

Good News Church
Verses & Quotes of the Week
from the midweekly emails
2025

January 8

Verse - *"There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God."* - Hebrews 4:9

Quotes - *"The Christian gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."* - Tim Keller

January 14

Verse - *'It is written: "People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."'* - Jesus (Matthew 4:4)

Quotes - *"The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety."* - George Mueller

January 21

Verse - *"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation — if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel."* - Colossians 1:21-24a

Quotes - *"If you want a closer relationship with God, put time aside to develop that relationship. Spend time with him. As you study his word, your faith grows and your life is changed. The strength of all relationships, including your relationship with God, depends on communication."* - Nicky Gumbel ([Bible in One Year, Day 332](#))

January 28

Verse - *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* - Matthew 19:23-26

Quotes - *"The fact that with God 'all things are possible' is proven by the fact that God created the entire universe out of nothing (see Proverbs 3:19-20)... Do you sometimes find yourself facing a seemingly impossible situation? It might be a relationship that seems to have broken down irretrievably, or an issue to do with health, finances or something else where change seems impossible. With God there is always hope, no matter how bad things look. Nothing is impossible with God. His power makes all things possible... Whatever struggles you are facing at the moment, however difficult life looks, however impossible the situation seems, it is important to remember God's*

love for you and trust that 'with God all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26)." - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 28)

February 4

Verse – *"My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding — Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you."* - Proverbs 2:1-2, 9-11

Quotes - Reflecting on the above verses... *"Store up' God's words within you. You need to 'accept', listen and apply, 'call out' and 'search'. 'Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold, like an adventurer on a treasure hunt'. This takes time and commitment. Don't just prioritize your schedule; schedule your priorities. Set aside a regular time to read the Bible and schedule it as a top priority."* - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 16)

February 11

Verse - *God's Word is perfect, right, true, radiant, firm, and sweeter than honey from a honeycomb, giving refreshment, wisdom, direction, caution, light, life, and joy.* - a summary of Psalm 19:1-11

Quotes - *"When God is about to do something great, He starts with a difficulty. When He is about to do something truly magnificent, He starts with an impossibility."* - Armin Gesswein

February 18

Verse - *When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."* - Mark 2:16-17 (Thank goodness!)

Quotes - *"When we rest, we nestle into the bosom of God. Resting is an act of trust. We can let our guard down, knowing that God will provide for the details of our lives."* – Jeannie Ewing (from the article, Do You Understand the Spiritual Importance of Rest?)

February 25

Verse - *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."* - Romans 12:1

Quotes - *"Two signs that will tell you the health of a church: Singing men and noisy babies."* - Chris Gore

March 4

Verse - *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* – Matthew 6:19-21

Quotes - *"Faith is nothing else than receiving God's kindness, abiding in Christ, resting in His love, clinging to him as a branch to a tree, and seeking life and vigor from him."* - Valley of Vision (paraphrased from "Belonging to Jesus," pg. 57)

March 11

Verse - *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."* - Psalm 32:8

Quote - *"Believe God's word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea."* - Samuel Rutherford (Scottish Presbyterian minister, 1600-1661)

March 18

Verse - *"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."* - Hebrews 13:2

Quotes - *"Hospitality (biblically speaking) takes strangers and makes them neighbors, and takes neighbors and makes them family of God. It's a great joy to see the gospel bring people together who are supposed to be enemies, and it's a great joy to know that God never gets the address wrong. If your neighbors aren't people you know yet, there's a blessing waiting for you."* - Rosaria Butterfield (from the 6 min. video [How Radically Ordinary Hospitality Changed My Life](#))

March 24

Verse - *"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."* - 1 John 5:11-12

Quotes - *"This is the gospel: God has drawn near to us in Jesus—us, we who are sinful, broken, wounded, mortal, dying, and incapable of self-saving, with many of us completely uninterested in God or even enemies of God—to draw us into his inner life, to heal us by immersing us within the fold of his Trinitarian love, and then to send us out into the world as agents of his love."* - John Mark Comer

April 1

Verse - After Jesus raised the widow of Nain's son back to life... *"They were all filled with awe and praised God. 'A great prophet has appeared among us,' they said. 'God has come to help his people.' This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country."* - Luke 7:16-17

- REFLECTION: When the people knew and experienced that, through Jesus, *"God had come to help his people,"* they couldn't help but tell everyone and their brother about Jesus. That's mission! We encounter Jesus in a life-transforming way, and we naturally go and tell others about what we've experienced.

Quote - *"Whatever your doubts, fears, and sins may be, Jehovah's gracious eye never looks upon you in anger; though he sees sin in you, Yet when he looks at you through Christ, he sees no sin. You are always accepted in Christ, are always blessed and dear to the Father's heart."* - Charles H. Spurgeon

April 9

Verse - *"I have refined you, but not in the way that silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering."* - Isaiah 48:10

Quote - *"Mountaintops inspire us, but valleys mature us."* - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 93)

April 15

Verse - *"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."* - Jesus (John 17:1-3)

Quote - *"If Jesus didn't come back from the dead, nothing else matters. If Jesus did come back from the dead, nothing else matters."* - Ron Sider

April 23

Verse - *"What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"* - Romans 8:31-32

Quote – *"God is not at the top of a ladder shouting, 'Climb!' He is at the bottom on a cross whispering, 'It is finished.'"* - Tullian Tchividjian

April 29

Verse - *"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever. For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good."* - Psalms 52:8-9

Quote - *"God sends weak people to do powerful things. He sends doubting people to people who need their faith strengthened. He sends fearful people to do work that's fearless. This is only possible by grace. God doesn't call us to His work because we're able; he calls us because He's able!"* - Paul Tripp

May 6

Verse - *"The way of the LORD is a refuge for the blameless, but it is the ruin of those who do evil."* - Proverbs 10:29

Quote - *"The wonder of the gospel is that we, who are not righteous, can be declared righteous through Jesus' perfect righteousness."* - Nicky Gumbel (from Bible in One Year, Day 119)

May 14

Verse - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* - John 3:16-17

Quote - *"The Gospel is good news not good advice. Advice = what we should do. News = report of what was done for us."* - Tim Keller

May 20

Verse - *"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* - Jesus (John 4:10, 13-14)

Quote - *"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened."* - Billy Graham

May 27

Verse - *"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."* - Jesus (John 5:24)

Quote - *"When God places a burden upon you, He places His arms underneath you."* - Charles H. Spurgeon

June 3

Verse - *"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."* - John 6:27-29

Quote - *"You are what you eat, and you live what you believe."* - Joe Song (commenting on the above verses)

June 10

Verse - *"Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life."* - Jesus (John 6:47)

Quote - *"The message of Christianity is relevant to every person on the planet because it addresses the root of everyone's deepest fears... death. The Good News of the Gospel is that in His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus pulled that weed up by the roots, and when you trust Him by faith, you live with the confident assurance and hope of eternal life."* - Drue Warner (I love quoting myself, ha, ha!)

June 17

Verse - *"Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* - Jesus (John 8:34-36)

Quote - *"My husband and I have these three rules of engagement when we go to church: 1) An alone person in our gatherings is an emergency. 2) Friends can wait. 3) Introduce a newcomer to someone else."* - Rebecca McLaughlin

June 24

Verse - *"The fear (awestruck wonder) of the LORD is a fountain of life."* - Proverbs 14:27a

Quote - *"What is the Church? The Church is a community of people moving forward, invading the world with love."* - Bob Goff

July 1

Verse - *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."* - Jesus (John 10:27-30)

Quote - *"Often times, spiritual comforts are at their highest when physical well-being is at its lowest."* - from Valley of Vision (Blessings, pg. 159), a book of Puritan prayers from the 1600's

July 8

Verse - *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."* - Psalm 23:1

Quote - *"The sweetest word of the whole of Psalm 23:1 is that simple word, 'My.' The Psalmist does not say, 'The Lord is the shepherd of the world at large, and leads forth the multitude as his flock,' but 'The Lord is my shepherd;' if he be a Shepherd to no one else, he is a Shepherd to me; he cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me."* - Charles H. Spurgeon

July 15

Verse - *"Da One In Charge, he take kea me, Jalike da sheep guy Take kea his sheeps. Az why I get eryting I need."* - Psalm 23:1 (Hawaiian Pidgin translation)

Quote - *"You'll never know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got. When Jesus is all you've got, then you'll know Jesus is all you need."* - Ron Dunn

July 22

Verse - *"Sin 'doesn't have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace. When it's sin versus grace, grace wins hands down."* - Romans 5:20-21 (MSG).

Quote - *"Unbelief looks at God through circumstances, but faith looks at circumstances through God."* - Mrs. Charles C. Cowman (from "Streams in the Desert," June 11)

July 29

Verse - *"Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."* – Romans 8:5-6

Quote - *"The first Adam ushered all of mankind into sin and death by a tree. The second Adam restored mankind into life and righteousness by conquering sin and death on a tree."* - Doug Wilson

August 5

Verse - *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."* - Psalm 23:4

Quote - *"Jesus was despised, rejected, criticized, made fun of, misunderstood, gossiped about, disrespected, betrayed, abandoned, falsely accused, brutally beaten, inhumanely tortured, and unjustly killed. Jesus purposely experienced every element of suffering, so that He could be with you in yours."* - Drue Warner (from the sermon, "Comfort in the Valley" on Psalm 23:4)

August 12

Verse - *"I am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."* - Isaiah 43:25

Quote - *"My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin, a river of corruption, flowing on in every pattern of behavior."* - Valley of Vision ("Grace in Trials," pg. 171)

August 19

Verse - *"I have loved you deeply with an everlasting love. I have written your name on my hand. You are my beloved child, adopted into My family. I call you son / daughter, and you call me Dad."* - Malachi 1:2, Jeremiah 31:3, Isaiah 49:16, Romans 8:15

Quote - *"Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel. The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name."* - J.I. Packer

August 26

Verse - *"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation."* - Colossians 1:21-22

Quote - *"God's work in me is a progress, not in 3-4 major events, but in 10,000 little moments of change."* - Paul Tripp

September 3

Verse - *"He tends his flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to His heart."* - Isaiah 40:11a

Quote - *"Comfortable people don't need Jesus. Desperate people do."* - Bob Goff

September 8

Verse - *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."* - 1 Peter 2:9-10

Quote - *"The Church is the only organization that exists for the benefit of its non-members."* - William Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury, 1942-1944)

September 16

Verse - *"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."* - Jesus (John 12:24)

Quote - *"When we become aware that we do not have to escape our pains, but that we can mobilize them into a common search for life, those very pains are transformed from expressions of despair into signs of hope."* – Henri Nouwen

September 23

Verse - *"I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."* - 1 Corinthians 12:3

Quote - *"The gospel is not good news for 'do it yourself-ers.' The gospel is good news for 'I give-up-ers.'"* - Tullian Tchividjian

September 30

Verse - *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. Therefore, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."* – 2 Corinthians 4:6, 18

Quote - *"Discernment is not the ability to tell the difference between right and wrong; rather, it is telling the difference between right and almost right."* - Charles Spurgeon

October 8

Verse - *"... Submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* – 1 Peter 5:5b-7

Quote - *"Praise is giving glory to God for who he is. Thanksgiving is giving glory to God for what he has done for us. It is the lens through which to view our entire life. Ultimately, the world can be divided into two categories: those who acknowledge God and give thanks to him, and those who don't. How do you cultivate an attitude of gratitude?"* - Nicky Gumbel ([Bible in One Year, Day 277](#))

October 13

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Quote - *"God does not intend for you to be lonely and isolated. Loneliness has been described as 'a homesickness for God.' God created you for community – calling you into a loving relationship with him and with other human beings.. who know and love God. We are called to be a community where many lonely, isolated people find love and forgiveness – a community of the people of God.. This is the answer to loneliness."* – Nicky Gumbel

October 21

Verse - *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers (household of faith)."* – Galatians 6:9-10

Quote - *"Serving others is best done and motivated in response to Jesus' service to us. When we serve, we grow in our relationship with God and each other, and we get to be a part of building God's Kingdom here on earth. Saying "Yes" to God is always the best decision."* - from Drue's sermon on "Sacrificial Service" (10-12-25)

October 28

Verse - *"The Holy Scriptures are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus... All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* - 2 Timothy 3:15b-17

Quote - *"Peace if possible. Truth at all costs."* - Martin Luther

November 4

Verse - *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."* - 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Quote - *"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."* - C.S. Lewis

November 11

Verse - *"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me... One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 3:12-14

Quote - *"As much as I can't wait to get to heaven and to be with Jesus, infinitely more, Jesus can't wait for me to be there to be with him, too."* - Elisabeth Elliot

November 19

Verse - *"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"* – Romans 8:32

Quote - *"Faith is our walk, but fellowship sensibly felt is our rest. Faith is the road, but communion with Jesus is the well from which the pilgrim drinks."* - Charles H. Spurgeon

November 26

Verse - *And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."* - Matthew 9:28

Quote - *"We have a God who delights in impossibilities and who asks, "Is anything too hard for me?" - Andrew Murray*

December 2

Verse - *"We can be confident that He will listen to us whenever we ask Him for anything in line with His will. And if we know He is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that He will give us what we ask for."* - 1 John 5:14-15

Quote - *"In your prayers, above everything else, beware of limiting God, not only through unbelief but also by thinking you know exactly what He can do. Learn to expect the unexpected, beyond all that you ask or think."* - Mrs. Charles C. Cowman ("Streams in the Desert," November 2)

December 9

Verse - *"If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day for darkness is as light to you."* - Psalm 139:11-12

Quote - *"For many, Christianity is just a beautiful dream. It's a world in which everyday reality goes a bit blurred. It's nostalgic, cosy, and comforting. But real Christianity isn't like that at all. Take Christmas, for instance: a season of nostalgia, of carols and candles and firelight and happy children. But that misses the point completely. Christmas is not a reminder that the world is really quite a nice old place. It reminds us that the world is a shockingly bad old place, where wickedness flourishes unchecked. . . Christmas is God lighting a candle; and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are. The light shines in the darkness, says St. John, and the darkness has not overcome it."* - NT Wright

December 16

Verse - *"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground."* - Psalm 143:8, 10

Quote - *"To worship in the depth of sorrow —it is indeed an arduous thing. Yes, and therein lies the blessing; it is the test of perfect faith... My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace, nor even blessing, but Himself, my God."* – Mrs. Charles C. Cowman ("Streams in the Desert," Dec. 11)

December 22

Verse - *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."* - Luke 2:10-14

Quote - *"A thousand times in history a baby has become a king, but only once in history did a King become a baby."* - Matt Smethurst

December 26

Verse - *"They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb."* - Revelation 14:4b

Quote - *There is only one way to know God: "Be still and know."* (Psalm 46:10) - Mrs. Charles C. Cowman (from "Streams in the Desert" devotional, November 24)