

Sunday Morning in the Word



July 22, 2018

“A good church is a Bible-centered church. Nothing is as important as this.”

(Alistair Begg)



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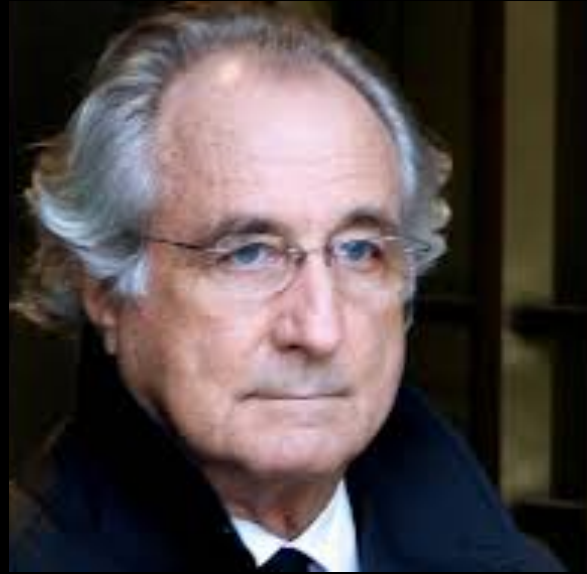


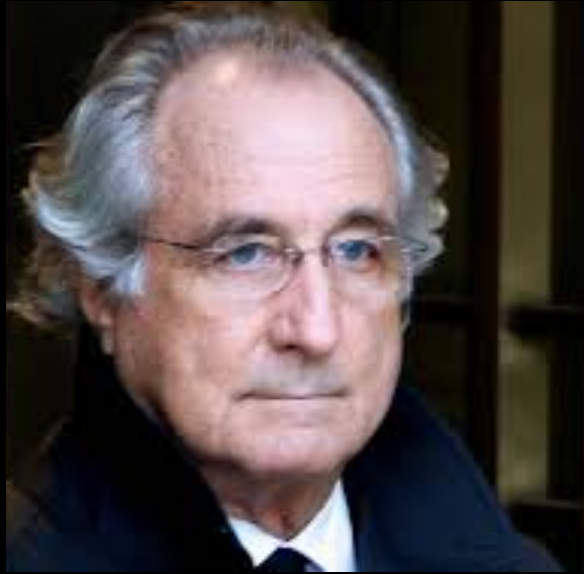
Studies in the Book of Proverbs

Sunday mornings at Grace
(Through August 19th)

Proverbs 3:1–7

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Bernie Madoff

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5–6

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The one who understands a matter finds success, and the one who trusts in the Lord will be happy.

Proverbs 16:20

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A greedy person stirs up conflict, but **whoever trusts in the Lord will prosper.**

Proverbs 28:25

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The fear of mankind is a snare, but **the one who trusts in the Lord is protected.**

Proverbs 29:25

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Tendency

Tendency
Totality

Tendency
Totality
Testimony



Tendency - We must fight against our tendency to trust ourselves over God!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding;
in all your ways know (acknowledge) him,
and he will make your paths straight.

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Obstacles to Trusting the LORD

- **Our Experience** — Why should I bother to trust anyone when far too often when I do, I get burnt?

Jesus, however, **would not entrust himself to them**, since he knew them all and because he did not need anyone to testify about man; **for he himself knew what was in man.**

John 2:24–25

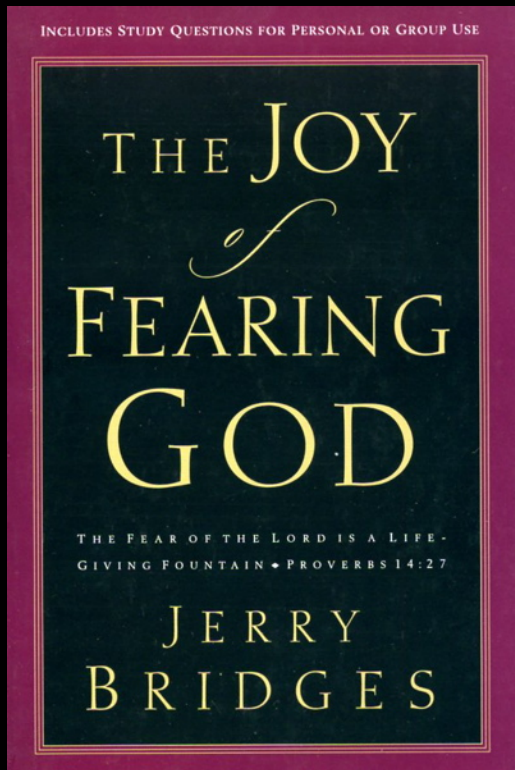
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There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus **No, not
one! no, not one!** None else could heal all our
soul's diseases **No, not one! no, not one!**

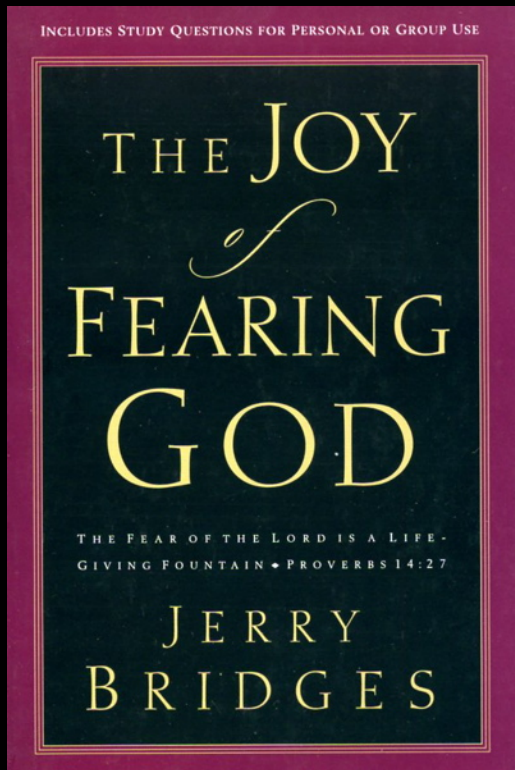
Jesus knows all about our struggles, **He will
guide till the day is done;** There's not a friend
like the lowly Jesus - **No, not one! no, not one!**

Obstacles to Trusting the LORD

- **Our Egos** – Why should I bother trusting someone else (and risking them letting me down) when I can do it myself?



“Independence and self-sufficiency are hallmarks of our civilization . . .”



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“ . . . We should realize that God wants us to learn the truth of our absolute dependence upon Him.”

We all went astray like sheep; we all have
turned to **our own** way.

Isaiah 53:6a

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“Me do it
myself!”



And now, the end is near And so I face the final
curtain My friend, I'll say it clear I'll state my
case, of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full I've traveled each and
every highway But more, much more than this
did it my way



Frank Sinatra

The one who trusts in himself is a fool, but one who walks in wisdom will be safe.

Proverbs 28:26

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2. Totality - God calls us to trust him with all of our heart and in all of our ways!

Trust in the Lord **with all your heart**, and do not rely on your own understanding; **in all your ways** know him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5–6

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* Do you know what will
happen tomorrow?



* Do you know what will
happen tomorrow?

(God does!)



Don't boast about tomorrow, for you don't know what a day might bring.

Proverbs 27:1

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Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, Lord.

Psalm 139:4

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Are you aware of every single bit of knowledge that can possibly be known?



Are you aware of every single
bit of knowledge that can
possibly be known?

(God is!)

The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
observing the wicked and the good.

Proverbs 15:3

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Don't be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:8

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* Are you in control of every
and all things?



* Are you in control of every
and all things?

(God is!)



A person's heart plans his way, but the Lord
determines his steps.

Proverbs 16:9

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A king's heart is like channeled water in the Lord's hand: He directs it wherever he chooses.

Proverbs 21:1

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In him we have also received an inheritance,
because we were predestined according to the
plan of the one who works out everything in
agreement with the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:11

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Does God care about you?



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Absolutely!

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his
mouth come knowledge and understanding.
He stores up success for the upright; He is
a shield for those who live with integrity so
that he may guard the paths of justice and
protect the way of his faithful followers.

Proverbs 2:6–8

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Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent. But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29–31

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So WHO are you going to trust?



So WHO are you going to trust?

YOU?

No certainty about what tomorrow will bring
Know little in comparison to what God knows
Are in control of few things
Care for self above all



So WHO are you going to trust?

GOD?

Knows what tomorrow will bring

Knows all there is to know

Is in control of all things

Deeply cares for us

The one who trusts in himself is a fool, but one who walks in wisdom will be safe.

Proverbs 28:26

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3. Testimony - When we are “all in” as to our trust in God, the testimony of our lives will point to his trustworthiness!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and **he will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3:5–6

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I am teaching you the way of wisdom; I am
guiding you on **straight** paths.

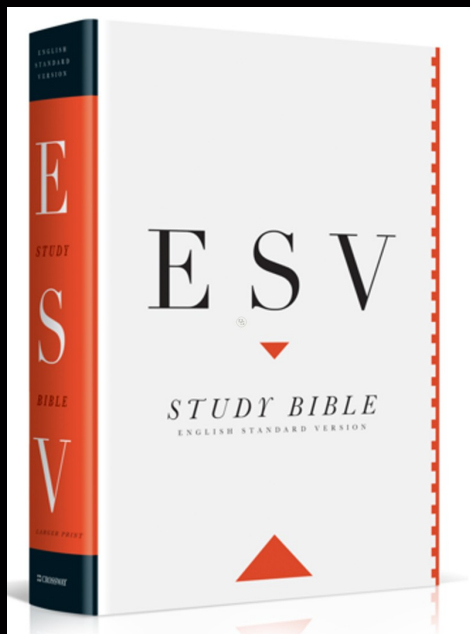
Proverbs 4:11

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Carefully consider the path for your feet,
and all your ways will be established. Don't turn to
the right or to the left; keep your feet away from
evil.

Proverbs 4:26-27

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ESV Study Bible Note: To make straight a person's paths means to make the course of the person's life one that continually progresses toward a goal. In Proverbs, the emphasis is on the moral quality of one's life path (here, its moral "straightness").

3. Testimony - When we are “all in” as to our trust in God, the testimony of our lives will point to his trustworthiness **as he enables us to walk the path of wisdom!**

One generation will declare your works to the next and will proclaim your mighty acts . . . They will give a **testimony** of your great goodness and will joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Psalms 145:4, 7

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By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and **even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.**

Hebrews 11:4

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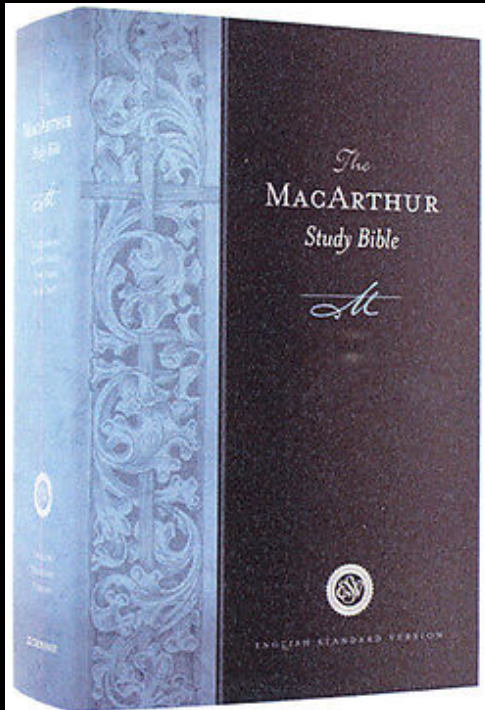
Dave Aument

October 10, 1955 – July 7, 2018

But I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.

2 Timothy 1:12

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MacArthur Study Bible Note: Paul's (Dave's) life in time and eternity had been given to his Lord. He lived with unwavering confidence and boldness because of the revealed truth about God's power and faithfulness, and his own experience of an unbreakable relationship to the Lord.

Let the redeemed of the Lord
**TELL THEIR
STORY**

Psalms 107:2



What's your Legacy?