



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 21:20-25

Lord Jesus, thank You for treating Judas with lovingkindness even though You knew his heart, knew his true father was the devil, and knew he would betray You. Thank You for treating Peter with lovingkindness because You knew his heart, knew that his true heavenly Father had revealed to him that You were the promised Messiah, knew that he would eventually deny You, and knew that he would bear faithful witness to You as the first leader of Your first disciples. You understand our fears and You came to cast out all our fears with the power of Your love and Your presence dwelling within us through Your Spirit. Please help us become more concerned about what You want us to do to follow You and obey all Your commands. Please help us follow You instead of comparing ourselves to others or thinking about what Your plans are for them compared to what Your plans are for us. Help us follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit according to Your Word written, the Bible. Lord Jesus, we truly thank You for being the Way, the Truth, and the Life and for revealing the truth about yourself and Your words and deeds through faithful witnesses, such as John, who You inspired to give inspired witness about You and Your message to the world. Thank You for leading him to teach the truth and helping him dispel rumors about You and Your teaching. Please help us understand all the truths that we need to understand as we read Your Word and please help us live according to all the truths we understand. Help us live as faithful witnesses for You every moment of every hour of every day. 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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