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Digging Deeper, Going Further

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Read: Ephesians 6:10–20

Study: *This is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in the town of Ephesus.*

1. What are some of the things the “armor of God” protects you from?
2. Without the Word of God, how effective would the rest of the armor be?

Reflect: Which part of the armor do you need to strengthen today? How will you do that?

Tuesday

Read: Hebrews 4:12–16

Study:

1. According to this passage, what is the role of the Bible in our lives?
2. Read Matthew 4:1–11. How does Jesus respond to the devil’s temptations?

Reflect: How have you used the Bible in the past to help you deal with life’s ups and downs?

Wednesday

Read: 2 Timothy 3:10–17

Study: *This is a letter from the Apostle Paul to a young pastor named Timothy.*

1. In verses 14–15, what is the role of Scripture in a God-honoring life?
2. What does the Bible prepare us (servants of God) to do?

Reflect: This passage suggests we should be careful about who we trust to teach us (v 14). Who has mentored you in the faith? Who are you mentoring?

Thursday

Read: Psalm 119:1–88

Study: *The majority of this psalm (song) is written as a praise to the Scriptures, often called “the law” in this passage.*

1. What are some of the benefits for being obedient to the Bible’s commands?
2. According to 119:11, what are the benefits of memorizing Scripture verses?

Reflect: How are you doing in your memorization of scriptures? What do you need to do differently?

Friday

Read: Psalm 119:89–176

Study: *Psalm 119 is an “acrostic” psalm. In Hebrew, in each section, each word starts with the same letter.*

1. According to 119: 97–104, what are the benefits of meditating on scripture?
2. According to 119:147, how does the writer start each day?

Reflect: What do you need to do to become more consistent in your Bible study?

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