



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 8:1-11

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world and living each day far more sacrificially than we live as a daily demonstration of Your great love for us even though we have repeatedly sinned and fall short of Your glory. Thank You for rising early to teach the Word of God to Your people. Please help us pray to You and commit each day to You even before we rise from our beds. Please help us be attentive to You and the teaching of the Holy Spirit as we read our Bibles—the Word of God written. Lord Jesus, please influence us daily to sit patiently at Your feet and learn from You. We still live in a world where too many people abuse, misuse, and use Your children to test, trick, and trap them into sin or unwise decisions. Please help us and others of Your children avoid these people and escape their efforts. Without condoning the violation of Your commands in Your Word of Truth, please help us to avoid the temptation to quickly judge or condemn others. Please help us judge with righteous judgment and with the goal that those we must judge can be restored to a right relationship with You, repent of their sins, turn to You in hopeful trust, be forgiven for their sins, be cleansed and transformed by You, receive the gift of eternal life, love You, live for You, and seek to bless others. May this also be the Way we hope to live each day for You and others in the power of the Holy Spirit. Please help us demonstrate in words and actions the fruit of the Holy Spirit to bless others—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In Your 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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