

## SERMON TITLE: “THE WORD IN ME, JESUS BEFORE ME”

Bible Besties, let’s talk about something that is.....

Powerful

Practical

Lifesaving

**Scripture** and how it always leads us straight to **Jesus**.

The Bible isn’t just a book we read... it’s a **voice we follow**, a **truth we stand on**, and a **Person we come to know**, because the Word points to the **Living Word: Jesus Christ!**

And today, we’re going to take 10 scriptures and turn them into a holy habit: **memorize them, love them, live them, and FOLLOW Jesus with confidence.**

**When you memorize Scripture, you’re not stuffing your brain, you’re stocking your heart with Jesus.**

**You’re building a faith foundation that stays strong when feelings wobble, storms hit, and distractions try to steal your focus.**

### A Jesus - Focused Faith Map (NKJV) 10 Scriptures

#### 1) Jesus at the Beginning - Creator

**Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Before your problems had a name, God already had a plan. The Creator is not intimidated by what He created.

## 2) Jesus is God - The Word

**John 1:1** “In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God.” Jesus isn’t “a helper.” He’s **God Himself** -the authority over your life, your future, and your salvation.

## 3) Jesus Came Close (He was on Earth) - God With Us

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”  
Jesus didn’t shout love from heaven—He **walked it** on earth.

## 4) Jesus is the Gift - Love in Action

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”  
**This is not “religion.”** This is a **relationship** - God loved, God gave, we believe, we live.

## 5) Jesus is Eternal Life - The Difference Maker

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
Sin pays wages. Jesus gives gifts. And Bible Bestie... I’m choosing the gift every time!

## 6) Jesus is the Only Life - God’s Testimony

**1 John 5:11** “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.”  
Life isn’t in success, money, people, or platforms. **Life is in Jesus.**

## 7) Scripture is God-Breathed - Jesus-Revealing

**2 Timothy 3:16** “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”

The Bible isn't random thoughts; it's **God's breathed-out truth** that shapes us into Jesus-followers.

## 8) Jesus First - Kingdom Focus

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Memorizing Scripture helps you put Jesus first when everything else is trying to cut in line.

## 9) Jesus Sends Us - The Mission

**Matthew 28:19** “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”

We don't just learn the Word, we **live it out loud** and bring others to Jesus.

## 10) Jesus is Our Hope - A Better City

**Hebrews 11:16** “But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”

No matter what happens here, we are headed somewhere better. Jesus has a prepared place for His people.

## Why We Need to Memorize These Scriptures

### 1) Because Scripture helps you FOLLOW Jesus daily

Following Jesus isn't just a Sunday smile, it's Monday decisions, Tuesday temptations, Wednesday weariness. Memorized Scripture becomes your **daily direction**.

### 2) Because the enemy can't steal what you've stored

When you have Scripture in you, you don't have to "find a Bible" to fight a battle.

You can speak truth immediately, right in the middle of pressure.

### 3) Because your mind needs renewing

When anxious thoughts show up, memorized truth stands up and says: "Nope. We're not doing fear today. We're following Jesus today."

### 4) Because you'll be ready to encourage others

Somebody in your life is going to need hope fast.

And when the Word is in you, you can give Jesus to them with confidence.

### 5) Because joy grows where truth lives

Joy is not pretending life is perfect. Joy is knowing Jesus is faithful. Memorized Scripture keeps your heart anchored in Him.

## Biblical Points to Remember

### Point 1: The Bible is about a Person: **Jesus**

From **Genesis 1:1** to **John 1:1**, we see the same truth: **Jesus** is not an add-on. He is **The Foundation**.

## Point 2: Memorizing Scripture is an act of love and obedience

If we love Jesus, we want His words close. #HISWORD  
#KEEPHISWORDCLOSE

Not because we're trying to "look spiritual," but because we want to walk with Him. **#WalkWithJesus**

## Point 3: The Word gives us a mission and a destination

**Matthew 28:19** reminds us we're sent.

**Hebrews 11:16** reminds us we're going home.

We follow Jesus with purpose now, and with hope for what's ahead.

### Holy Highlights

- **Jesus** didn't just give you a book; He gave you Himself. The Word leads to the Savior.
- You don't have to memorize perfectly, just memorize faithfully. Little by little, your spirit gets stronger.
- Every verse you hide in your heart is a seed that will grow into courage, wisdom, peace, and joy.

### Simple Joyful Ways to Memorize

1. **Read one verse out loud 3 times a day** (morning, midday, night)
2. **Write it on a sticky note** and put it where you'll see it
3. **Say it in prayer:** "Lord, help me believe this verse today."
4. **Turn it into a declaration:** "I choose Jesus first!"
5. **Repeat it during chores** (yes—laundry can be holy!)

## Follow Jesus

Bible Besties, **Jesus** is not calling you to be perfect. He's calling you to be **present**.

To come close. To learn His voice. To walk His way. To love what He loves.

And Scripture is one of the clearest ways He trains our hearts to FOLLOW Him.

So, let's make a joyful decision:

**I will not just read the Word—I will remember the Word.**

**I will not just know about Jesus—I will follow Jesus.**

### Guided Prayer

Lord **Jesus**, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for coming near, for becoming flesh, for saving us, and for giving us eternal life. Help us memorize these scriptures with joy. Plant them deep in our hearts so we can follow You boldly, love You sincerely, and live for You daily. When we feel weak, remind us of Your truth. When we feel distracted, pull us back to Your voice. We choose You first, **Jesus**. We will follow You. In Your name, **JESUS**, Amen.

Bible Bestie, memorizing Scripture is not homework—it's **heart work**. It's not pressure—it's **power**.

It's not about being impressive—it's about being **prepared** to follow Jesus anywhere.

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