# THE PEOPLES Christian Fellowship

Daily Bible Challenge 2023 HIS Keeping His Word in our Hearts GLORY Psalm 119 v.11 Jeremiah 15 v.16 REVEALED



THE PEOPLE'S CHEMICAN FELLOWERS

This book Belongs to Dear beloved in Christ,

First of all, welcome and thank you for participating in this year-long spiritual enrichment challenge. The challenge is to learn and recite by heart passages from the bible. I apologise in advance if your favourite verses haven't been included it has been a challenge to whittle the passages down to the number we have, but as you already know, we are talking about the word of God and every passage of scripture is impacted by His power and authority.

The bible verses have been presented under two tracks:

**Track 1** (page 4) is if you wish to learn a longer passage by heart and spread it over a month.

**Track 2** (page 10) is if you wish to take the challenge of learning a new verse each week.

You can mix them up or change your track choice later if you so wish, the most important thing is to be in the word of God daily, to be challenged by it, and exercise it.

**HELP!** I cannot boast of having the best of memories, I do hope that I will be able to learn the verses myself. So I think that we should do all we can to support each other. Below are some of the things which I think will help us going forward.

- 1. Recite the scripture that you are committing to memory **every day** (this is 100% necessary, every day lol)
- 2. Write and re-write the verses that you are memorizing in a notebook or on your device. You should make use of the space provided to note key words and thoughts (track 1. Track 2 should write in the available spaces around the verses)
- 3. To help you with understanding and again memorizing the verses, you should speak out loud or **write down what the passage means,** as you commence each learning cycle
- 4. Don't stress yourself rest a bit, think of different ways to learn, and freshen things up if you need to ENJOY THIS, IT'S A BLESSING
- 5. If you could partner with others who are on the same track as you, this also would be of benefit. You could even swap groups after a few months possibly (just an idea)
- 6. Some of the verses especially on track 2 are also declarations. You may be familiar with many of them, use them then, as declarations of truth for that week.
- 7. Share the message of the passage you are working on in your conversations, not to show off, but lovingly encouraging others in the truths that you are learning about (**practice**)

- 8. **Be practical**, live the verses out and apply them to your life. Some of the passages will require that you simply give God thanks then do just that
- 9. I shall be using some of our Wednesday prayer and bible study sessions as a place to keep us encouraged
- I am hoping to create a podcast where <u>at least</u> the reading on track 1 is read and talked about. This also I believe will help with our recollecting.
  I intend also to feature members of our congregation reading the passages and sharing their thoughts in these podcasts.

I would have liked to have added the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17); Psalm 23 and the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-15), but paper space was becoming a challenge. I may add them as an addendum in any online provisions.

I would love to hear from you about how you are progressing and if you have any ideas which could further help us all, with regards to this assignment.

God bless you

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# Track 1

# Week 1-01/01

#### Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

# Week 6 - 05/02

#### Mark 12:29-31

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

# Week 10 - 05/03

#### Isaiah 53:3-6

3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

### Week 14 - 02/04

#### Romans 8: 35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or

nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Week 19 – 07/05

#### Galatians 5:19-25

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

### Week 23 – 04/06

#### Psalm 103:8-14 & 22

8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

14 For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

# Week 27 - 02/07

#### Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

# Week 32 - 06/08

#### Isaiah 40: 28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

# Week 36 - 03/09

#### Psalm 34:3-4 & 7-10

3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

# Week 40 - 01/10

#### Colossians 1:15-22

(simplified option: learn verses 15-20)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

# Week 45 – 05/11

#### Psalm 27:1-4

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

### Week 49 - 03/12

#### Revelation 21:18-23

18 The wall was built of jasper, while the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of jewel. The first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

# Track 2

# Week 1 - 1/01

#### Lamentations 3:22-23

22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness

# Week 2 - 08/01

#### Psalms 100:5

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

# Week 3 - 15/01

#### **Philippians 4:19**

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

### Week 4 - 22/01

#### Psalms 145:18

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

# Week 5 - 29/01

#### Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

# Week 6 – 05/02

#### Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### Week 7 - 12/02

#### Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

### Week 8 - 19/02

#### 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### Week 9 - 26/02

#### Romans 5:7-8

7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### Week 10 - 05/03

#### Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

# Week 11 - 12/03

#### Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

# Week 12 - 19/03

#### John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### Week 13 - 26/03

#### Romans 5:9

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

### Week 14 - 02/04

#### Romans 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

### Week 15 - 09/04

#### Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

# Week 16 - 16/04

#### Isaiah 55:8

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

# Week 17 - 23/04

#### Isaiah 55:9

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### Week 18 - 30/04

#### **Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

# Week 19 - 07/05

#### Numbers 6:24-26

24 The LORD bless you and keep you; 25 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

### Week 20 - 14/05

#### Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

# Week 21 - 21/05

#### 2 Timothy 1:7

for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

# Week 22 - 28/05

#### **Philippians 1:6**

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

# Week 23 - 04/06

#### Philippians 4:6,7

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Week 24 - 11/06

#### Micah 7:8

Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me.

### Week 25 -18/06

#### Habakkuk 3:17-18

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

### Week 26 - 25/06

#### James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

# Week 27 - 02/07

#### John 13:35

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# Week 28 -09/07

#### 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

### Week 29 - 16/07

#### Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

# Week 30 - 23/07

#### Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

# Week 31 - 30/07

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

# Week 32 - 06/08

#### Acts 4:12

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

# Week 33 -13/08

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

### Week 34 - 20/08

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

# Week 35 - 27/08

#### James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

# Week 36 - 03/09

#### Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

# Week 37 - 10/09

#### Hebrews 12:14

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

# Week 38 - 17/09

#### John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

# Week 39 - 24/09

#### Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

### Week 40 -01/10

#### 1 Corinthians 6:20

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

# Week 41 - 08/10

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:18

give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# Week 42 - 15/10

#### Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Week 43 - 22/10

#### Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### Week 44 - 29/10

#### 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# Week 45 – 05/11

#### 1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

# Week 46 - 12/11

#### 2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

# Week 47 – 19/11

#### Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

# Week 48 - 26/11

#### Matthew 12:36-37

I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

# Week 49 - 03/12

#### John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

### Week 50 -10/12

#### Matthew 10:33

but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

### Week 51 - 17/12

#### 1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

### Week 52 - 24/12

#### Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"