



**"The ant stores its provisions in *Summer*,
and gathers its food at harvest (*Fall*)."** Proverbs 6:8

(Use Your Summer To Have An Effective Fall With Jesus.)



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Summer Thought Bombs 💣

💣 If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop folks from digging into the Bible. --J.I. Packer

💣 "We are at this moment as close to God as we really choose to be. True, there are times when we would like to know a deeper intimacy, but when it comes to the point, we are not prepared to pay the price involved." --
--J. Oswald Sanders from book, *Enjoying Intimacy with God*.

💣 "I prayed for faith and thought that some day it would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith didn't seem to come. One day I read in Romans that "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." I had up to this time, closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."
--D.L. Moody

💣 "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply."
--Hudson Taylor, missionary to China

💣 "How do I defend the Bible? I treat it like a lion. I let it out of its cage and it defends itself."
--Charles Spurgeon

💣 A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education. --Teddy Roosevelt

💣 God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our circumstances, but shouts to us in our pains. Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world."
--C. S. Lewis

💣 "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."--C.S. Lewis

💣 I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ."
--Count Zinzendorf

💣 If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.
--Charles Spurgeon

💣 "I am committed to 2 things: first, that every man should give himself completely to Jesus Christ. And second, even if no one else does, I will."
--Jonathan Edwards

How To 'Breathe Spiritually'

Question: Once a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit, how can he or she continue to walk in the fullness of the Spirit?

Answer: Unfortunately, the average Christian does not understand how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit by faith moment by moment. He may know about being filled with the Spirit, but is dismayed that the filling doesn't seem to last, and he ends up trying to please God through his own efforts, in his own power.

If this is your experience, a scriptural process known as "spiritual breathing" will enable you to be continually filled with the Spirit. The application of spiritual breathing has enriched my life as has no other concept; it has also been shared with millions of people around the world through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ -- with revolutionary results.

A friend of mine told me how he had discovered the benefits of this concept. He once agreed to teach a Sunday school class of young people, though he had never taught students of that age before. Apprehensive, he planned to arrive early at church in order to prepare meticulously for this class.

But his family was late in getting ready for church, so my friend sat in his car in the hot sun, fuming and waiting. When his wife and children finally loaded into the car, he began to vent his anger at them. Now he was in no mood for God to use him.

Then he remembered what he had learned at a Campus Crusade "Lay Institute for Evangelism" about spiritual breathing, and he applied it. Then he apologized to his family.

The result? His attitude was transformed immediately, and the Lord used him that morning to introduce several young people of the class to Christ.

The concept that helped my friend find victory over his anger is very simple. Like physical breathing, spiritual breathing is a process of exhaling the impure and inhaling the pure -- by faith.

The process begins with **exhaling**. If you have taken the throne of your life away from Christ, perhaps through deliberate disobedience or an attitude of unbelief, then exhale by **confessing**. God's Word promises, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

To **confess** (the Greek word *homologeō*) means to "agree" with God concerning your sin or sins. That means, first, you specifically acknowledge to God that your jealousy, dishonesty, lust, adultery, etc. is sin. Second, you agree with God that He has already forgiven you through Christ's death and shedding of His blood on the cross (Colossians 1:14)

Finally, you repent, meaning that you change your attitude about that sin, and as a result you change your conduct.

The second part of spiritual breathing is **inhaling**: Again appropriate by faith the filling of God's Spirit. Trust Him again to control and empower you, according to His **command** to "be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18) and His **promise** that He hears us and grants our requests when we pray according to His will (1 John 5:14-15). So trust that God has filled you again with His Spirit, and thereafter continue to claim by faith that you are filled.

You will not become defeated and what Paul calls "carnal" (1 Corinthians 3:3 KJV) simply by committing one or a dozen sins, provided you sincerely continue to breathe spiritually. But you will become carnal if you cease to practice spiritual breathing.

Let me illustrate how it can work in your life. Suppose as you are walking in the Spirit, you are tempted to sin. You have the power and authority in the Spirit to resist the sin, and also the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13 that God "will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also...."

Suppose, instead, you choose to yield to the temptation. Then the Holy Spirit will convict you of that sin until you breathe spiritually. But if you do not confess -- "exhale"-- as soon as He convicts you of your sin, you will become carnal. You will also become carnal if you develop an attitude of unbelief and doubt that God will forgive you and fill you again with His Spirit. The solution? Put aside the doubts and sincerely breathe spiritually.

A word of caution! The Christian who continues to disobey God will be disciplined according to Hebrews 12 and Psalm 32, just as a loving parent disciplines a disobedient child. Such discipline often results in sickness, financial reverses, emotional problems and even death.

Through the concept of spiritual breathing, the Lord has provided you with a way to get off the roller coaster of spiritual highs and lows. You can experience God's love, forgiveness and power in your life moment by moment, day by day. Enjoy right now the exciting, victorious, abundant life He has promised you. --Bill Bright

Summer Survival Plan

Let's Face It: Each summer, many students go home to a spiritual desert. Though they have grown at JMU, they experience a frustrating walk with Christ during the summer. You can make decisions NOW that will best prepare you for the Fall. The ideas below will help you not just survive, but even thrive this summer!

1. Fellowship *Hebrews 10:24-25*

- *Get involved in a good church* and into a good small group Bible Study.
- *Keep in touch with Cru Friends over the summer.*
- If you're alone where you live, you can still "fellowship" with other Christians and with the Lord through *good books and podcasts*. (See attached list).
- *Bottom line: try not to go through the summer alone.* God made you to need people. Satan wants to isolate you from God and godly people.

2. Word

- Keep your relationship with the Lord your # 1 priority this summer.
- Have a *set time and place* to daily get alone with God in Bible study and prayer, and guard it jealously!
- Make a *prayer list* to keep track of prayer requests and God's answers.

3. Faith

- God has given you the resources you need to walk with Him this summer. Review "How To Breathe Spiritually" page, then step out in faith to make a difference for Christ where you are.

My Summer with Jesus

My Summer Goals with Jesus:

1.

2.

3.

Write a Covenant Below Based on Your Goals

Example:

1. Spend 30 minutes each day in Bible Study and prayer.
2. Find an accountability partner from JMU to pray with, study God's Word with, and talk to about your summer struggles, successes and what God's doing in your life.
3. Attend a church each Sunday where Christ is honored and I'm encouraged to take steps of faith.

My Covenant
(Between you and Jesus)

Signed,

Summer Bible Reading Plan

112-Day Experiment: A Chapter a Day, 12 books of the Bible!

Start **May 9**

Gospel of

John

9. 1
10. 2
11. 3
12. 4
13. 5
14. 6
15. 7
16. 8
17. 9
18. 10
19. 11
20. 12
21. 13
22. 14
23. 15
24. 16
25. 17
26. 18
27. 19
28. 20
29. 21

1 Timothy

30. 1
31. 2

Memory Challenge
1 Thessalonians 2:8

June

1. 3
2. 4
3. 5
4. 6

2 Timothy

5. 1
6. 2
7. 3
8. 4

Nehemiah

9. 1
10. 2
11. 3
12. 4
13. 5
14. 6
15. 7
16. 8
17. 9
18. 10
19. 11
20. 12
21. 13

Galatians

22. 1
23. 2
24. 3
25. 4
26. 5
27. 6

Ephesians

28. 1
29. 2
30. 3

July

1. 4
2. 5
3. 6

Philippians

4. 1
5. 2
6. 3
7. 4

Colossians

8. 1
9. 2
10. 3
11. 4

Ruth

12. 1
13. 2
14. 3
15. 4

Romans

16. 1
17. 2
18. 3
19. 4
20. 5
21. 6
22. 7
23. 8
24. 9
25. 10
26. 11
27. 12
28. 13
29. 14
30. 15
31. 16

August

Daniel

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7
8. 8
9. 9
10. 10
11. 11
12. 12

Gospel of

Mark

13. 1
14. 2
15. 3
16. 4
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28. 16

Memory Challenge
Philippians 2:1-4

READ ... Study the passage for the day. Write the following:

1. What does this passage say about the character of God? Why? What does this passage say about people? What is the main point of the passage? How does Jesus ultimately fulfill the point of the passage?
2. How does this passage lead you to a) worship God, b) confess and repent of sin, c) find comfort and encouragement, d) be bold to serve others. Pray and talk with God about what you are reading and learning.
3. Pick a verse to memorize and think about throughout the day.

Bible Reading Plan 2: Growing Closer to God in 31 Days

(Ask same questions from above to help you study these verses in depth)

1. Isaiah 55
2. Psalm 63
3. Colossians 2:6-7
4. Ephesians 2:1-10
5. Psalm 1
6. Isaiah 40:28-31
7. Mark 2:1-12
8. Luke 7:36-50
9. John 15:1-8
10. II Corinthians 5:14-17
11. Philippians 3:7-14
12. Psalm 145
13. Hebrews 4:14-16
14. Galatians 2:20-21
15. Romans 8
16. II Peter 1:3-8
17. Colossians 1:9-23
18. Philippians 2:1-11
19. Romans 5:1-8
20. John 1:1-18
21. Psalm 19:7-8
22. I Thessalonians 4:1-8
23. I John 1:9
24. I John 4:7-13
25. Romans 12:1-5
26. Philippians 4:6-9
27. John 4:1-42
28. Isaiah 53
29. II Timothy 2:1-7
30. John 14:6
31. Colossians 3:1-17

Podcasts, Websites, Books

Podcasts and Websites:

[Mark Driscoll](http://theresurgence.com/podcast) at theresurgence.com/podcast

[John Piper](http://desiringgod.org) at desiringgod.org

[Tim Keller](http://sermons.redeemer.com/store) at sermons.redeemer.com/store

For Greatest Impact

[The Bible, God](#) ☆

Relationship Books (Women)

[When Life and Beliefs Collide](#), James
[Choosing God's Best](#), Raunikar

Relationship Books (Men)

[Sex Is Not the Problem \(Lust is\)](#), Harris
[Wild at Heart](#), John Eldredge

Christian Living and Growth

[Living the Cross-Centered Life](#), Mahaney
[Knowing God](#), Packer
[Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ](#), Piper
[Heaven](#), Randy Alcorn

Apologetics/Philosophy

[Mere Christianity](#), C.S. Lewis
[More Than A Carpenter](#), McDowell
[Case for Faith/Case for Christ](#), Stroebel
[Children of the Living God](#), Ferguson

Practical Growth and Ministry

[Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire](#), Cymbala
[Masterplan of Evangelism](#), Coleman

Missionary Biographies

[Shadow of the Almighty](#), Elliot
[God's Smuggler](#), Brother Andrew
[Heavenly Man](#), Brother Yun

Staff Recommendations

- *Katie: [The Reason For God](#) by Tim Keller
- *Josh: [When People are Big & God is Small](#), Welch
- *Katherine: [Shattered Dreams](#) by Larry Crab
- *Lindsay: [Living the Cross-Centered Life](#), Mahaney
- *Brandon: [Living the Cross-Centered Life](#)
- *Ben: [The Cross of Christ](#), Stott
- *April: [Faithful Women & their Extraordinary God](#)-Piper
- *Dan: [To The Golden Shore](#), Steer

Are you experiencing a problem with pornography, eating disorders, over eating, alcohol addiction, or another recurring issue?

Check out: www.settingcaptivefree.com
Men: also check www.covenanteyes.com

WELCOME WEEK, FALL 2009

"So that all 18,000 students at JMU know someone, who truly follows Jesus."

<p>Monday 17</p>	<p>ON Campus Helpers for Freshman Move-In... Move In TODAY from 9am to Noon or from 8-10pm. <u>No Exceptions</u>. ORL will turn you away if you try to move in at different time or day.</p> <p>Leadership Team overnight <u>Sunday, 16th</u>. Meet at Godwin Steps, 4pm. (Sleeping Bag, etc)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 18</p>	<p>Freshman move-in #1 9-3 pm. (Meet at <u>ISAT steps</u> by Statue of James Madison, 8:15am). (Lunch provided)</p> <p>Questions? Contact Kaila at nieveskc@jmu.edu or Phil at ernstpf@jmu.edu</p>	
<p>Wednesday 19</p>	<p>Freshman move-in #2 9-3 pm (<u>Wilson Hall Steps 8:15am.</u>) (Lunch provided)</p>	 <p>Move-In T-shirt</p>
<p>Thurs/Friday 20-21</p>	<p>Small Group Leaders Getaway: Required for Leading a Small Group Bible Study. Starts @ 7pm @ 1st Church of Nazarene (Big Church ~10 minutes down Port Republic Rd., on your left).</p>	
<p>Sunday 23</p>	<p>"Welcome Back CRU" – 8pm, HHS 2301. Gonna be fun!</p>	
<p>Monday 24</p>	<p><u>Classes Begin!</u> New Questionnaires & cards to meet/greet the Freshmen. 11-2 pm, Commons Table #3</p> <p>Freshman Party on UREC Courtyard 6pm (<u>everyone</u> come meet Freshmen)</p>	
<p>Tuesday 25</p>	<p>Freshmen Men (Godwin Field) & Women (Quad) Small Groups, 7pm</p>	
<p>Thursday 27</p>	<p>First CRU of the year, 8pm, HHS 2301.</p>	
<p>Friday 28</p>	<p>Prayer Event: You'll hear about it later.</p>	
<p>Saturday 29</p>	<p>Welcome Back Party @ _____</p>	
<p>Sept 25-27</p>	<p>Fall Retreat! @ Rockbridge</p>	