



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 18:25-32

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving Simon Peter and us, for You knew what Peter would do when he tried to follow You into danger—he denied You. We confess that we too have failed to do Your will and we have failed You, others, and even ourselves. In some way, we have also denied You before others. You know that we are but flesh and blood, and You love us despite our sins. You died on the cross and rose again to express the depth of Your love for us, to forgive us in mercy and justice, and to restore us to a place of service as our King in Your Kingdom. We cannot help but kneel in love and gratefulness before You and recommit ourselves this day to living as Your good and faithful servants. Please help us live as Peter did eventually. Help us live so others know that we love and serve You. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can help others know and love You more and more as we teach and share the truths of the Bible with them. Lord Jesus, please prevent us from living as hypocrites live. Please help us see that performing religious rituals will not atone for our sins, and they cannot replace acts of lovingkindness and mercy toward others. Help us think clearly and apply Your teachings—and help others understand them too. Please help us avoid calling others hateful names, as the chief priests called You a criminal. As You lived, died, and live again for all people, please help us live to help all people wherever we wisely can according to Your faithful leading. Please prepare the hearts and minds of those You want us to speak with, so they will receive You and Your truth. 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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