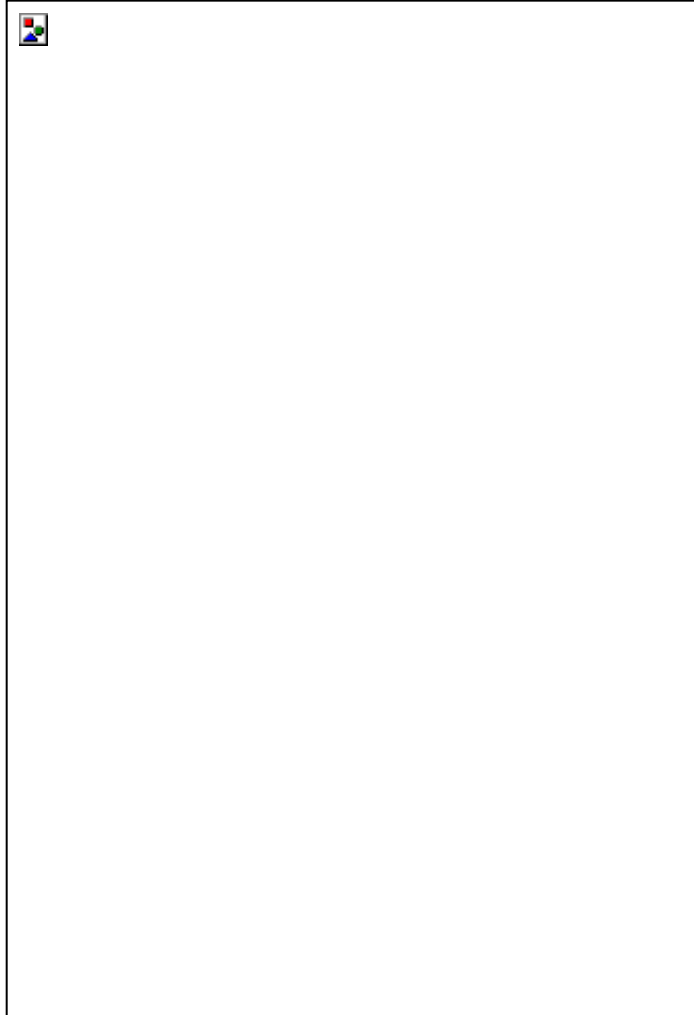


# PRISONER OF THE LORD STUDY GUIDE



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  - How did Paul view his incarceration?
  - What did Paul do despite his imprisonment?
  - Who did Paul believe was in control of his circumstances?
11. Take time to do what the final paragraph requests on page 8.

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### **Chapter One**

#### **Realizing Where You Are**

1. Using the discussion on page 9, describe your incarceration. Have you experienced some of the things discussed? What other feelings or challenging circumstances have you had?
2. How would you answer the question in paragraph 1 on page 10: What will you do with your time while incarcerated? Write out a specific plan.
3. Using pages 10-11, answer the following questions:
  - What is meant by the spiritual world?
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  - Describe the Kingdom of God
  - Of what does the Kingdom of God consist?
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25. Using the section "Losses Restored", list the bold-faced subtitles and explain how each loss was restored through the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. Pages 19-20
26. Using Acts 2 and page 21 in the book, summarize the message preached by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost.
27. What was the sin committed by the Jews in Peter's audience? Was God willing to forgive them for this? Acts 2:35 and page 21.
28. Summarize what you learn from the verses on God's forgiveness listed on page 22.
29. What should the grace that God has extended to you instill in you? Page 22
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31. Using pages 23-24, list ineffective ways of trying to cover your sin.
32. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 24-26, list six biblical steps for covering your sin.
33. What assurance does the Bible give regarding the forgiveness of your sins? Page 25, Psalm 103:12; Romans 10:9; and Isaiah 43:25.

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### Chapter Three

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1. If you have not accepted Jesus, why will the remainder of this book not work for you? Page 27
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10. Of what does your soulish realm consist? Page 28
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14. How can you avoid failing when you are trying to change your life? Pages 29-30
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18. Summarize 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 in your own words.
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20. What does following Christ require? Page 31
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23. What invitation has been extended to you by the Gospel message? Page 32
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33. What are the two basic principles of God's Kingdom? Pages 34-35
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35. Summarize the warning given in Romans 12:2. Read this in the Message Translation on page 36.
36. Using Malachi 3:16-18 and pages 36-37 list the evidences of a changed life.
37. Using Malachi 3:16-18 and pages 37-38 list the blessings of a changed life.
38. Review the six strategies for maintaining your new life in the bold-faced subtitles on pages 38-39. List these and write a summary statement on each.
39. Using John 8:3-6, summarize the story of the woman caught in adultery. Pages 39-40
40. Summarize how Jesus dealt with the woman caught in adultery. Pages 40-42
41. What question did Jesus ask the woman caught in adultery and what answer did she give? John 8:6-11
42. Without Jesus as your Savior, to what are you condemned and why? Page 41
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6. How did Jesus answer their question? Page 44 and John 9:3
7. How did Jesus view this man? Pages 44-45
8. How is Jesus looking at you? Page 45
9. What statement does Jesus make in John 9:5 regarding Himself? Page 45
10. Is Jesus one of many ways to God, or is He the only way? Find a scripture to support your answer. Page 45
11. Describe the method Jesus used to heal the blind man. Page 45
12. According to paragraph two on page 46, what happens when you come to Christ? Page 46
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14. Using Ezekiel 47:6-9, summarize what Ezekiel says regarding the spiritual river of God.
15. What did the pool of Siloam represent? Page 46
16. What happens to those who experience this spiritual river of God? Pages 46-47
17. Summarize the response of friends and neighbors to the miraculous healing of the blind man. Page 47 and John 9:8-12
18. Summarize the response of the religious leaders to the miraculous healing of the blind man. Page 47 and John 9:13-16
19. Summarize the response of the Jews to the miraculous healing of the blind man. Pages 47-48 and John 9:18
20. Summarize the response of the man's family to his healing. Page 48 and John 9:18-20
21. During the course of events recorded in John 9, the man who was healed was asked several times about how he was healed. His responses are a type--a symbolic example--of the spiritual progression that must occur in your life as a believer as you progress in your relationship with Christ. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 48-51, list and summarize the four stages of this progression.
22. Answer the question on page 51: What do you have to say about Jesus? Who is He to you?
23. Jesus emphasized the importance of counting the cost before you make spiritual decisions. What two natural examples did He use to illustrate this? Pages 51-52 and Luke 14:28-33

24. Read Luke 9:57-62 in your Bible. This passage records how three men approached Jesus wanting to follow Him. To each of these potential disciples, Jesus reveals a different aspect of the cost of becoming a follower. Using this passage and pages 52-55, discuss the request made by each of these men, Christ's statements to them, and their responses.
25. What does "taking up the cross" mean in regards to following Jesus? Page 54
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27. What is the next step you must take after taking up your cross? Page 54
28. Discuss the example of "burning bridges" on pages 55-56. What "bridges" to your past do you need to "burn"?
29. Describe the calling of Elisha by Elijah. Pages 56-57 and 1 Kings 19:19-21.
30. The word "mantle," as used in this story means "covered with a covering." Elijah's mantle was more than just a piece of cloth. The mantle was a divine token that was symbolic of three powerful spiritual truths. List these three truths which are shown in bold-faced type on pages 57-58.
31. According to page 58, what spiritual mantle rests upon you as a believer?
32. What three things were represented by the mantle of the Holy Spirit that descended upon Jesus? Pages 58-59
33. What is the spiritual mantle that Jesus sent to abide on and dwell within believers? Page 59
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3. What did Jesus command the disciples to do regarding the gift of the Holy Spirit that was to come? Was this command optional? Why or why not? Page 62
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7. What did the fire of the Holy Spirit represent? Page 63
8. Summarize the various views on when the Holy Spirit baptism occurs. Page 63
9. Read the following passages and the discussion on pages 63-64. Summarize what happened when people were baptized in the Holy Spirit in each of the following instances.
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  - At the house of Cornelius in Acts 10:44-45.
  - The converts at Ephesus in Acts 19:6.
10. What one spiritual sign was evident in all three accounts? Page 64
11. What are the types of other tongues of the Holy Spirit? Page 64, Acts 2:7-8, and 1 Corinthians 14:2.
12. Using 1 Corinthians 14 and the discussion on page 64, what are the purposes of unknown tongues?
13. What suggestion is made at the bottom of page 64 regarding your approach to the experience of other tongues of the Holy Spirit? Have you done this and/or are you willing to do it?
14. For what purpose were gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon believers? Page 65 and Ephesians 4:12-15
15. What are the main biblical passages on spiritual gifts? Read these. Page 65
16. What are the leadership gifts? Page 66?
17. What are the speaking gifts? Page 66
18. What are the sign gifts? Page 66
19. What are the serving gifts? Page 66
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21. Using Ephesians 4:12-15 and the discussion on pages 66-67, list the purposes of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Have all of these purposes been fulfilled?
22. What is meant by the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Pages 67-68
23. List the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Pages 67-68
24. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 68-72, list the purposes of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.
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4. If the truth sets you free, then what does a lie do? Page 76
5. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 76-77, list six ways you open the door to deception by your own actions.
6. What are some examples of bondages mentioned on page 78. Can you think of others?
7. The principles that a blind man named Bartimaeus applied as he received his miracle can be appropriated as you seek deliverance from bondage in your life. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 79-82, list these and write a summary statement on each.
8. Summarize what you learn about sin in Romans 6:14-18.
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2. Define "emotions". Page 88
3. What are negative emotions? Page 88
4. What are positive emotions? Page 88
5. Review the list of negative emotions on pages 88-89. Which have you experienced? Did you deal with them successfully? If so, how? If not, what could you have done differently?
6. Pages 89-95 of this chapter provide the following strategies for eliminating negative emotions. Summarize what you learn about each.
  - Recognize that your negative emotions are powerful.
  - Do not try to excuse your negative emotions.
  - Understand that negative emotions do not represent the truth.
  - Take responsibility for your emotions.
  - Make a decision to change.
  - Realize that negative emotions call for an immediate response.
  - Be willing to forgive.
  - Choose to be a victor instead of a victim.
  - Wait before you respond.
  - Take the way of escape.
  - Respond as you would like to be responded to.
  - Avoid toxic people and toxic situations.
  - Form positive relationships.
  - Learn what God's Word says about your negative emotions.
  - Pray about your negative emotions.
  - Don't give up if you fall.
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4. What negative experiences did you have in the past that affected your conduct?
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6. Describe Joseph's home environment including his parents, brothers, and the morality level. Page 98
7. Using pages 98-99, summarize the difficult personal issues Joseph went through including his experiences with his brothers, in Potiphar's house, and in prison.
8. What was Joseph's attitude, despite his difficult family background and personal experiences? Page 99
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14. What are two words that can change your world? Page 102
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16. What did Joseph remember and hold on to all through the long years of his difficulties? Page 103 and Genesis 42:9
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27. What does the Greek word for "resist" mean in James 4:7? Page 111
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29. If you submit to God and resist the devil, what are the results? Page 111
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31. How can you have a totally victorious mind? Pages 116-117
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33. What is true freedom? Page 117
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21. Read Ephesians 4:29,31-32 and summarize what Paul commanded regarding your speech. Page 125
22. Analyze your words by answering the questions in the last paragraph on page 125.
23. Using the bold-faced headings on page 126 through the top of page 127, list the reasons why controlling your tongue is mandatory and not optional. Take time to meditate on each of the verses provided.
24. The Bible addresses the types of speech from which you should refrain. Use the bold-faced subtitles on pages 127-129 to list these. Take time to meditate on each of the verses provided.
25. The Bible provides powerful strategies for winning the battle with your tongue. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 130-133, write a summary of what you learn about each one.
26. According to the last paragraph on page 133, who must take the initiative to control your tongue? Page 133

27. Study the Biblical guidelines on page 133 through the middle of page 135. Write a summary statement about what you learn regarding your responsibility for controlling your tongue.
28. What will be the results as you learn to bring your tongue under the control of the Holy Spirit? Page 135
29. What are the results when you know that the Word of God is within you and you begin to speak in agreement with God's Word? Page 136
30. Read Isaiah 55:11 and summarize what God promised regarding His Word. Page 136
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  - Prison staff, inmates, and visitors.
  - Your children.
  - Your parents.
  - Other relatives.
  - Your spouse.
  - Your friends.
  - Society at large.How have your relationships been affected in each of these areas?
4. Using the bold-faced subtitles on page 141 through the top of page 143, list the general guidelines that will help you repair and retain relationships. Write a brief summary statement on what you learn about each.
5. Summarize the guidelines given for developing positive relationships with prison staff. Pages 143-145.
6. What do you learn about authority from the discussion on pages 144-145 and the writings of the Apostle Paul in Romans 13:1-5? From whom does all authority come and how should you respond to those in authority?
7. Read the experience of the Apostle Paul recorded in Acts 23:1-5. How did Paul change his behavior when he realized who he was talking to and why did he do so?
8. What exception to obeying authorities is permitted according to Acts 4:20?
9. Using the subtitles in italic print on page 145 through the middle of page 149, summarize the guidelines given for relating with other inmates. Do you have any other suggestions to add to this list?
10. Read Proverbs 1:10-18 in the Passion Translation of the Bible on page 147. Write a summary statement of what you learn in this passage.
11. What guidelines for conduct are given in Proverbs 4:14-17? Page 148
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13. What advice is given in Proverbs 22:10-11 of the Passion Translation of the Bible? Page 149
14. Using pages 149-150, summarize what you learn about maintaining positive relationships with your visitors.
15. How can you respond properly to difficult conversations that might occur between you and your visitor? Page 150
16. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 150-154, list the guidelines for repairing and retaining relationships with your children. Write a summary statement on what you learn about each. If you have children, which of these do you need to institute immediately?

17. Using the bold-face subtitles on pages 154-156, list the guidelines given for repairing and retaining relationships with your relatives.
18. Study page 155 and summarize the guidelines for learning to forgive others. Then do the following:
  - Make a list of people from whom you need to seek forgiveness. By each name, write out a specific plan on how you will do this, i.e., by a letter, a phone call, when they come to visit you, etc.
  - Make another list of people you need to forgive. Pray for each one and then forgive them right now--today!
19. Who should always be your best friend? Page 156
20. Using the discussion on page 157, define the following friendships:
  - A mentor friendship.
  - A mentee friendship.
  - A mutual friendship.

Which of these types of friendships do you presently have? Which do you need to develop?
21. What should be your relationship with unbelievers in terms of close friendships? Bottom of page 157
22. Where is a good place to develop positive friendships while you are incarcerated? Page 158
23. List the bold-faced subtitles on pages 158 through 161 and write a brief summary statement on what you learn about each.
24. What important truth in Corinthians 15:33 should you remember? Page 161
25. Using the guidelines on pages 161-162, summarize what you learn about your relationships with society upon your release. What difficulties might you experience and what is your responsibility in regards to these issues?
26. What are the two greatest commandments in the Bible? Page 162 and Matthew 22:37-40
27. Read Galatians 5:16-20 and the first paragraph on page 163. What are the attitudes and actions that abort positive relationships? What are the actions and attitudes that result in positive relationships?
28. Review the long list of verses about relationships on pages 163-164. During the next few weeks, look up these verses and meditate on them as part of your devotional time with the Lord.

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**Chapter Twelve**  
**Trusting The God Of What Is Left**

1. Read Job chapters 1 and 2 in the Bible and the discussion on pages 165 through 172 and answer the following questions:
  - What do you learn about Job in Job:1:1-5?
  - Who appeared before God? Job 1:6-12
  - What did God say about Job? Job 1:6-12
  - What were Satan's comments regarding Job? Job 1:6-12
  - What was Satan's first request regarding Job? Job :6-12
  - Summarize the tragedies he experienced as recorded in Job 1:14-19.
  - Summarize the conversation that occurred when Satan appeared before God a second time:
    - What did Satan ask permission to do? Job 2:1-6
    - What did God give Satan permission to do and what were the limits God set on Satan? Job 2:1-6
  - Summarize the tragedies Job experienced as recorded in Job chapter 2.
  - What was Job's response to these devastating losses? Job 1:20-22
2. Summarize what Job said in Job 23:8-9? Have you ever felt that way?
3. Job made several powerful statements in the midst of his suffering. What did he say in Job 23:8-9?
4. Read Job 3:3-12. What was Job's attitude when he got his eyes on his losses instead of the Lord? Page 170
5. What must you always remember in the midst of your own spiritual battles? Page 171
6. Read about the end of Job's trial in Job 42:10-17 and on pages 171-172. Answer the following questions:
  - What did Job do immediately after God spoke to him?
  - For whom did Job pray and what happened when he did so?
  - Describe the restoration experienced by Job. What did he receive? What was his latter life like in comparison to his former life?
7. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 172 through the top of page 180, list eight steps to restoration drawn from the story of Job. Write a brief summary on each step.
8. Read Daniel chapter 3 and the discussion on pages 180-181. Answer the following questions:
  - Who was Nebuchadnezzar and what do you learn about him in Daniel chapter 3?
  - What did Nebuchadnezzar build?
  - What did Nebuchadnezzar require everyone to do?
  - Who refused to obey Nebuchadnezzar's command?
  - How were these men punished for not obeying the king's command?
  - How were these men supernaturally delivered?
  - What was the king's response to their deliverance?

9. Read Daniel chapter 4 and the discussion on pages 181-187. Answer the following questions.
  - Describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
  - Who was called to interpret the dream but were unable to do so?
  - Who was called to interpret the dream and was able to do so?
  - Summarize the dream and its interpretation.
  - What eventually happened to the king and why did it happen?
  - Describe the king's condition after judgment came upon him.
  - How long did the judgment last?
  - What happened when the king repented of his sins?
10. What is the difference between acknowledging the existence of God and coming to know Him? Page 187
11. Answer the questions in the last paragraph on page 187.
12. What are the promises in Joel 2:25-27? Apply these personally.

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### **Chapter Thirteen**

#### **Refusing To Fall**

1. Read 1 Peter 5:8-9 and the discussion on page 189. What do you learn about Satan's activities on earth?
2. What does the fact that Satan is seeking someone to devour confirm? Page 189
3. Read Psalm 91:7 and the discussion on page 190.
  - What is the promise given in Psalm 91:7?
  - To whom is this promise made? Psalm 91:1
  - What does the word "thousand" mean in Psalm 91:7? Page 190
  - What assurance does the promise in Psalm 91:7 give to you as a believer?
4. Using the discussion on pages 190 through 191, explain why people fall in the natural world and how this applies to the spiritual world.
5. Read Revelation 2:1-5 and the discussion on pages 191-192.
  - What do you learn about the church at Ephesus? Page 191
  - What instructions did God give the church at Ephesus? Page 191
  - What should you do if you have fallen or are in danger of falling? Page 192
  - What should you do if you are in danger of losing your passion for God? Page 192 and Hosea 14:1-2
6. What assurance of God's care for you is given in Matthew 10:29-31?
7. What do you learn about failure in Psalm 145:14 and 37:23-24?
8. Summarize the encouraging message in Isaiah 40:28-31. What assurance is given that you can recover from a spiritual fall? According to this passage, how do you go about recovering? Page 193
9. Read Ephesians 6:11-17 and summarize what you learn about your spiritual armor.
10. Read Ephesians 6:10. What does the word "strong" mean in this passage? Page 194.
11. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 194-196, list the biblical guidelines that will keep you from falling spiritually and help you stand strong in the Lord. Summarize what you learn about each point.
12. Read 2 Peter 2:3-11 and the discussion on pages 197-198. Answer the following questions.
  - What do you already have that assures you can live out your Christian life without falling?
  - What qualities does Peter say you should add to your faith?
  - What warning is given if you refuse to do these things?
  - What are the results if you follow the guidelines given in this passage?
13. Study Jude 24-25 and the discussion at the bottom of page 198. Who is able to keep you from falling? How will you be presented before God's throne if you continue living as a true believer?

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**Chapter Fourteen**  
**Finding Hope In The Valley Of Achor**

1. What does 1 Corinthians 10:11 reveal about the purpose of Old Testament stories?  
Page 199
2. Using the discussion on page 199, summarize what you learn about Israel, their history, and where they are at the time the events of this chapter occur.
3. What great victory had Israel just experienced? Pages 199-200 and Joshua chapter 6.
4. Read Joshua chapter 7 and pages 100-109 and answer the following questions.
  - What does the word "Achor" mean? Page 200
  - What trespass had been committed? Joshua 7:1
  - Who was responsible for this sin? Joshua 7:1
  - What was the Lord's response to this transgression? Joshua 7:1
  - What was the recommendation of the men who spied out Ai? Joshua 7:2-3
  - How many men went to battle in Ai and what happened to them? Joshua 7:4-5
  - What was Joshua's response to the defeat at Ai? Joshua 7:6
  - Who was found guilty of sin? Joshua 7:18
  - List the bold-faced subtitles on pages 200-204 and summarize the reasons for spiritual defeat.
  - What were the results of Israel's sin? Pages 204-205 and Joshua 7:4-9
5. What warning and promise had Moses given Israel previously? Pages 205-206
6. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 206-108, list four steps to take in order to recover from defeat. Write a brief summary statement on what you learn about each step.
7. What are some of the lies that Satan may tell you when you have failed? Page 209
8. What do you learn about spiritual failure in Proverbs 25:16?
9. Describe the failure and restoration of the Apostle Peter. Page 209 and John 21
10. What positive statement is made in Hosea 2:15 regarding the valley of Achor? Page 210
11. Read Hebrews 11:1 and the discussion on pages 210-211. What do you learn about the importance of maintaining hope? How is hope related to your salvation, peace, vision, etc.
12. How can you renew your hope? Pages 211-212
13. What do you learn about hope from the experience of Abraham? Pages 211-212 and Romans 4:18-21
14. What do you learn about hope as it was demonstrated in the lives of Joseph, Moses, Job, the woman with the issue of blood, Jairus, and Paul? Page 212
15. Who did Jesus meet on the Emmaus Road? Page 212 and Luke 24:13-15
16. Why had these men lost hope? Page 212
17. How did Jesus renew their hope? Page 212
18. Who is your source of hope? Page 213 and Romans 15:13
19. What did the Prophet declare in Jeremiah 29:11, despite the fact the nation was facing captivity? Page 213
20. Make the positive declarations of hope on page 214 as you conclude your study of this chapter.



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**Chapter Fifteen**  
**Conquering The Giants**

1. According to Numbers 13:33, what did the nation of Israel discover when they entered their Promised Land? Page 215
2. What does the word “giants” represent as used in this chapter of the book? Page 215
3. Identify some “giants” in your life which you need to confront.
4. Why had God commanded Israel to destroy the people of Canaan? Pages 215-216.
5. Joshua 11:22 indicates that, contrary to God's instructions, Israel left a few giants in their land. What problems resulted because of this? Page 216
6. What happens if you leave a few spiritual giants in your life? Page 216
7. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 216-217, list the cities in which giants were allowed to remain and summarize what happened in each of these cities.
8. What do unconquered giants in your life give birth to? Page 217
9. What do the words Gaza, Ashdod, and Gath mean? How do these meanings relate to your life spiritually? Page 217
10. Read 1 Samuel chapter 17 and pages 215-221. Seven techniques of eliminating spiritual giants are listed in the bold-faced subtitles. List these and write a summary statement of what you learn about each one.
11. Answer the questions at the top of page 222. Review the steps for conquering spiritual giants and write out a plan for how you will apply these steps in your life.

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**Chapter Sixteen**  
**Standing Strong In The Storm**

1. How does the Bible define a storm? Page 223
2. How does a dictionary define a storm? Page 223
3. Natural storms provide great parallels of what? Page 223
4. What is a spiritual storm? Page 223
5. Using the discussion on pages 223-224 and the parable of the two houses in Matthew 7:24-27, summarize the difference between those who build their lives on the rock Christ Jesus and those who build on the sands of this world.
6. What are two types of spiritual storms? Page 224
7. Read Jonah chapters 1-3 and the discussion on pages 224-228 and answer the following questions.
  - What did God tell Jonah to do and why? Jonah 1:1-2
  - How did Jonah respond to God's command? Jonah 1:3
  - Where was Jonah headed on this ship? Jonah 1:3
  - What happened at sea? Jonah 1:4-5
  - What did the sailors do to determine the reason for the storm? Jonah 1:6-7
  - What happened following Jonah's admission of guilt? Jonah 1:13-16
  - What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah? Jonah 1:17
8. According to Jonah chapter 2, what did the prophet do while he was in the belly of the fish?
9. What did Jonah do after he was delivered from the belly of the fish? Jonah chapter 3
10. Do positive circumstances prove you are in God's will? Page 226
11. Read Psalm 139:7-12 and summarize what David said about fleeing from God's presence.
12. What is one reason God sends a spiritual storm when you get off course? Bottom of page 226
13. Summarize what is revealed in Jeremiah 23:24 regarding trying to hide from God.
14. According to the paragraph at the top of page 228, what are some good questions to ask yourself when you are experiencing a storm resulting from your own sin?
15. What is the only remedy for a spiritual storm resulting from your own sin? Pages 228-229
16. Read Acts 27 which records the story of a storm experienced by the Apostle Paul. Why does the writer of Acts spend so much time recording details of this storm? Page 229
17. Using the bold-faced subtitles on pages 230-234, list the strategies that will help you face spiritual storms for which you are not at fault. Write a summary statement on what you learn about each strategy.
18. Study the chart at the top of page 235 and write a paragraph comparing the storm experienced by Jonah with that experienced by Paul.
19. Some conclusions drawn from the study of these storms are listed in bold-faced subtitles on pages 235-237. List these and write a summary statement on each.

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**Chapter Seventeen**  
**Fulfilling Your Destiny**

1. Luke 15 records three parables told by Jesus.
  - What is the subject of the parable in Luke 15:3-7?
  - What is the subject of the parable in Luke 15:8-10?
  - What is the subject of the parable in Luke 15:11-32?
2. What is emphasized in each of these three parables? Page 239, last sentence
3. What do the first two parables emphasize? Page 240
4. Read Luke 15:11-24 and pages 241-247 and answer the following questions:
  - What was the request of the younger son and what was the father's response?
  - Where did the young son go and what did he do with his inheritance?
  - What troubles eventually arose?
  - What job did the young son have to take?
  - What sad fact is revealed in Luke 15:16?
  - What happened when the young man "came to himself". What did he think, say, and do?
  - What pattern is apparent in the prodigal son's decision to return home? Page 244
  - What happened when the father saw the young man coming down the road?
  - What did the son say to His father?
  - Using Luke 15:22-24, summarize how the father responded to the errant son.
5. Using Luke 15:25-32 and pages 247-248, answer the following questions.
  - Where had the older son been?
  - What did he hear as he drew near the house?
  - What question did he ask the servant and what was the servant's response?
  - What was the oldest son's reaction to the servant's report?
  - What did the father appeal to the older son to do?
  - What were the objections raised by the older son?
  - What prevented the older son from entering into the father's house?
6. Who is the third son that is not mentioned in this story? What has this Son done for you? Pages 249-250
7. What is your greatest ministry? Pages 249-250
8. Is it possible to fulfill your destiny even though you are incarcerated? Page 250
9. Summarize what you learned from the parable of the prodigal son regarding fulfilling your destiny. Page 250

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**Chapter Eighteen**  
**Pursuing Purpose In Prison**

1. Read Philippians 1:12-14 and summarize the Apostle Paul's attitude towards his unjust imprisonment. How was he using his time in prison to accomplish his destiny?
2. Review the section on "Setting Practical Goals" on pages 252-253 and summarize the suggestions given for setting personal goals:
  - Educationally
  - Financially
  - Mentally
  - Physically
  - Socially
  - Spiritually
3. Write out goals that you plan to pursue in each of these areas.
  - Educationally
  - Financially
  - Mentally
  - Physically
  - Socially
  - Spiritually
4. Read Acts 16 and pages 254-258 regarding the experiences of Paul and Silas in Philippi. Answer the following questions:
  - What problem did Paul confront in Acts 16:16-18? Pages 254-255
  - How did Paul deal with this annoying circumstance? Page 256
  - What were the results of Paul's actions? Acts 16:19-24
  - What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight? Acts 16:25
  - What event interrupted them? Acts 16:26
  - What happened when the jailer awoke and what did Paul say to him? Acts 16:27-28
  - Using Acts 16:29-34, summarize what happened to the jailer.
5. What are two things that are common to all people? Page 257 bold-faced subtitles
6. How should you change your attitude towards prison and your midnight experiences? Pages 258-259 and 2 Corinthians 4:15-18
7. Using the list on page 259, summarize some of the amazing deliverances that occurred in the biblical record.
8. Read the summary of Paul's experience in 2 Timothy 4:16-18. What statements of faith does he make in this passage?
9. Read "Prison With Purpose" starting on page 260. List and summarize six amazing processes that are set in motion when you praise God during difficult times. Pages 260-263
10. What do you learn about being thankful in 1 Thessalonians 5:18?
11. Read Habakkuk 3:17-19 and summarize what the prophet said regarding rejoicing in the Lord.
12. Read the questions in the last paragraph on page 264. What is your response?

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**Chapter Nineteen**  
**Facing The Future**

1. Read the true life experiences of Maria, Catherine, and Karla on page 267. How do their stories inspire you to face the future?
2. What should you do if you are unjustly incarcerated? Page 268
3. What do you learn about true justice in Psalm 58:11?
4. Who knows the truth of your situation and what will He eventually do about it? Page 268
5. On what basis does God judge you? Pages 268-269 and Hebrews 4:12
6. If you are guilty of the crime for which you are incarcerated, of what should you be aware? Do these statistics have to be true in your case? Page 269
7. Read Joshua 1:8-9. What is the exclusion-free guarantee given in this passage? What must you do to claim it?
8. Why are blessings bestowed on evil people as well as good people? Page 270 and Romans 2:4
9. What are some of the reasons for difficult circumstances? Page 270
10. Why do many of the issues that disrupt and disturb your life continue? Page 270
11. As a believer, in what realm are you now living? How does that affect your ability to deal with your problems? Page 270-271
12. Who is the answer to every circumstance of life? Page 271
13. Who is actually in control of your circumstances? Page 271
14. Read the story of Lazarus in John 11:1-32. What were the results of Christ's delayed arrival? What greater miracle happened than would have occurred if Jesus had arrived earlier and healed Lazarus? John 11:43-44
15. If there is a delay in an answer to your prayers, what might be the reason? Page 271
16. Stephen was martyred for his faith and Peter was delivered from prison. Both were believers. What made the difference in their destinies? Pages 271-272
17. What do you learn about deliverance in Hebrews chapter 11?
18. In regards to your unanswered questions, what truth is expressed in Deuteronomy 29:29?
19. Read Joshua chapters 23-24 which record Joshua's final speech to Israel before his death. The major points he made are discussed on pages 272-276. List the subtitles that are in bold-faced type and write a summary statement on each.
20. What warning is given in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18? What promise is given if you heed the warning?
21. Why is it important to not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers? Page 275
22. What is the peril of prosperity of which Joshua warned? Pages 275-276 and Joshua 23:15
23. What choice did Joshua ask the people of Israel to make? Joshua 24:14-24 and pages 276-277
24. How is who you choose to serve related to your destiny? Page 277
25. Read Hebrews 6:16-18 and the discussion on pages 278-279. How can you be assured that God will fulfill His promises? By what two things does God confirm His promises?
26. What does God declare in Isaiah 43:19 regarding the future? Page 279
27. What assurance is given in Isaiah 30:21 regarding your future? Page 280

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### **Chapter Twenty Finishing Well**

1. What do the biblical men Judas, Demas, and Diotrophes have in common? Page 281
2. What do the biblical men Moses, David, Jonah, Peter and John Mark have in common? Page 281
3. To what did Paul compare the Christian life? 1 Corinthians 9:24 and page 281
4. What did you learn spiritually from the true-life example of the race at the British Empire Games discussed on pages 281-282?
5. Upon whom are you to keep your eyes fixed as you run the race of life? Page 282
6. What do you learn in Hebrews 12:1-3 and on page 283 regarding others who may be witnessing how you run the race of life?
7. How was Jesus able to face the cross with joy? Page 283
8. How can you face dark days in prison with joy? Page 283
9. What did you learn that you can apply to your life from the true-life story of Nicolo Paganini on pages 283-284.
10. What did you learn that you can apply to your life from the story of Abraham Lincoln on page 284?
11. Summarize the experiences of John Wesley. What did you learn that you can apply to your life? Page 284
12. In order to fulfill your spiritual destiny and live a successful life, what must you determine? Page 285
13. Of what can you be confident? Philippians 1:6 and Page 285
14. How did the Apostle Paul treat believers prior to his conversion? Page 285 and Acts 22:3
15. Despite his sins in the past, what did Paul declare in 1 Corinthians 4:4?
16. How could Paul make this claim when he had killed and persecuted people? Page 285
17. Summarize the statement made by Paul in Philippians 3:13-14.
18. What was Paul's one spiritual goal? Page 286
19. What did Paul do while he was incarcerated? Acts 28:24 and page 286.
20. Summarize Jeremiah 6:16 and explain how this verse can help you make good choices in the future.
21. What is the purpose of looking back at how far you have come since you became a believer? Page 287
22. For what should you look as you make decisions? Paragraph one on page 287
23. What do you learn in 1 Peter 1:3-9 about the purposes of difficulties?
24. Upon what should you focus as you face the future? Page 287
25. How does Colossians 1:22-23 confirm that you will finish well? What is the "if" statement that qualifies this promise?
26. Describe what happened in London in 1941, what Prime Minister Winston Churchill said in response, and apply this to your life. Page 288.
27. What do you learn from the declarations of faith on pages 289 and 290?
28. What do you learn about heaven from the closing paragraphs of this chapter and from Revelation 21:4?

## **APPENDIX STUDY GUIDE**

**Appendix One: Bible Study Guide.** Use this guide to establish a regular Bible reading/study program.

**Appendix Two: Prayer Guide.** Use this guide to learn how to pray and to develop a regular prayer time each day. You may want to keep a prayer journal to record your requests and answers to prayers.

**Appendix Three: Living In God's Kingdom.**

**Commands Of The King.** Select one topic each week. Look up all the verses under that topic. Pray about how you are doing in regards to each command.

**Kingdom Parables:**

-Define a parable.

-How can a person understand the meaning of parables?

-Using the list provided in this appendix, study each parable in the Bible. Write a summary statement about what you learn about each one and how you can apply it in your own life.

**Appendix Four: Sharing Your Testimony.** Follow these guidelines to prepare your testimony and share it with others.

**Appendix Five: Leading Someone To Christ.** Study these scriptures so you will be able to win others to Jesus. Perhaps you can role play with another believer for practice.

**Appendix Six: Scriptural Index.** This index provides prison-related references for further study.