The entire piece is hand-carved and made from mortise and tenon joint construction. Bickle said every carving on the cabinet has a meaning.

In the peak of the cabinet rests a medallion, which includes a five-petaled flower known as the Rose of Sharon. The Rose of Sharon is the flower that represents Jesus in the Bible.

Below that is a carving Bickle believes to depict the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A wreath at the center of the panel was commonly used to depict either eternal life or a crown. Hyssop plants, mentioned throughout the Bible, are carved several times on the cabinet, and the top scene depicts Jesus Christ on the cross with Mary and John the Apostle kneeling on each side of him.

Palm trees anchor both sides of the scene to reference the events leading up to the crucifixion.

"The carvings that are raised are related to Christ, and everything recessed is man-related," Bickle said.

Notches that represent the books of the Bible are carved in the center of the cabinet above the drawer with "new" hinges that are 200 years old.

"Here (on the drawer), we have a (relief) carving of two nails, the hammer that drove the nails, a hyssop stalk with a sponge on the end which they dipped into the wine, the Roman spear that pierced Christ's side, and over everything is the crown of thorns," Bickle said.

A serpent's tail follows the Roman spear as a symbol for sin or for Satan.

Twenty-five lines representing the day people celebrate the birth of Christ also appear, as well as 27 carvings Bickle said can either depict the books of the New Testament or Matthew 27, which is the full story of the crucifixion beginning with the betrayal by Judas.

Down each side and around the front of the cabinet are 66 lines, which Bickle believes to represent the books of the Bible. It was these specific carvings which led Bickle to date the cabinet.



The relief image on the top part of the prayer cabinet depicts Jesus on the cross with Mary and John kneeling at his feet.

Many believed the piece had to be of Catholic origin due to the age and the Pieta (the image of Mary holding the dead body of Jesus in her arms) on the door.

The prayer cabinet is estimated to be nearly 500 years old.

There are a few key construction errors with the piece that led Bickle to believe the prayer cabinet might have been constructed by peasants for

a church in order to gain passage into heaven. This was a common practice in the 1500s.

The hand-forged lock was added later, 200 or 300 years ago, probably to secure church valuables like silver, gold or even the scriptures.

The sides of the cabinet contain carvings known as "cathedral windows," with the Rose of Sharon at the center of each one.



Treenails, or wooden pegs, were used to fasten together the different parts of the prayer cabinet.

After the piece had been in Bickle's store for a week, she realized she never had seen the back of it. She pulled it away from the wall to reveal how the cabinet was constructed.

"You can see every stroke of the saw blade that cut these two timbers," she said.

"There are several rough-hewn boards, which is common for that time."

Wood worm holes cover the back of the cabinet.

The prayer cabinet was most likely constructed for a church or abbey, but its actual purpose is unknown. Bickle believes it could have been displayed at the front of the church to hold the sacraments.

"I would like to find a special place for it where it can be enjoyed by many, but I absolutely have to sell it," Bickle said. "It's been a lot of fun to have this in the store."

Bickle encourages the community to come look at the piece while it is still in Hays as she plans to sell it as soon as she finds a buyer.

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Book of Revelation a favorite

Then there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they did not prevail, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. So the great dragon was thrown down. The old snake, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world, was thrown down to the earth; and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, "Now the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ have come. The accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them day and night before our God, has been thrown down. They gained the victory over him on account of the blood of the Lamb and the word of their witness. Love for their own lives didn't make them afraid to die. Therefore, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. But oh! The horror for the earth and sea! The devil has come down to you with great rage, for he knows that he only has a short time." (Revelation 12:7-12 CEB)



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In the movie "Rise of the Guardians" there are four main guardians of the world. They are Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy, and the Sandman. They along with Jack Frost work to protect the hopes, beliefs, and imaginations of children all over the world from the evil spirit known as Pitch, who is trying to take over the world. Pitch feeds off of all the fears of the world. The goal of the guardians, along with each of their individual

armies, is to stop Pitch from spreading nightmares all over the world.

So I have named a few guardians, from the movie "Rise of the Guardians", but who is a guardian to you? I don't know about you, but my grandma loves to give all of us grandkids guardian angels. I have received little gold angel pins with halos and angels on coins to keep in my pocket ever since I can remember. I even have a guardian angel visor clip for my car to protect me while

I travel. There are guardian angels all over the place. People also say that sometimes when someone dies, that person becomes or is a guardian angel to others.

There are also angels who protect and triumph on our behalf.

September 29th is the day we remember Michael and All Angels, from Revelation 12:7-12. The book of Revelation is one of my favorites, though many people do not like it. Michael is an angel, though he is a guardian angel of a different kind. According to ancient angelology, Michael was a warrior angel. He along with Gabriel the announcer of the end of time, Raphael the healer, and Uriel the angel of death, are said to hold up the four legs of the throne of God.

This reading from Revelation is not just about some battle between angels and a dragon in some far off place. No, this battle is happening because of Christ taking his place on the throne in heaven. There is no peace and quiet in heaven; there is war. Michael and his angels

battle the dragon and his angels. But the dragon and his angels are no match for Michael and his angels. Michael and his angels win and banish the dragon to earth.

Now you may be thinking, "Oh man now the dragon is here on earth." But the dragon has been here before too. This is not the first time that the dragon or the devil has been to earth. Satan has been able to roam between heaven and earth before, but now is only able to be on earth.

Once the battle has been won, John of Patmos writes about how the victory is not Michael's but Christ's. Revelation 12:11 says, "they [meaning Michael and his angels] gained the victory over him on account of the blood of the Lamb." And Michael's victory was, as one scholar says, "a heavenly symbolic counterpart of the earthly reality of the cross." The scholar also says, "Michael in fact, is not the field officer who does the actual fighting, but the staff officer in the heavenly control room, who is able to remove Satan's flag from the heavenly map because the real victory has been won on Calvary." Here Michael is like the guardians in the "Rise of the Guardians" fighting off Pitch's attempt to drown out all the light of the world, taking Pitch's flag off the world.

This is a passage of hope. Jesus' death was not in vain. Michael's victory was not in vain. God's victory in Jesus and Michael gives us hope. Hope and confidence that God prevails; that the devil's time will come to an end. And this is why the book of Revelation is one of my favorite books of the Bible.

We are saved to do good things

There are 31,102 verses in the Old & New Testament of the Bible so it is quite a task to narrow down to one favorite verse. Then I got to thinking about a few verses I quote a lot to other people and one of them is this.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

In the vastness of all Creation, this verse tells us we are God's finest work; God's masterpiece. You're not the masterpiece of just any artist, you are the masterpiece of God. You are the perfect workmanship of God in Christ Jesus. God has created us in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned long ago for us to do.

Now, you've got to understand this; we are not saved *by* our good works, but we are saved *for* good works. We are not saved by the good things that we have done, but we are saved to do good things for the One who saved us. We are never saved by works, so we can never boast about it. But we are saved to make a difference and to bring glory to God in this world.

Many people feel insecure. They feel like God hasn't given them any special talents or abilities. That's just not true. If you are in a relationship with Christ, it doesn't matter

how you feel about yourself. You may think, "I'm not that good at this" or "I'm not that talented at that," but you need to understand this; you've been made new, you've been remade, you are the masterpiece of God.

Have you ever seen this bumper sticker: "GOD DON'T MAKE NO JUNK"? The truth is when you're in Christ, you need to understand, God don't make no junk!

You are the masterpiece of God, created for the Master's purpose and God wants you to believe this so that when you know who you really are you'll know what you are to do.

But you are not just a masterpiece like a

painting that goes up on the wall of a museum where people can come by and say, "Oh, that's a beautiful painting." No, you are a living masterpiece of God created to fulfill your Master's purpose.

Here is another visual image for you to understand that you are a special work of God, the Master's creation. The Greek word that is translated as "masterpiece" is the word "poiema" and it can be translated, "a beautiful poem." You are a poetic statement of the glory of God. This word can also be translated as "tapestry." In other words, all of the different threads of your life have been intricately woven, coming together to create this beautiful picture. You are, with Christ, a poetic statement; a tapestry; a master workmanship of God.



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Just do it

When asked about my favorite Bible verses, many come to mind. For a long while my favorite passage was Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

That passage sums up well how I have faced difficult decisions in my life.

I have trusted that God will see me through the decisions and that He has a plan for me and my family. I look back and see myself trusting God, however imperfectly, through every turn.

Over the past several years, however, a new verse has caught my heart: James 1:22: "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

Throughout my life I have studied the Bible. I have a bachelor's degree in Bible. I have a 3-year Master of Divinity degree. The Bible was the main focus of all my higher education. Yet that knowledge is meaningless if I don't do something with it.

You can have earned degree upon degree, done study after study, gained more Trivial Pursuit knowledge than a Biblical scholar, but James says that if you don't actually do something with it, you're deceiving yourself. Without putting your faith in action, without being obedient to Christ, you have tricked yourself into believing that because you have the right knowledge, your relationship with God is good. In reality, however, that is not the case.

In chapter 2, James says: "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish

you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

He doesn't just say that faith without action is not so great — he actually says that it is "dead." The Greek word translated dead comes from the word

for corpse. There is no mistaking the meaning James has here. If you're not putting your faith into action — being obedient to all God

has called you to — then your faith is dead as a doornail. In other words, what good does a head full of knowledge do if you aren't living differently because of it?

Do you want to know what God's will for your life is? Then start doing what you know you're supposed to be doing! Don't sit around twiddling your thumbs just wondering what his plan is — do something! God has called all of us to do certain things as followers of Christ. We are to love others, take care of the poor, worship, pray, study Scripture, etc. If you're trying to determine next steps, then do what you already know you're supposed to be doing, demonstrating your real, life-altering faith. That faith which is lived out, is the only true, saving faith there is. By being obedient to what we already know we are to do, we are proving ourselves to be good and faithful stewards of that which God has entrusted us.

If we truly believe that the two greatest commands are to love God and love your neighbor, then we can't do that only in our heads. We have to put legs to the gospel. We have to live and act differently. We have to allow God's Spirit to transform not only our mind, but also our actions and who we are as individuals.

Do not merely listen to the word, do what it says!



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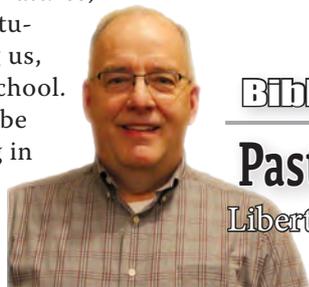
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Time to transition to the fall

Welcome to the September Bible reading plan. September is usually a month of transitions. We move from long summer days to shorter fall days. We transition into cooler temperatures,

and for the students among us, it's back to school. We will also be transitioning in our Bible readings this month.

Our Old Testament readings this month will transition between the two major parts of the Old Testament narrative books. The Book of Ruth connects two major parts of the Old Testament. The first part



Bible Reading Plan

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(Genesis – Judges) focuses on how the people of Israel become a nation. It centers on the covenant God made with Israel through Moses. The second part of the Old Testament (Samuel-Kings) tells the story of Israel's monarchies.

The book of Ruth, builds the bridge between these two parts. It tells the story of David's great-grandmother, showing that she was a woman of true faith.

This story is a great reminder of God's faithfulness and gentle guidance. It is also a reminder that one person's decisions can truly make a difference. We will

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9.....	☐ Judges 15	☐ Hebrews 13
10 & 11...	Weekend Review	
12.....	☐ Judges 16	☐ James 1
13.....	☐ Judges 17	☐ James 2
14.....	☐ Judges 18	☐ James 3
15.....	☐ Judges 19	☐ James 4
16.....	☐ Judges 20	☐ James 5
17 & 18...	Weekend Review	
19.....	☐ Judges 21	☐ Mark 1
20.....	☐ Ruth 1	☐ Mark 2
21.....	☐ Ruth 2	☐ Mark 3
22.....	☐ Ruth 3	☐ Mark 4
23.....	☐ Ruth 4	☐ Mark 5
24 & 25...	Weekend Review	
26.....	☐ 1 Sam. 1-2	☐ Mark 6
27.....	☐ 1 Sam. 3-4	☐ Mark 7
28.....	☐ 1 Sam. 5-6	☐ Mark 8
29.....	☐ 1 Sam. 7-8	☐ Mark 9
30.....	☐ 1 Sam. 9-10	☐ Mark 10

then start into Samuel-Kings readings, which will continue through December. There are many great stories and life lessons to be discovered from these books. Enjoy them.

Our New Testament readings will also transition. We will finish the books written with a Hebrew audience in mind (Matthew, Hebrews, and James), and begin

the Gospel of Mark. Some theologians believe that this is the first Gospel account, and is written to a Roman audience. Also, that Mark's Gospel is actually the Apostle Peter's memoirs. In any case, the book of Mark moves quickly, and is full of inspiration. Some call it the "power Gospel". May your reading time this month be transforming, and empowering. Read on!

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