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(No tech video summary: This video is barely one minute long, but it shows a suitcase full of Bibles and the sheer joy of the Chinese Christians when they receive their own copy of the Scriptures. One woman comments on how much they are needed and the commotion quickly dies down as the Christians begin to read and study.)

Devotional Thoughts:

Psalm 119 is a long chapter in the Bible (the longest, actually). Find a copy of the Scriptures and read some of the verses in Psalm 119. Look for some of the verses that mention meditation or meditating on the Word of God.

If you are unable to locate a copy of the Bible in your belongings, room, on your device, etc., then for the time being you are experiencing a little bit of what those Chinese Christians endured daily. How much do we appreciate our access to the Bible? Do we sometimes take it for granted? Have you read your Bible faithfully recently?

Many people enjoy reading on the beach. Take some time during this vacation to spend time in God's Word. Read shorter passages and meditate on them, think about them, dwell on them. Some believers are a bit unsure of how to meditate. Rick Warren has a good quote about meditation in *The Purpose Driven Life*, "If you know how to worry, you already know how to meditate. Worry is focused thinking on something negative. Meditation is doing the same thing, only focusing on God's Word instead of your problem."

Philippians 4:8 reads as follows, *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.* Apply these terms to your other Bible reading. Ask the Philippians 4:8 questions of the passages you are reading. What is noble in this text? what is admirable? what is praiseworthy? What should I be thinking about from this Bible passage?

John 8:31 and 2 Timothy 3:16 are also valuable passages, among others, regarding this topic of reading and meditating. Take advantage of some of your leisure time this week to soak up the truth of God's Word. Hold to the teaching of Scripture, equip yourself with God's message so you can be thoroughly equipped to handle each day as it comes...

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For your time of celebrating communion, read Mark 14:22-26

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."²³ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.²⁴ "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.²⁵ "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus always speaks truth. While you are partaking and praying, meditate on what Jesus was about to endure. Consider the persecution He suffered. Remember your Christian brothers and sisters in China and other countries where taking communion like this could mean persecution, prison or worse for them. If you had to recreate the accounts of Jesus' words from memory, how well would you do?

Applying the passage/devotion where we are:

- 1) Those with tech access are encouraged to download and use a Bible memory app to help memorize Scripture this week and beyond. Denise uses *Bible Memory: Remember Me*. It has a red background with a pink cross and heart and is available for \$2.99
- 2) Write Scripture phrases or verses in the wet sand and work to memorize them before the tide erases them.
- 3) Memorize portions of Psalm 119 while you are here at the beach.

Personal prayer time

As you pray and close your worship time, be praying for your Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Pray for those who have yet to be able to read their own copy of the Bible. Be especially thankful for the freedom we have to read and study the Word of God. Pray that God will help you do a better job of memorizing and recalling the Scriptures.

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