



BIBLE Passages *Journal*

Dear Supporters and Friends,

Most of the hymns were unfamiliar, written with a Middle Eastern rhythm and tune, and yet it was beautiful music which refreshed my soul. The preaching of Matthew 22:1-14 was in Arabic, but I could still discern the emotion and conviction accompanying the presentation by Maurice Jadon of Nazareth, Israel. On June 2, Mat Cain and I were refreshed by the good brethren of the Nazareth church of Christ. After our archaeological dig and filming work at Shiloh the week before, we spent Saturday filming a story about the gates of Jerusalem, and then on Sunday, we rented a car and made the two hour trek from Jerusalem to Nazareth to worship. Along the way, we stopped at the ancient city of Aphek (known in the New Testament as Antipatris) to fly the drone over this historic site, and to capture B roll video footage for the upcoming Shiloh documentary. As we continued our journey through the Mount Carmel range and across the Jezreel Valley, we eventually made our way to Nazareth just in time for worship. It was certainly good to see our brethren again, and we were so encouraged by their steadfast love and commitment to serve God in a difficult and challenging field.



John with Mat Cain at World Video Bible School, working on the Shiloh documentary.

Upcoming Schedule:

July 2-21: (J&C) Research, filming in Israel

Aug - October: Bear Valley Bible Institute, Denver, CO

August 9-10 - (J) Apologetics Seminar, Woodland Park, CO

August 15-20: (J&C) Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville TN

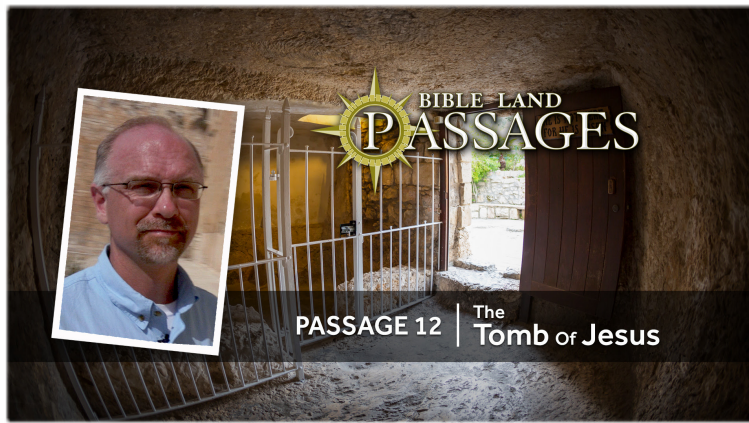
September 12-15: (J) BVBI Lectures

October 5: (C) Ladies Day in Brighton, CO

October 11-13: (J&C) Marriage Seminar in Gilbert, AZ

October 25-27: (J&C) Ladies Day and Gospel Meeting in Buna, TX

After a late night flight from Israel, I arrived back into the United States on Monday, June 3. During the flight I was excited to have some time to reexamine and complete the writing of the script for the upcoming special edition of Bible Land Passages called "Go Now to Shiloh." While in Israel, we gained some valuable insights to the archaeology and history of ancient Shiloh and its relevance to the biblical story. Many hours in June were spent editing and further developing the script, as well as working at World Video Bible School alongside Mat Cain. Recording the voiceover, sorting through the B-roll footage, editing the interviews, and assembling the needed resources and teaching elements associated with the documentary is very time consuming, but we feel vitally important. We are confident that each documentary is not only helping to defend the faith, but is likewise serving to strengthen and inform Christians with the many wonderful lessons and connections to made between the Bible and the history, archaeology, and geography of the land. Our work in the area of spiritual



other Bible Land Passages documentaries continues, and a good portion of time during the month was spent on communicating and working with other team members on the final full-length episodes. Planning, editing, and the implementation of each documentary requires a lot research and organization. Please stay tuned for further announcements about our future plans and projects.

During the month of June I taught Bible class at the Riverside congregation in Kerrville, and we also found ourselves in Pearland, Texas where Carla and I conducted a weekend marriage

seminar. On Sunday after the seminar, I taught the adult Bible Class and delivered the sermon during the worship assembly. Justin and Christine Gonzales are faithfully serving the Lord in that community and it was a wonderful blessing getting to spend some time with this dedicated family. Other appointments and areas of work include a speaking engagement for a Wednesday night summer series in Katy, Texas, and the filming of reenactments for the Shiloh documentary to be released later this year. We are also happy to announce the release of Bible Land Passages 12, The Tomb of Jesus (online readers can click the link to view the video.) With this and other films, we continue to receive very positive feedback that many are watching the videos for personal use and also for classroom instruction. Finally, we are excited to announce that Bible Land Passages will soon appear on the FaithLife Video Channel of the Logos Bible Study Software program. This will now be the seventh major video platform where the documentaries can be viewed.

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as we study
the Bible on
site in Rome
and in Israel! Full details here:
www.biblepassages.net/2020



It's truly our very least favorite thing to do:

asking for support.

But we have to.

In the three years we have been working through Bible Passages, we have not met our budget, but through some of you, God has provided for our needs.

But if He allows, there is more that we need to do if we are financially able.

It is humbling to ask, but could you, someone you know, or your congregation possibly help to support the work of Bible Passages? If you'd like to know more about what we do, go to our website, and click the "Work and Ministries" tab. Thank you!



L-R: Blessed to be able to hear Jordan speaking at their home congregation in Katy, TX...Micah is healing - he's now in a walking boot...John and Mat Cain working on a BLP video...and earlier in the month, John and Mat near Mount Carmel...We got to see our friend Daesha (who came with us to Israel) in Houston...ancient Aphek/Antipatris...Some of the good brethren ican Valley View, Texas (Ken & Nina Cebrun on far right)...SWSBS grads Carey & Sharon Dwyer, came to the marriage seminar in Pearland...Doug (Carla's brother), Jake, Alyssa, and Janice (Carla's mom) at Jay Garner's funeral...John and his mother (who I know wouldn't want to be seen)...John with Whit Harrington in Katy, TX after summer series.

Carla's Comments

John and I stopped by the hospital yesterday to see his mom. She had some pretty significant surgery this week and has quite a long road of rehabilitation ahead. She's had lots of different nurses and doctors and case workers and people who come in to clean, or take her blood pressure or temperature or bring her a tray of food. I think all of the faces start to blur after a while, but yesterday while we were there, a man came in to draw blood. He had two needles in his hand (needles always set off my alarm bells!) but he had a huge smile on his face. His demeanor put us at ease (I know, it's easy for me to say since I wasn't the one getting stuck with the needle!) and he spoke so cheerfully and was so friendly. He didn't ask Janice to hold her arm up for him - he knelt down by the bed to find her vein, all the while smiling at her and letting her know exactly what he was doing, and laughing at Grady's cheesy jokes. He made us all so comfortable that I nearly held out my arm for him to take some of my blood! He made me think of the medicine in Proverbs 17:22: "A joyful heart is good medicine..." Obviously, it wouldn't be appropriate in every hospital visit to walk in with a huge smile and cheerful words - sometimes what patients need is a friend to cry with them. But I love these passages that help show how our words and demeanor can encourage those who are struggling: "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, your **consolations** delight my soul," (Psalm 94:19)..."For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your **love**, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you..." (Philemon v. 7)..."A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a **timely word!**" (Prov. 15:23). Hospital rooms are not in my comfort zone...I'm not sure anyone truly enjoys being in them. But God is there, and I know He can use us to bring comfort through our timely words, our love, and our consolation.



Celebrating 33 years on June 14!

We've been on the road a lot this month. John returned from his extra week in Israel on June 3, and of course we needed to see the "babies" as soon as we could. Jordan and Erin hosted a devotional in their home one of the nights we were there, so John and I kept the kids in their rooms while the Bible study was going on. They kept us on our toes! Logically, I know it wasn't *that* long ago that I took care of three children - I kept them semi-clean, fed, as healthy as possible, and I tried to keep them from hurting each other - but John and I realized that even with man to man defense, in a one-on-one ratio, we can't keep up with two toddlers! But we enjoyed them so much, and loved seeing Jordan's and Erin's new ministry. We also made a trip to north Texas to see Jake and Alyssa. They have a beautiful relationship and a warm home and made us feel so welcome. The evening we got there, Lys had made a beautiful meal and we turned off our electronics and just caught up on life. We also were able to visit Micah and Courtney in their new home - an adorable apartment in College Station. They've had a lot of ups and downs in the past couple of months but as always, God is good whether we are in the ups or in the downs. Their previous plans would have had them living halfway between Houston and College Station, with Micah driving back to school in College Station every day and Courtney driving to Houston for work every day. But a new opportunity came up and has allowed them to stay in College Station for both work and school. Micah's leg is healing - he is now off crutches, in a walking boot.



Drawing blood with a smile!

Our work continues. God has given us the opportunity to minister to our own families. We've been able to visit supporting congregations and present a marriage seminar. We've done some premarital counseling via FaceTime. We've both been writing; John has worked tirelessly on the Shiloh documentary, and I have made a little bit of progress on my book. It's daunting to me, but I want so much to finish it. We celebrated 33 years of marriage on June 14. We are preparing now for a return to Israel next week, where, if the Lord wills, we will spend three weeks in July filming, getting drone footage, and studying. We pray that all we do is only for HIS glory, to share HIS story and shine HIS light to such a dark world. We ask for your prayers for our safety and for our families while we are away, and we thank you for the many ways you encourage us! May God bless and keep you - *Carla*