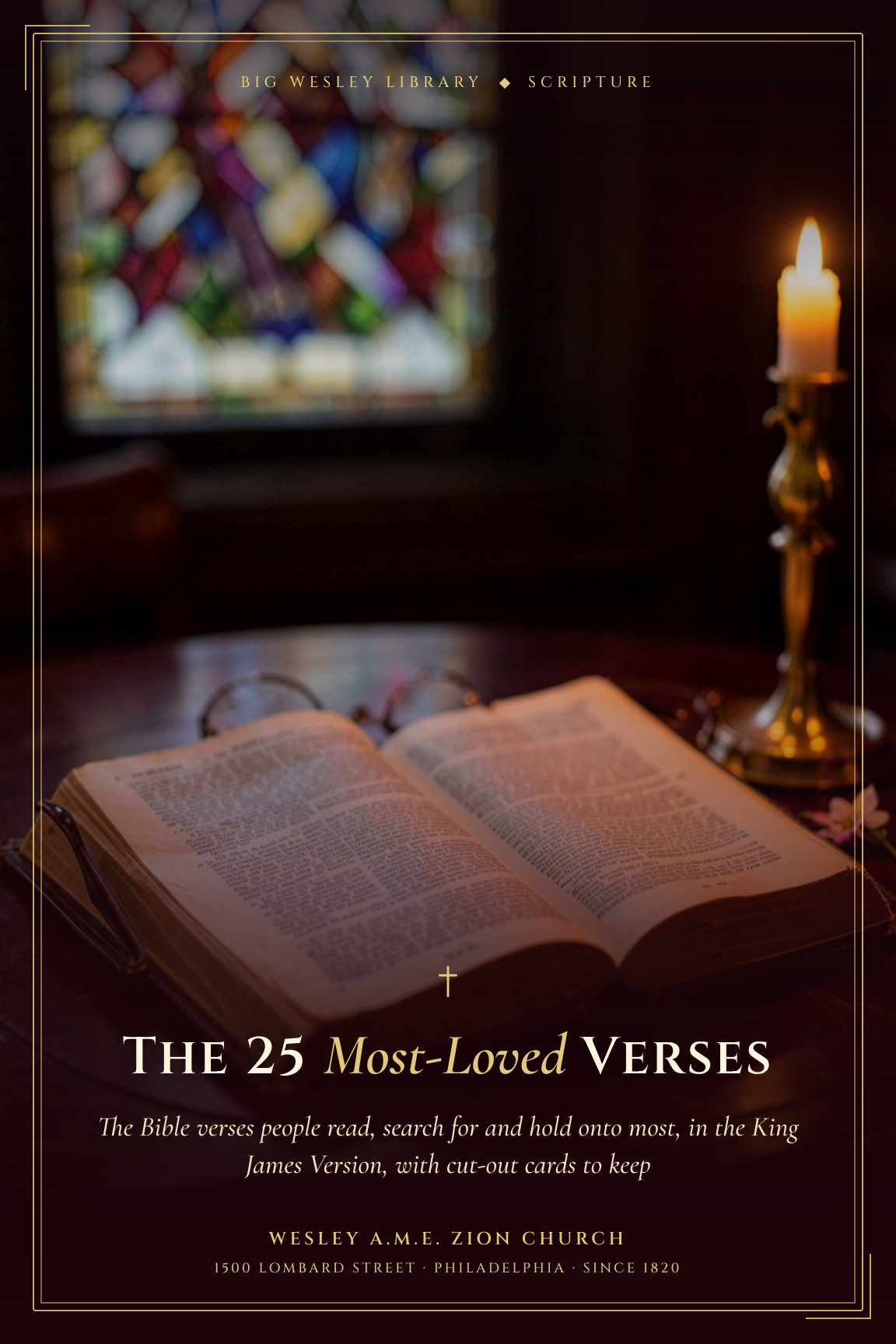




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EVERY YEAR, THE BIG BIBLE WEBSITES AND APPS COUNT WHICH VERSES people look up most. The same verses keep coming back, year after year, in country after country. They are the ones people reach for when they are scared, grieving, hoping or starting over.

Here are twenty-five of them, gathered from those lists. Under each one is a short note in plain words. At the back are cards you can cut out and carry in a purse, a wallet, a lunch box or a Bible. Learn one a week, and in six months you will have the heart of the Bible in your heart.

WHERE THIS LIST COMES FROM

These verses come from the most-read lists published by Bible Gateway and the YouVersion Bible App over recent years, along with a few long-time favorites. Psalm 23 and Psalm 91 alone filled most of the top places in 2025. Isaiah 41:10 has been the world's most-shared verse on YouVersion four times in six years.

VERSES OF *God's love*

1

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16

The whole gospel in one sentence. God loved, God gave, and whoever believes lives forever. *Whosoever* includes you.

2

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

Not everything that happens is good. But God weaves all of it together for good, for those who love Him.

3

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

JEREMIAH 29:11

God spoke this to people who had lost everything. He still had a plan, and it was a good one.

4

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

God did not wait for us to clean up. He loved us at our worst.

5

We love him, because he first loved us.

1 JOHN 4:19

Our love for God is always an answer to His love for us.

VERSES OF *strength*

1

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Paul wrote this from prison. It is not about winning games — it is about getting through anything with Christ.

2

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

ISAIAH 41:10

Five promises in one verse: don't fear, I'm with you, I'm your God, I'll strengthen you, I'll hold you.

3

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:31

Waiting on God is not sitting still. It is how tired people find new strength.

4

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

JOSHUA 1:9

God's command to be brave always comes with His promise to go with you.

5

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Fear is not from God. He gives power, love, and a sound mind.



Write a verse down, and carry it with you.

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VERSES OF *comfort*

1

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PSALM 23:1

If the Lord is your shepherd, everything you truly need is already taken care of.

2

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

PSALM 23:4

The most-read verse of 2025. The valley is real, but so is the Shepherd walking through it with you.

3

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

PSALM 91:1-2

Stay close to God, and you live in His shadow, the safest place there is.

4

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

Jesus invites tired people to come to Him. Not to work harder — to rest.

5

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Pray about everything, thank Him while you do, and His peace will guard your heart.

6

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PSALM 46:1

God is not far off waiting. He is a *very present* help.

7

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

Jesus leaves us His own peace, which does not depend on circumstances.

VERSES FOR *living*

1

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust God more than your own understanding, and He will straighten your path.

2

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

MATTHEW 6:33

Put God first, and the other things fall into place.

3

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ROMANS 12:2

Don't let the world squeeze you into its shape. Let God change you from the inside, starting with your mind.

4

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

MICAH 6:8

What does God want? Do right, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him.

5

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

This is what the Holy Spirit grows in a person, like fruit on a tree.

6

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9

Salvation is a gift. You cannot earn it, and you don't have to.

7

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

In Christ you are a brand new person. The old has gone.

8

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

Faith is being sure of God's promises before you can see them.

FIVE SIMPLE STEPS

HOW TO *memorize* A VERSE



1

READ IT OUT LOUD THREE TIMES

Saying it engages your ears and mouth, not just your eyes.

2

WRITE IT DOWN

Copy it on a card by hand. The act of writing helps you remember.

3

LEARN IT IN PIECES

Learn the first phrase, then add the next, then the next.

4

PUT IT WHERE YOU'LL SEE IT

On the bathroom mirror, the refrigerator, the dashboard.

5

PRAY IT BACK TO GOD

Turn the verse into a prayer. *Lord, You are my shepherd. I shall not want.*

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PSALM 119:11

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