

Fun Facts: Name That State

You probably knew all fifty state nicknames and mottos once.

How many can you remember?

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| STATE | NICKNAME | ANIMAL |
| 1. Texas | ___ Show Me State | ___ Rocky Mountain Elk |
| 2. Utah | ___ The Beehive State | ___ White tailed Deer |
| 3. Washington | ___ Wolverine State | ___ Orca (killer whale) |
| 4. Missouri | ___ Lone Star State | ___ Armadillo |
| 5. Montana | ___ Evergreen State | ___ Grizzly Bear |
| 6. Michigan | ___ Treasure State | ___ Mule |

You have been appointed ruler of your own state. As the state's sovereign leader, choose your state's name, nickname and animal.

Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Animal: _____
 One reason that Missouri is called the "Show Me State" is because the Missourians are considered stalwart conservatives who refuse to believe something without proof. They have a lot in common with the Bereans.

Acts 17:11, paraphrased says, "Now they (Bereans) were... noble... for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (parenthesis and ellipses added.)

Let's hear it for Missouri!



Next Week's Verse:
2 Corinthians 6:14
 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

LESSON 20 MS Book 2: Christ in My Life

WITNESSING TO OTHERS Part 2



Key Verse: **1 Corinthians 15:58**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Theme: Sharing God's provision for deliverance from sin, death, and Hell

Break the Code: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Directions: Fill in the letters of the key verse, then fill in the missing letters in the box to break the code.

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NOW THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL HOPE!

FRIEND: "Abraham, tell me it's not true!"

ABRAHAM: "Of course it's true! Was there ever any doubt?"

FRIEND: "You mean to tell me that Sarah, your wife is really going to have a baby?"

ABRAHAM: "Don't you mean, 'Congratulations Abraham, you're going to be a daddy?'"

FRIEND: "But you are over one-hundred years old!"

ABRAHAM: "So?"

FRIEND: "And Sarah is ninety!"

ABRAHAM: "Yes, but she doesn't look a day over 85!"

FRIEND: "But that's impossible!"

ABRAHAM: "Really, pal, you need to take a class on how to encourage you're friends."

FRIEND: "But, Abraham, aren't you shocked?"

ABRAHAM: "Shocked, no. Thrilled, yes. I told you that God had promised to make me a great nation."

FRIEND: "Yes, but that was years ago, when you and Sarah were young. Surely you must have given up on God."

ABRAHAM: "Give up on God? Why would I do that?"

FRIEND: "But there was absolutely no evidence that God was going to keep His promise to you. As a matter of fact, there were tons of evidence that it was impossible for Him to keep His promise."

ABRAHAM: "But that is exactly what hope is. It is the conviction that God is going to keep His promises despite all of the evidence to the contrary!"

FRIEND: "But, in your case, the evidence was completely stacked up that God wasn't going to keep His promise to you. What do you call that?"

ABRAHAM: "That's called 'hope against hope.' That is when God is truly honored. When we say to God, 'God, you know all of this evidence that seems to indicate that you are not going to keep your promises to me? I choose to believe you anyway! And I rejoice in hoping against hope.'"

FRIEND: "You mean that you are *rejoicing* in hoping against hope?"

ABRAHAM: "Why do you think that we are naming the baby Isaac, which means laughter?"

FRIEND: "Is it really that easy?"

ABRAHAM: "No! As a matter of fact, that kind of hope only comes

from a constant close personal walk with God."

FRIEND: "Well, congratulations, Abraham! One thing's for sure! Being around you and watching God work in your life is always full of interesting surprises."

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For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. — ROMANS 15:4 KJV

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How does this study on hope change your view of that situation? Pray to God, thanking Him for that situation and that He will keep His promises regarding that situation.

SATURDAY: Strength

Name a time when you were absolutely, positively to the very end of your strength. How did you get through it?

Fill in the blanks to see David's response to needing to depend on God's strength.

Ps. 21:13 "Be thou _____, LORD, in thine own _____: so will we sing and praise thy power." David became a man of strength, through trusting in God's strength in times of weakness. How was this possible? Let's look at the Apostle Paul for an answer. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.

QUALITY CHECK (circle the correct answer):

_____ My strength: OK GOOD STUFF EXCELLENT BEYOND COMPARISON

_____ God's strength: OK GOOD STUFF EXCELLENT BEYOND COMPARISON

It isn't until we come to the end of our own strength that the good stuff kicks in! How about you? Name an area of weakness in your life that God wants to use for His glory.

Go back to the Quality Check. Put a check by the one you are committing to depend on.

Read Psalm 84:5. Fill in the blank.

"_____ is the man whose strength is in thee..."

LESSON 20: WITNESSING TO OTHERS Part 2

Daily Devotions

Sharing God's provision for deliverance from sin, death, and Hell

This week, we shall be focusing on other things beside salvation that are ours for the taking after we have placed our faith in Christ.

MONDAY: Unconditional Love

Look up the following verses. List the blessings that God gives us simply because He loves us:

Romans 5:3-5 _____

Romans 8:35-39 _____

1 Corinthians 2:9 _____

2 Corinthians 5:14 _____

Ephesians 3:19 _____

Of this list, which one jumps off the page at you today? Why?

Take the list above and finish this prayer:

Dear God,

Because you love me, I can know that (you are always with me, etc.) _____.

Thank You, God! _____

TUESDAY: Peace That Passes Understanding

Name the quietest, most peaceful place you have ever been.

If a person is climbing the walls on the inside, they might as well be sitting on the tarmac waiting for a 747 to take off. Name the noisiest, most annoying place you have ever been? We're talking the place where your fingernail scratches are still on the wall.

If a person is totally dead to self and alive to Christ, they can be experiencing total peace.

List the two “peace busters” found in Romans 8:6 and Philippians 2:21.

According to Philippians 2:1-2 and Galatians 5:22, what are two secrets to peace?

Turn Colossians 3:15 into a prayer of commitment to God, asking Him to fill you with His peace.

WEDNESDAY: Supply

You are going to be stranded on a deserted island for five years. What five things (besides life’s basic necessities) are you going to bring with you?

Cross off four things from that list. What one thing would you bring? What is left says a lot about who we are. Now cross the last item off the list. How would you feel? (bummed, panicked, etc.)

The Apostle Paul was in a similar situation when he wrote the book of Philippians. He was living in the most disgusting of environments in a Roman cell. Let’s see what his take was. Read Philippians 4:19. According to what measure does God supply our needs?

Make a list of needs that God was meeting in Paul’s life, keeping in mind the horrendous conditions in which he was living.

Isn’t it great to know that if we lost everything in this entire world, what we, as Christians, have left is of value beyond price? Pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for how He is supplying all of your needs.

THURSDAY: Victory

BEST: _____

WORST: _____

Game played _____

Clothing choice _____

Haircut _____

Let’s face it! We’ve all had our moments, and we’ve all had our moments! Read Romans 8:37. Do you believe that this verse is true? Does it always feel true?

Name one area of your life where this doesn’t feel true right now.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:57. How do we end up with the victory?

When all is said and done, it is God who gives us the victory, even in the middle of our worst defeats.

Finish this prayer:

Lord, Thank you for giving me the victory over _____.
Write down something in which you want to see victory.

Name

FRIDAY: Hope

Check what “hope” is:

_____ Feeling that life is going to be great.

_____ Confident conviction that God is going to keep His promises, even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

_____ Feeling excited about the way God is working in my life.

Read Romans 8:24-25. What disqualifies hope from being hope?

The key that many people miss is the fact that, if you can see that God is coming through for you on something, it is no longer hope! It’s evidence. How about you? Is there a situation in your life that seems hopeless? If so, list it here.