



# Hunger For Truth

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## Greetings

Hello dear reader and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. Thank you for reading and for sharing HFT with others. To God be the glory!

This issue has several studies and devotionals that the Lord laid on my heart to share with you. I trust they will be a blessing to you.

Now for a MA update, there is a possibility I will be moving again in late spring. Don't worry, I am still staying in MA. I will be moving a few minutes south to an apartment complex with two brothers in the Lord. Please pray for His will to be done. It is a very nice 3 bedroom apartment. God is good.

Also, we have been blessed with little snow this winter. It was 65 in late January in the Boston area! Please note that I love snow, just not driving in it.

Please note that back issues of Hunger For Truth are viewable and printable at [www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

It is my desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

**Proverbs 7:2**

**Matt. 5:6**

**John 8:32**

**II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Heb. 4:2**

***“Let us Hunger For Truth”***



## Free From Stumbling

*By: Pastor David Smith Text: Phil 1:9-11*

Every day we live we have the option to respond righteously to the bumps and burdens of life. As long as we are in the flesh and living in a sin-cursed world, wrongness and wickedness are about us and sometimes even in us. By the grace of God, we can live free and not allow grudges, offences, hurts or evil of any kind to become a stumbling block in our life or other's lives.

**\*We can't afford spiritual bondage: it will depress our spirit, compress our soul, oppress our mind and suppress our emotions.**

### **I. Remember what God has done in you:**

\*Cleansing of your life has been comprehensive and complete (vs. 2, 6). His grace, peace and love conquer sin (Ps. 86:1-7)

- Iniquity forgiven -- (habits of deception, hypocrisy, unrighteous acts)
- Transgression forgiven -- (crossing over the border from right to wrong)
- Sin forgiven -- (missing the mark of God's perfection; self-centered lawlessness)

**Freedom does not mean there are no consequences but that guilt is gone, account cleared and acceptance is granted** (Rom. 4:7-8; Psalm 32:1; 103:10-12)

### **II. Nurture love, truth and righteousness in your daily walk: (This glorifies God and honors Christ.)**

### **III. React to others as God has acted toward you:**

\*Forgive others as God for Christ sake hath forgiven you (Eph. 4:32).

- Stand ready to forgive.
- Forgive on the basis of grace not merit.
- Expect a renewed relationship
- It may cost to extend forgiveness but the release is worth it.

## Patience is a Virtue

*By: Pastor Mark D. Hodges (Winter Haven Baptist Church, Winter Haven, FL)  
Text: Ps. 130:1-8 (Esp. vs. 5)*

In the world we live, everyone seems to be in a hurry. We Americans are the only people in the world who stand before microwaves repeating, "Hurry up! Hurry up!" Many are characterized by the person who prayed, "God give me patience and give it to me RIGHT NOW!" God is never in a hurry. It takes time for God to do a work in our hearts. We become impatient and want results right now (Prov. 14:12). God works differently as He is working for eternity and takes His time to bring our souls into line with His will and purpose. Nothing is harder than praying and waiting, but God answers prayer and fulfills promises in His time, not in ours. Someone once said, "How often has God said no to my earnest prayers that He might answer my deepest longings, give me something more, something better." True patience means waiting without worrying. God is always on time.

Patience is the willingness to respond to irritating circumstances with love, grace and kindness as you wait on the Lord to guide you in how to handle a situation. Thomas Jefferson said, "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances." Patience is a virtue because many times it is developed through difficulties and troubles. When men or women lack understanding of the order of God, it is impossible for them to accept or understand God's way (Rom. 5:3-5). God doesn't tell us to simply "grin and bear it," hoping all will work out. Patience reflects confidence in God to do His work. God is always at work in the process.

There is a reward for those who wait on the Lord (Isa. 40:31).

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**Four Gospels Word Search**

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U C L M N O P Q R N T  
K T V W X Y Z J O S N  
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Also, two books that come right after the four gospels are hidden in this word search. Please find those and write the name of the books below:

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**Words to Find:**

MATTHEW  
MARK  
LUKE  
JOHN

**Find a verse about Jesus from each of the four Gospels and write it below:**

MATTHEW: \_\_\_\_\_  
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MARK: \_\_\_\_\_  
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LUKE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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JOHN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please use a sheet of paper if you don't have enough space.

Kill the Spider

Dr. Vance Havner used to say, "We spend much time sweeping down the spider webs when we ought do something about the spider." His statement brought to mind the thousands of times I have counseled with people who told me through tears and red faces, and shameful embarrassment about their awful sins of lying, stealing, cheating, adultery, murder, and other things that are hard to imagine.

Almost every time I would respond with, "When are we going to talk about your real problem?" Each time they would tell me that they had embarrassed themselves terribly by sharing their foul deeds. I always answered, "You have not even touched on your problem. You have been telling me about the results of your problem." The believer's problems come in two areas. The first are the sins of omission, and the second, the sins of commission. To omit is to leave undone what I ought to do, while the sins of commission is to do what I ought not to do. If one omits their Bible study, prayer, faithful church attendance, giving, and obedience in witnessing; they will become weak spiritually and will be vulnerable to temptation, lusting, selfishness, covetousness, and many other fleshly sins.

About 90 to 95% of our sins are omission, but we blame our failure 90 to 95% of the time on the sins of commission. It is the little foxes that spoil the vine (Song of Sol. 2:15). Whether it is a sin of omission or a sin of commission, we have a great promise from the Word of God written just for Christians, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," (1 John 1:9) - *By: Dr. Tom Wallace*

Peter's Betrayal of the Lord

*By: Craig Glickman*

*TEXT: Mark 14:29-54; John 5:28-29; 11:25-26*

The account of Peter's betrayal is very deep and much needs to be known that is not. I recently heard a powerful message on this subject and some of the notes will be from this message.

To start, read Mark 14 and his account of Peter's betrayal of Christ. Many steps and many things led up to Peter's crucial decision or act! It was not sudden or impulsive.

I want to give you according to our Mark 14 passage, the five steps downward and in order that Peter took toward his fall. I trust this will help both you and I:

**1. His Self Confidence** - 14:29 - Peter said, "Yet will not I..." Peter was serving God in the flesh. The flesh will fail every time. We must trust in, rely on and depend fully upon God and allow His Spirit to use and guide us.

**2. Little or no Self Discipline** - 14:36-37 - Peter had little or no self discipline in spiritual matters. He'd rather sleep than pray! Are you and I guilty of sleeping rather than praying? My friend, go and serve Christ!

**3. His Cowardly Acts** - 14:53 - It is hard to say this but Peter was a coward at times. There was no prayer and no boldness.

Trusting in the flesh they all forsook Him and fled (*See John 19 account*)! How often do you and I get into a situation where God wants to use us and in fear we trust in the flesh, forsake Him and flee?

**4. He Followed the Lord Afar Off!** - 14:53-54 - Due to the sins he committed in points 1-3, we see that he is now following the Lord afar off! He is away from the Lord! His fellowship was broken! How sad! What a tragic situation for a believer to be in! My friend, if you are following the Lord afar off, claim 1 John 1:9 and repent and run back to the everlasting open arms as Peter later did.

**5. He Associated Himself with the Lord's Enemies!** - 14:54 - He warmed himself at the fire. He was probably confused, discouraged and fearful as he trusted self and the flesh and he turned to the world for comfort and later denied Him!

How sad! In closing, we should see Peter in ourselves. Praise God He is ready and willing to forgive! (Psalm 86:5)



### Quotes

“God’s way of true forgiveness involves rebuke, repenting and then forgiving.” (Luke 17:1-4, Ps. 86:5, Jer. 31:34)

“Those who are impudent and hardhearted will not listen to you (your preaching, witnessing to them) until they first listen to God.” (Ezek. 3:7)

“Believing is seeing, NOT seeing is believing!” (John 11:40, Mk. 15:16-33)

“Letting the Son shine in our hearts is the cure for ‘Eyore-itis’ and the O’ woe is me attitude.”

“Godliness is living to the glory of the Lord from the heart out of gratitude.”

“God was love long before He had made any creatures to be the objects of His love, even from all eternity.”

“The light of Christ ought not to be carried in a ‘dark lantern’. We must keep our testimony pure so the hope of salvation can shine through to our lost friends.”

“I feel there are two things it is impossible to desire with sufficient ardour --personal holiness and the honour of Christ in the salvation of souls.” -- Robert Murray M’Cheyne

“Each one of us can survive in a wicked environment by simple obedient faith in God!” (Gen. 6:6, Heb. 11:7)



### Song of the Month

#### Open Up Your Heart (Let the Sun Shine In)

*This classic song is a favorite of mine. The words are uplifting and encouraging. Let the brightness of His light shine in and scare the devil away!*

My Mommy told me something  
a little child should know.  
It's all about the devil  
and I've learned to hate him so.  
She said he causes trouble  
when you let him in the room.  
He will never ever leave you  
if your heart is filled with gloom.

So let the sun shine in  
face it with a grin.  
Smilers never lose  
and frowners never win.  
So let the sun shine in  
face it with a grin  
Open up your heart and let the sun shine in.

When you are unhappy,  
the devil wears a grin  
But oh, he starts to running  
when the light comes pouring in  
I know he'll be unhappy  
'Cause I'll never wear a frown  
So if we keep on smiling  
He'll get tired of hanging 'round.

If I forget to say my prayers  
the devil shouts with glee.  
But he feels so awful awful  
when he sees me on my knees  
So if you're full of trouble  
and you never seem to win,  
Just open up your heart and let the sun shine in.

So let the sun shine in  
face it with a grin.  
Smilers never lose  
and frowners never win.  
So let the sun shine in  
face it with a grin. Open up your heart  
and let the sun shine in.

### Stop and Think

“The cross is NOT teaching ‘glory in the gory’ or pity, but that God hates my sin and your sin!” (Isa. 52:13-14; Ch. 53)

-Anonymous

### Prayer Requests

- Salvation of my sister Wendy, nephew Jacob, and Aunt’s Sybil and Bernice.
- Patience for the HFT editor
- Salvation of Tom and Nick
- Needs of the body at Heritage Baptist Church
- Unspoken request for HFT editor and several others.

### Praises

- Praise God that He is patient with all of us and patient with me.

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*Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*His Servant,  
Craig Glickman  
Prov. 3:5-6*