

Day 4

BURIED DEEP

Have you ever noticed how it's easy to memorize some things, but really hard to memorize others? For instance, I can still remember all the words to songs I learned in second grade, but I can't remember the names of people I met yesterday. In fact just yesterday I looked at my son and said, "Who are you?" OK, that's not true, but at my age it's probably gonna happen any day now!

I hate to admit this, but for me memorizing Bible verses usually falls into that second category of "hard to do." But it doesn't have to be. And because it's so important, I'm working on ways to get better at it.

2 MINUTES

Follow my advice, my son; always treasure my commands. Obey my commands and live! Guard my instructions as you guard your own eyes. Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart (Proverbs 7:1-3).

5 MINUTES

- According to this verse, why is it important to obey God's commands? (The answer is right before the exclamation mark.)
- According to this verse, what are a couple ways to always remember God's commands?
- Since you probably won't tie Bible verses to your fingers, what is another way or two that might help you remember more of God's Word?

- What do you think it means to write something "deep within your heart?"

3 MINUTES

Hanging out with God

Basically, these verses are saying to surround yourself with God's commands where you can always see them (write them on your finger) and then memorize them and live them out so that they become a part of who you are (write them within your heart). Now, I know memorizing sounds a) boring and b) well, boring. So start with an easy one! Try this verse that we talked about a couple days ago: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5).*

That's it—just two sentences! Now write this verse down on a note card or a spare piece of paper. Figure out a way that you can carry it around with you today so that you'll see it, and when you do just repeat it to yourself a couple times. Try to eventually do it without looking. And after you read it just say a short prayer to God—something like, "God, help me to trust you today. Help me to believe YOUR way is better."

As a matter of fact, instead of having some prayer thoughts right now, make the process of memorizing this verse your prayer to God today. And by tomorrow you can have a new verse buried deep in your heart!

THOUGHTS

This space is here for you to jot down some thoughts, write out a prayer, draw a picture, or do whatever you want to help you remember your 10-minute moment.