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The word from Word of Life

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Questions?

Anyone who has been around young children for any length of time has invariably heard the word “WHY”. Sometimes it is a one-time word but often it can be asked on and on and on. A technique to cease the questioning was to answer “because the sky is blue” causing the child to have a puzzled look, which seemed to stop the questioning and turn the mind to another thought. A young child uses the word “Why” to learn more about life and what makes it tick. For adults there is still the continued need to ask “why”. Whether we are asking the questions, or someone else is asking us for an answer, this is the way we learn about ourselves and about God.

While reading through the scriptures for July and August, it became apparent that in the Gospel of Matthew and in Romans there are many questions. It was also interesting to note that the explanations following each question, whether asked by Jesus or Paul, were often quotes from an Old Testament writer – Job, Isaiah, Hosea, Psalms, Genesis, Exodus.

Paul asks questions that relate to our personal situations and our relationship to God, for example:
Who will rescue me from this body of death? (7:24)
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (8:35)
Is God unjust? (9:14)

Questions asked by Jesus are also thought provoking:

Are you weary? (11:28) Who is my mother, and who are my brothers? (12:48) You of little faith, why did you doubt? (14:31)

Any time the scriptures are read, it is important to be in the asking questions mode. A single word, phrase, or question, can cause us to reflect on how our daily lives may be influenced, or how our faith may be strengthened.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will assist you in interpreting the Scriptures.

Word of Life Core Values

- *Jesus is Lord.*
- *The Bible is our guide.*
- *Forgiveness of our sin leads to healing.*
- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Faith is God’s gracious gift that saves.*

Cut on this line and insert in your Bible!



Worship Texts for July

July 5—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:1-14
Romans 7:14-25a Matthew 11:25-30

July 12—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13
Romans 8:12-17 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 119:57-64
Romans 8:18-27 Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 7:6-9 Psalm 125
Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 13:44-52



What is the most read book in the world?

The Bible

3.9 billion copies sold over the last 50 years (study from 2/2019)

Worship Texts for August

August 2—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 137:1-9 (23-26)
Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) Matthew 14:13-21

August 9—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Job 38:4-18 Psalm 18;1-6 (7-16)
Romans 10:5-17 Matthew 14:22-33

August 16—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32 Matt 15:21-28

August 23—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138
Romans 11:33—12:8 Matthew 16:13-20

August 30—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28



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