

The WORD of the Day: Ordained

Relevant Questions: Relevant Answers

For nearly 1500 years, the church Bible was literally chained to the pulpit. First, every Bible was pretty expensive, since they were individually hand copied. Second, every Bible was written in the language of the saints, and by saints I mean clergy. Although the common person spoke Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, and so on, the church only spoke Latin. Father Martin Luther tried to change that, but at great cost. Over the centuries, lives have been lost by men and women who gave their all to ensure the Bible was readable and relevant. But are the commands and the promises relevant to us today? Does the church have relevant answers, or are we dispensing the equivalent of Old Wives' Tales?

Habakkuk 2:1-3

1. We all have _____.
2. God made it _____ but we often make it _____.
3. Revelation comes to those who watch _____ and watch _____.
4. We can find answers three ways:

The only way to know for sure is to test it out ... at worst it's all a hoax. At best, it's as advertised: The path to a full, satisfying, successful, meaningful, abundant life (John 10:10).

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next Sunday
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll ask my question(s) this week
- I'll engage in research this week
- I'll take faithful living out for a road trip for _____ days

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper, Going Further

Monday

Read: 2 Corinthians 4

Study: This is a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth.

1. How did Paul present the “word of God” to the Corinthian Church?
2. According to Paul, what keeps unbelievers from understanding and believing the truth?

Reflect: What questions do you have about the faith and who could you ask?

Tuesday

Read: Acts 17:16–34

Study: *Acts is an overview of the early church and how the faith spread.*

1. What did Paul do to present the gospel in ways the Athenians could understand?
2. What were the responses by those who heard Paul’s speech?

Reflect: Reflect on which of the responses is most like yours and why.

Wednesday

Read: Matthew 14:22–32

Study: *This is an account of Peter walking on the water.*

1. How did Peter show his faith?
2. What happened to make Peter afraid?

Reflect: Peter’s water walking tested his faith. How are you testing your faith?

Thursday

Read: Read Habakkuk 1–2

Study: *This book is a conversation between the prophet and God.*

1. What are Habakkuk’s “complaints” to God?
2. How did Habakkuk prepare himself to hear from God?

Reflect: How are you getting your answers about Christianity, the Bible, and Church?

Friday

Read: Deuteronomy 4:29–31 and Jeremiah 29:11–14

Study

1. What is the common theme between these two passages?
2. According to Deuteronomy, why can we be sure God will not abandon us?

Reflect: What would you have to change in your life if you were to truly seek God with your *whole* heart? What keeps you from doing so?

Saturday: *Who will you invite to worship with you tomorrow?*