



*“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
And give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45*

In her book *Unseen*, Sara Hagerty wrote of how she volunteered to work at a Christian camp when she was seventeen. Her job was in the dining hall. Amid the hard work, crew leaders assigned Bible verses for the teens to memorize, beginning with Mark 10:45.

“This verse was new to me,” Sara said. “I hadn’t known that service was part of the whole Jesus deal I’d signed up for.....until I memorized this verse” – one that has never left her.

Is that a verse you have memorized? Ask yourself: What is the most recent verse I’ve learned by heart? Do you make it a habit to memorize verses that especially speak to you? If it’s been a while since you’ve intentionally committed a verse to memory, consider jumpstarting the process with Mark 10:45.

Studying the Word of God is vitally important to a life of growing faith. And so is Scripture memorization. If we know verses by heart, God will bring them to mind at critical times of service, fatigue, anxiety, fear, temptation, and/or testing. God gives us all we need through His Word, and we must hide it in our hearts. (*I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You” Psalm 119:11*).

Spend time in God’s Word so that God’s Word can spend time in you. Be intentional about memorizing Bible verses for your spiritual growth and benefit, and to allow the light of His Word to guide your life. (*Psalm 119:105*).

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