

## Key #2. Memorize Word-Perfect

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.*  
Deuteronomy 4:2

God's Word is sacred, and we should be very careful to memorize each "jot and tittle" of it accurately. Take care lest you inadvertently add to, or take away from God's Holy Word. It is also important in terms of memorization itself. The more perfectly you memorize a verse—the more firmly it is engraved in your brain. A later booklet will look at the importance of reviewing recently memorized verses. You will discover it is essential to review a verse exactly the same way every time in order to get it into your permanent memory banks—so learn it right, the first time. Remember, it takes no more effort to memorize a verse correctly than it does to memorize it wrong! In short, make it a rule to always memorize your verses word-perfect.

To memorize a verse, simply repeat the first phrase of the verse several times until you can say it from memory. Then add the next phrase, quoting them together until both are fixed in your mind. Continue working at it, one phrase at a time, until you can quote the entire verse: word-perfect. It may be necessary to relearn the verse several times over the next few days, but each time it will get easier, and eventually it will begin to stick. Work at it a little every day, and God will bless your efforts.

You are off to a great start! Try out your verse pack and learn your first verse. Remember—use little spare moments throughout the day, and memorize each verse accurately. We'll share more keys to successful Bible memorization in our next booklet.

# Survival Kit!

**FAST Survival Kit #1 - Amazing Grace**

## Memo:

Hi! Welcome to the *FAST Survival Kit*—a simple little program designed to give you a taste of what it really means to be a joy-filled



Christian. This study you hold in your hands is the first of five. Once you have completed them all, you will not only know what it takes to *survive* as a Christian—you will know how to *thrive*! Put a little effort into these studies. You will learn a lot, and they will help deepen your relationship with God.

You will also gain something invaluable: keys to memorizing Scripture effectively. You see, there is power in the Word of God. It has spoken entire worlds into existence. It has overthrown kingdoms and it has raised the dead. In fact, God's Word is so powerful, it never returns void—it always accomplishes what it sets out to do. (See Isaiah 55:11). Start laying up that kind of power in your heart, and your whole life will begin to change. Try it, and see! Turn the page to begin...

**The Editor,  
Hid in Christ**




***Bible Secrets to Memorizing Scripture***

## Objectives

### Week 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initialed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

-  Our first Bible Search is titled **Amazing Grace**. Simply read the questions, look up the verses in a Bible, and then answer the questions *in your own words*. Pause a moment before beginning and ask God to speak through His Word as you study. Think of this first Bible Search as a brief introduction to God. May it give you fresh insights into what He is really like.
-  Your first memory verse is **Jeremiah 31:3**. You should have received with this booklet a verse pack and blank cards. Write out this week's verse on a card and slide it into your verse pack as described in Key #1. Then, follow the suggestions in Key #2 to begin memorizing it. Get to the point where you can quote this verse *word-perfect*.
-  Read the last two pages of this booklet entitled **Keys to Scripture Memory**. There you will discover our first two secrets to memorizing effectively. By the end of this program, your goal will be to know all ten—in order. So begin learning these first two right away. Memorizing God's Word is an exciting adventure—are you ready?

*I rejoice at thy word,  
As one that findeth great spoil.  
Psalms 119:162*

## Keys to Scripture Memory

### Practical Suggestions

In the weeks to come, the FAST Survival Kit will introduce you to ten keys to successful Scripture memory—drawn directly from the Bible. We strongly recommend that you follow these principles closely, especially when starting out. Scripture memory does not have to take much time or effort, and it can quickly become the joy and rejoicing of your heart—but there are some helpful principles you should understand. Our first two keys are listed below:

### Key #1. Use Good Tools

*If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet [sharpen] the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.  
Ecclesiastes 10:10*

Just as a sharp axe requires you to exert less energy to chop the same amount of wood, a good Scripture memory tool can give you a better return on your investment of time and effort. Perhaps the best tool around is a small verse pack—with verse cards—that fits easily in your pocket. Both cards and packs can be obtained at many Christian bookstores—or from FAST. One should come included with your Survival Kit.

Simply write the verse you want to memorize and its reference on one side of a verse card, and then just the reference on the back. (Printed verse cards are also available from FAST). Next, slide the card into the clear outside pocket with the words of the verse facing out. If you keep your verse pack with you, you can pull it out any time you have a few minutes and work on a verse: walking down a sidewalk, sitting at a stoplight, waiting in line, etc. Redeem such moments carefully, and you will be able to learn countless verses without having to set aside special times for memorizing. Slipping your verse pack in a pocket each morning will soon be as much a habit as grabbing your wallet or keys.

8. What does Jesus say about faith in the following verses?

Matthew 9:29

Mark 9:23

*Note: There is, it seems, an underlying law of the universe: that the fulfillment of God's plan for our life is directly connected to our faith in God's longing to make us successful and happy.*

9. In light of the facts we have studied so far, what emotion should fill our heart? Philippians 4:4

Isn't it incredible? God not only created you, but He has the deepest love for you, and an abiding interest in every detail of your life. What is more, God has a rich plan for your life, designed specifically for your happiness—and He's willing to use all the resources of heaven to ensure that plan comes to pass! Do you believe it? Enough to respond with thanksgiving and joy? Even when things seem the bleakest? Why not choose today, to pursue by faith God's best for your life!

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Amazing Grace

### Bible Search 1

Welcome to the first Bible Search in our FAST Survival Kit. The five studies in this program will look at those basics of the Christian life that are essential to your long term success and happiness. Bible Search One looks at what God is really like, and what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Press on with a prayer in your heart, and enjoy.

*The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying,  
Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with  
lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3*

1. How does the Bible introduce God? Genesis 1:1

2. How is God involved in our world today?  
Nehemiah 9:6

Lamentations 3:22-23

*Note: God is not some giant clockmaker that simply wound up the universe and then left it alone to run down by itself. Rather, the Bible describes our Creator as intimately involved in our continued existence, preserving and sustaining us, day by day.*

3. What do each of the following verses tell us about God?  
Psalms 90:2

I Chronicles 29:11-12

Romans 11:33

*Note: The God of the Bible is described as eternal, all powerful, and infinitely wise. As Jesus once said, "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).*

4. What is the special object of God's attention?  
Psalms 139:1-6

Luke 12:6-7

*Note: God's attentive interest is on you and your life—much like a loving parent, watching, waiting to encourage and help. Jesus once said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).*

5. What are God's thoughts toward us? Jeremiah 29:11

*Note: God has a special plan for our individual happiness and is waiting only for our cooperation to bring it to pass!*

6. What do the following verses suggest about God's plan for our lives?  
Psalms 84:11

Psalms 37:4

Romans 8:32

*Note: God wants nothing but the best for us, and will withhold no blessing from those who live for Him.*

7. How should we respond to God's plans for our lives?  
Hebrews 11:6

*Note: The human response to God's initiatives which pleases Him most is faith! We should look forward with anticipation to the unfolding of God's will for our life!*