



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 4:30-42

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus into the world as the Savior of the world. Thank you for sending Him to put our concerns, needs, and sins above His physical needs, for He hungered and thirsted as we do, and He suffered and died on the cross so You could justly and mercifully forgive us for our sins. We feel truly humbled to think about the fact that Jesus Christ totally “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:7-8). Father, we also thank You that people can come to believe in You based on the testimony about Jesus Christ that we find in the Bible. With words, Jesus so transformed the woman He met at the well that the townspeople who had known her before rushed out to meet Jesus after she told them about Him. Even today You transform people through the words of truth that we read in the Bible, hear preached, declared in a book or Bible study, and in many other ways. We feel blessed beyond measure that Your Holy Spirit can work anywhere around the world and in the life of any person to apply Your Word of Truth to peoples’ hearts and minds and thus lead them to believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Please implant in our minds and in our prayers words that we can use when we tell others about Jesus as the woman at the well did so effectively. Please use us to promote Your gracious offer of love and forgiveness through believing in Jesus Christ. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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