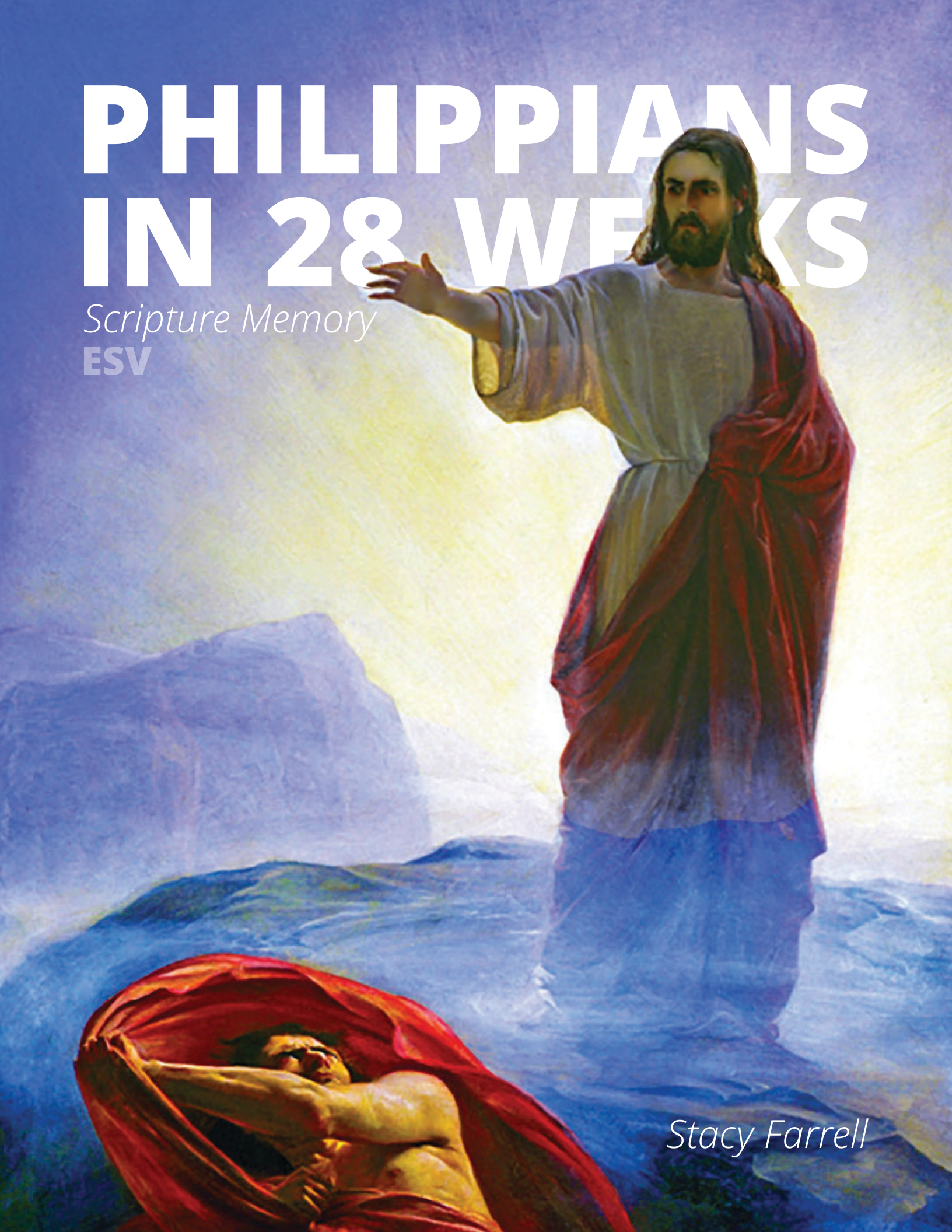


PHILIPPIANS IN 28 WEEKS

Scripture Memory

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO

Love Him with All Your Mind

WHAT IF YOU COULD MEMORIZE AN ENTIRE BOOK OF SCRIPTURE?

Nothing compares to the Bible. It contains the answers we need to successfully navigate life.

Philippians in 28 Weeks presents a painless way to commit the entire book of Philippians to memory.

FIVE SIMPLE STEPS

This streamlined approach is carefully constructed to present Philippians thought by thought using five simple steps:

1. READ 2. RECORD 3. REPEAT 4. REVIEW 5. RECITE

It contains memory cards, copywork verses, journal questions, weekly reflections, recitations charts, and an optional tracking tool.

TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN...

Some Christians live in countries where their access to the Bible is relatively unrestricted, but believers elsewhere don't have that freedom. Where they live, the Bible is banned, and they face imprisonment—even martyrdom—when they spread the message of God's love and salvation.

How dedicated are we to the cause of the Gospel? And, if we live in free countries, are we exercising our freedom responsibly?

One day we will stand before our Holy God to give an account for how we managed the liberty and resources He entrusted to us.

LET'S BE READY!



Philippians in 28 Weeks is available in either the ESV or the KJV version. This sample only contains text from the English Standard Version.

Please note: this sample does not contain the memory cards, recitation charts, or tracking log included in the full resource.

WHAT PARENTS & STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT PHILIPPIANS IN 28 WEEKS™:

STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE:

“Memorizing the book of Philippians was more than just an exercise: it was a blessing. Saying the verses again and again caused me to think about how the author must have felt penning them. The sincerity of the passages struck me. Imagining the earnestness with which they were written and received so long ago made me consider their meaning and significance more closely. God’s Word is living and breathing. You will never regret having it etched in your heart and ready to jump to mind. As Paul says in Philippians 4:9, ‘What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.’”—Renee Smock (18 years old)

“Memorizing the book of Philippians in 28 weeks made me realize the value of the book of Philippians.”—Nicholas Bartochowski (11 years old)



PARENTS TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE:

“I highly recommend this resource! I was blessed to work through the questions with my son and have him think about and apply what he had memorized. Scripture memory is so important and too often neglected. This resource can help you and your family to ‘hide God’s word in your heart.’”—Veronica Hundley

“I am so grateful to Stacy for putting such a wonderful program together. What a blessing to have memorized the entire book of Philippians. My son, who was 11 at the time, can still recite passages with ease a year later.”—Kelley Bartochowski

“I really enjoyed listening to my boys read through the book of Philippians. There is such value in memorizing God’s word. We are told to ‘put on the whole armor of God’ in the book of Ephesians. Memorizing Scripture is certainly an important part of the armor. God calls Scripture the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Thank God for His Living Word and for Mrs. Farrell for her dedication to helping parents equip their children for their daily walk in Christ.”—Kristina Almaguer

“When my kids learned that, on top of all their other work and fine arts endeavors, they had to memorize an entire book of Scripture, they said they could not do it. It would be too hard. So, I offered to do it with them.

“Medical issues follow our family like a little black storm cloud. Battling them interfered with all of our activities, including our Scripture memorization. Although we did not memorize the whole book, we got through half of it! And we were blessed by the experience.

“Reading, re-reading, and memorizing the book of Philippians allowed us to understand and embrace its richness, especially for those who are suffering.

“Daily, as we worked through the memory cards, we were reminded that Christ is our life, our goal, and our joy and strength as we go through trials.

“The verses that particularly made an impact upon us were:

Phil 1:21–‘For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.’

Phil 3:7–‘But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.’

Phil 4:4–‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.’

Phil 4:6-7–‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.’

Phil 4:13–‘I can do all things through him who strengthens me.’

“I knew Scripture memorization has great value, but when I followed this program, I personally lived the value of Scripture memorization.”—Noelle Vook



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"Love Him with All Your Mind"

with Reflections Journal
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made by my dear husband Roger Casey Farrell
and my precious sons, Roger Dean and Ryan,
who, all too often, hear me say,
“I can't because I have to....”

and,
above all,
to the One I seek to love
“*with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength,*”
WHO WAS THE GREAT SACRIFICE

my Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

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PHILIPPIANS IN 28 WEEKS

“Love Him with All Your Mind”

OUR STORY

We read Ann Voskamp’s blog for years before her best selling book, *One Thousand Gifts*, brought a new voice of radical faith to The New York Times bestseller list. If you follow her blog, you know she often encourages families to memorize Scripture.

Inspired by Ann, we decided to memorize the book of Philippians in the 16 weeks that led up to Easter. We began by reading it once every day (which requires about 15–20 minutes from start to finish).

Life rarely accommodates a tidy schedule. Knowing that, we committed to reading the entire book *every day* (whether aloud together or silently alone), and I planned to create strategically formatted flashcards for my sons.

PLANS INTERRUPTED

However, a problem soon arose. As our 16-week period began, speech tournament season for my sons also began. I became so busy coaching them, I failed to make the flashcards.

Eight weeks ticked by....

PLANS GONE AWRY

If you have home-schooled for any length of time, most likely you understand how the best plans often go awry. Resources collect dust on our shelves as our lofty intentions fade into the chaos of life.

When eight weeks passed and we still did not have memory cards, I recognized where we were headed.

But I refused to surrender!

We *had* succeeded at reading Philippians every day for two months. Determined, I decided that—whatever it took—we *would* memorize the book of Philippians by Easter.

I handed each of my sons a set of newly created memory cards. With only eight weeks remaining, I knew our goal was ambitious. Consequently, if we needed more time, I was prepared to extend our deadline.

DAILY EFFORTS PAY HUGE DIVIDENDS

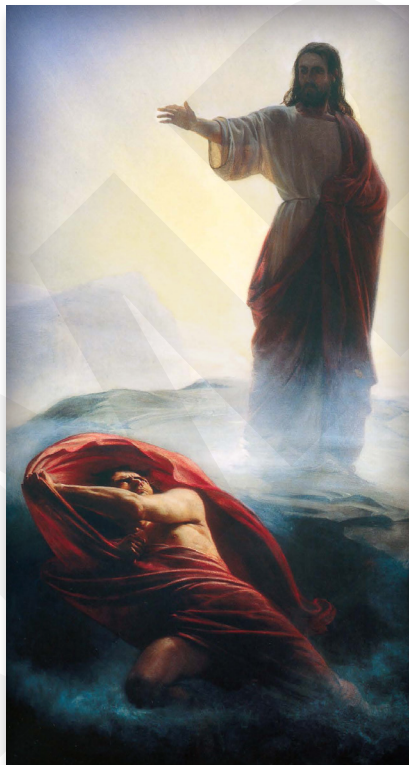
Within three weeks, I learned something quite significant: *daily efforts pay huge dividends*.

Because we had faithfully read the entire book every day, the verses had become etched upon our hearts. Once my sons had the memory cards in hand, it took them

less than a month to fully memorize the entire book.

Wow!

In fact, by reading the book of Philippians every day, they almost could not help but memorize it (and meditate upon its content). They were surprised and satisfied by the outcome of their efforts. Today, when it comes to the book of Philippians, they are “*walking epistles*.” ~



INSTRUCTIONS

DELIGHTFUL & PAINLESS

It is easier to share the Word of God when it is etched upon your heart. *Philippians in 28 Weeks* is a delightful and painless way to commit the entire book of Philippians to memory. Are you ready to become a “walking epistle”?

TAKE THESE STEPS

1. READ the book of Philippians every day.

Daily reading is the key to your success. When you read the book every day, your mind absorbs and automatically begins to retain its content. Read your Bible or the set of memory cards, but—whichever you chose—*read*. Even if you get busy and do not have time for any other related activity, make time to read the entire book of Philippians *every day*.

2. RECORD your insights in the journal.

Day 1—Copywork: Each week’s verses are presented with a space to copy them. (*This can be a profound penmanship practice opportunity—give it your best!*)

Day 2—Questions: Do not merely memorize the verses; ponder them. Write or discuss answers to the questions offered under “Reflections.”

Day 3—Summary: “The Word of God is living and active” (Hebrews 4:12). If you allow these words to penetrate your soul, they will transform you. They will begin to do the “good work” that will one day be completed. Record your discoveries in the space provided at the end of each week’s section.

3. REPEAT your current week’s verses daily.

Carry the cards with you and seize opportunities to read your verses silently or aloud.

4. REVIEW & RECITE from memory.

At the end of each week, recite aloud to another person all the cards you have completed.

5. RETAIN what you have memorized

by reciting all of your memorized verses at the start of each week. Test your retention using the **recitation charts** found in your *Reflections Journal* at the end of each chapter. Take a week to review, and then ask someone to “grade you” as you recite from memory all the verses you have learned.

Grading: The person grading places an “X” beside every verse you recite correctly or circles any word you miss (and leaves the box beside the verse blank). Words matter. Strive for precision. If necessary, the grader can prompt you, but only after pausing to allow time for you to naturally recall the next verse.

To grade your results, count the number of “Xs” (accurately recited verses) and divide that number by the total possible (which will vary depending on how many weeks you have completed). The result will give you a percentage grade that can be converted to a letter grade according to this chart. (If you score below 65%, ask yourself whether you are truly following instructions.)

Grade Conversion	
A+	98-100%
A	94-97%
A-	90-93%
B+	85-89%
B	80-84%
B-	75-79%
C+	70-74%
C	65-69%

THE LOG

Grades are not essential, but accountability is key. To help inspire you and keep you on track, we created a log where you can document your efforts to “love Him with all your mind.”

Each week has a row labeled with the required activity and a weekday column with a check box. Check the corresponding box when you complete an activity. (See the chart for the frequency for each activity.)

Weekly Activities	
Read	x5
Record	x3
Repeat	x5
Recite	x1

TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN...

As you labor through these 28 weeks, remember: the Bible is illegal or banned in many countries. Yet throughout history, countless believers have been willing to risk their freedom or lose their lives sharing God’s message of love and salvation.

In our house, we have an entire bookshelf lined with an assortment of Bibles. However, if we do not read them and share their stunning message it does little good to have them.

One day we will stand before Holy God and give an account for how we handled managed the resources He entrusted to us. Are we handling those resources and exercising our freedom responsibly?

You might ask yourself the same question.... 🐣

CHAPTER ONE

WEEK 1

1:1
Paul and Timothy,
servants of Christ Jesus
to all the saints in Christ Jesus
who are at Philippi,
with the overseers and deacons:

3

1:2
Grace to you and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:3
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

1:4

always in every prayer of mine for you all
making my prayer with joy,

1:5

because of your partnership in the gospel
from the first day until now.

4

1:6

And I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.

Reflections

1. What does it mean to receive grace?
2. Is peace important to you? Why or why not?
3. Who began “the good work” and what do you suppose will happen when it is completed?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Stacy Farrell worked as a writer, researcher, and consultant before she embarked on her family's homeschooling adventure.

As a freelancer, she wrote a broad range of materials for corporate, Christian, and non-profit clients. She also managed a law firm that specialized in civil rights litigation and constitutional law.

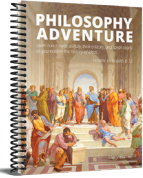
Although her background equipped her to teach communication skills, much study and prayer were required before she was ready to teach critical thinking from a biblical worldview.

Her heartfelt focus was to raise her sons to become “men who understand the times and know what to do” (1 Chronicles 12:32).

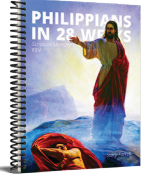
Stacy speaks at homeschool conferences. She publishes articles in leading Christian and homeschool magazines. She loves to write, speak, and teach—but considers her role as wife to Roger and mother to two precious sons to be her greatest privilege and work.



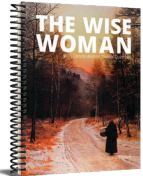
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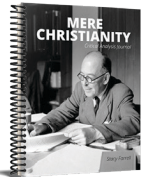
Philosophy Adventure™—Pre-Socratics—designed to help students 6th-12th grade cultivate and defend a biblical worldview by teaching them how to write skillfully, think critically, and speak articulately as they explore the history of ideas.



Philippians in 28 Weeks™—a simple and painless way to memorize an entire book of Scripture



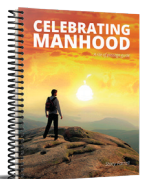
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I'd Rather Be Your Mommy—a sweet bedtime story (and stealth worldview book) that tells your little ones how much you love them. They will love hearing over and over: there is nothing you'd rather be than Mommy!