

A close-up photograph of a dark red granite surface with a rough, cracked texture. The lighting highlights the natural grain and mineral inclusions of the stone.

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## ENDORSEMENTS

From: Jessica Reavis-Christensen, 📸 Look at this post on Facebook

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I'm a former Recreational Leader of the New Lisbon Correctional Institution and I have to say that I am SO thankful for the 9 months I got to spend in prison. I would have never understood the need for prison reform if it wasn't for my experience.

When I was hired at N.L.C.I., I came in with the understanding that my position was to help rehabilitate the men to become successful citizens of society. I encouraged them to put the work in during their time, so they would have the tools to thrive in their freedom. Well, administration did not like that. The administration was threatened by the joy and empowerment that I brought to Recreation. They didn't like that the men were choosing healthy outlets, they didn't like that the countenance of the general population was lifting, they didn't like that the men were excited to be treated with humanity rather than unimportant scum. My time in prison was cut short because of the administration feeling threatened by the atmosphere I brought to the dark institution. Light is not wanted within those walls and that is something I believe needs to change.

After 40 days of unpaid administrative leave, I was terminated on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, for "not passing probationary standards". It didn't matter that all the programming I had added and built upon was changing the atmosphere in the institution for the better. They needed a scapegoat to get rid of me, and "not passing probationary standards" was it. Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> was a day of sadness but also a day of resolution. As I drove away from N.L.C.I., no longer employed by the DOC, I made a pivotal decision to write Marshall Jones.

Marshall Jones was one of four inmate workers that assisted me in my Rec Leader position. He led fitness classes, refed all competitive events, assisted setting up Rec events, helped encourage men that came to Recreation, and counseled the men to prepare for their release. Marshall's conduct spoke for itself, and I could see he was a man of his word by the actions displayed. He worked hard in Rec and Marshall worked even harder doing his time by becoming a published author of his first book, "A Raven's Meal". While working with Marshall, I learned he was serving a double life sentence, and I was shocked he would be there for the rest of his life. The reason I was shocked was because Marshall lived more freely within the walls of that prison than any other person I've met in my life. How is that possible? It was possible because of the faith he so boldly lives. Marshall was incarcerated at 21 years old and has served 17 years of his sentence. When I drove away from N.L.C.I. I decided I wanted Marshall to know that he was remembered by someone. I wanted him to know he made an impact on my life by living the way he did within the walls of prison. I

wanted him to know that despite the circumstances, I wanted to extend the olive branch of becoming his friend. Writing Marshall Jones was one of the best choices I have ever made in my life.

I believe so many men like Marshall are deserving of a second chance. This is something I wouldn't have ever understood if I didn't have my time in prison, working closely with the general population. There is a deep need for prison reform and Marshall is the perfect story of a cast away finding redemption. I know how many second chances I have had. I believe it's time for those who have proven rehabilitation exists, get their second chance. To make evident their efforts aren't for nothing.

**From: Kelli**

Comment from Kelli, who read the Climb, a poem by Marshall on Red Thread Poets Website

<https://www.redthreadpoets.com/the-climb/>

Re: The Climb, by Marshall Jones

This poem personally speaks to my heart because I know the struggle of many who are fighting for their freedom from incarceration. Prisons are full of people who have been given unmerciful harsh sentencing who are just wanting to be given a chance to redeem themselves in society to help others. God wants to use those who have surrendered their hearts to His Son Jesus Christ who's incarcerated to become the mentors for our youths in today's culture. God has a plan for every individual's life. Keeping people confined to incarceration who God need to be Ambassadors for His Kingdom is certainly not the answer. Treating all people how one would want to be treated should be the defining moment when passing a judgment onto others. Love and mercy cover a multitude of sins. God and the Lord Jesus are expressing love and mercy everyday towards all people and humanity must practice in doing the same.

God Bless all who read this comment and take it to heart.

**From: Peter W Stevens,**

Friend to Our Triune God, the Founder of Red Thread Poets <https://www.redthreadpoets.com/category/100-poets/peter-will-stevens/>

I met Marshall through Jessica mid 2020. We became very close brothers in just a few short months emailing back and forth most days. I live north of Toronto in Canada and was building a website to glorify God and honour poets. Red Thread Poets. Marshall sent me his poems; I have his book "A Raven's Meal" and he is one of our first-five honoured poets on the website. HOWEVER, it is his daily devotionals under the 'banner' 'RED GRANITE' that show his anointing - they are high impact for me every day. We post them in Facebook under Red Thread Poets up to December 31, 2025, and then on on Red Granite Daily devotionals Facebook and recap them on the website. <https://www.redthreadpoets.com/category/100-poets/red-granite-daily-devotions/>.

Marshall is DEARLY LOVED, peter

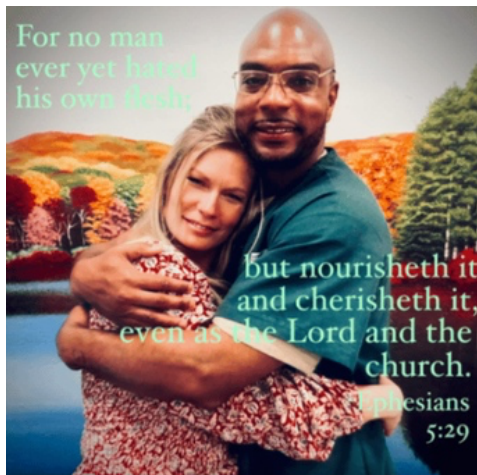
November 1, 2023, update:

Since November 1, 2020, Marshall and later with Jessica have written approximately 1,300 Daily Devotions, of which there are now over 12 Series. On November 1, 2022, they were married. Hallelujah.

Marshall continues to study and write from within the confines he remains in for now. He has commenced a bachelor's degree in biblical studies, please pray for them both, and for The Lord to arrange his release before too long. Jessica posted this recently:

'I can confidently say my husband is everything he's supposed to be in our marriage, and he is always wanting to love me more tomorrow than he did today. He's not smothering, nor is he one who says things but doesn't follow with action. My husband is the real deal, and I am so thankful to know what it means to truly be loved by him like Christ loves the Church. Today's message (Ephesians 5:29) is great encouragement to husbands, wives, and the whole walk of marriage. God bless each of you and your marriages you are committed to!'

Much love!



## INTRODUCTION

What does it truly mean for the Lord to be our Shepherd? What does it mean to be under the headship of our Lord? Psalm 23 is much deeper than David's acknowledgement of God's role as Head, as it also establishes the love of God that covers us with provision, correction, and direction. In this series, we will learn how the Lord is intentional in cultivating an environment of success for His children, and how He desires us to dwell in the richness of His peace. We will dive into one of the most famous passages of the Bible to discover the promises of such a profound covering. When the Lord is our Shepherd, our lives are sealed in Him. When we make ourselves totally submitted to His leading, goodness and mercy will follow us for the rest of our lives. Then we will never look at the 23rd Psalm the same way again!

God Bless!

Marshall & Jessica

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## 1. Psalm 23:1 – The Lord is my Shepherd

Today, I want us to take a closer look into one of the most familiar passages in the Bible, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Sometimes, the most powerful messages are in the things we know well, in the things we are most familiar with.

***"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."***

Pretty simple, huh? It really shows how simple God is versus how complicated we make Him out to be.

***"The Lord is..."*** Look at the word "is".

It is a term that is spoken to identify something or someone, but it is also spoken to identify something or someone in present tense! In Exodus 3:13-14, Moses is having a conversation with God, he had concerns about the questions Israel would ask him about God, one being His name.

In verse 14, God answers Moses by saying, ***"I AM THAT I AM":***

and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." Once again, present tense! Then, when Jesus was speaking with the Jews about His identity and His origin in John 8, in verse 58, Christ said,

***"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."*** Yet again, present tense!

These three words are so important, ***"The Lord is"***, because our God isn't the God of our past, of our Grandparents, of Israel only. He is our God today, Christ is our savior today, and the Holy Spirit is still moving hearts today the same way the Holy Spirit moved on the day of Pentecost! If our God is the God of right now, then we should have no doubt as to His presence in our lives today. The minute we begin to think that God isn't the same God He was then, or He doesn't move the same way He once did, then we disconnect ourselves from the knowledge of His presence and His power.

In Hebrews 11:6, the Bible says, ***"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."***

You see? We must believe that "He IS". Do we come to our God believing that He IS?

David did. He was identified as a man after God's own heart, and so must we be as believer. He believed that ***"The Lord Is"***, and the Lord always showed himself faithful and present in David's life.

***"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want"***.

So, we identified that the Lord Is very much present. Now look at the verse again. ***"The Lord is my shepherd."***

David identified the Lord as MY shepherd, meaning there is a clear relationship there. David didn't rely on his father's relationship with the Lord, or his brother's relationship with the Lord, he sought his own relationship with the Lord,

where he could know the Lord for himself. When David stated that the Lord is His shepherd, he admitted that he was a sheep, helpless, dumb, incapable of directing his own path, and unable to protect himself from the enemy. This was the King of Israel telling God that he was completely useless without the Lord leading him. Pretty humble, right?

When David identified the Lord as his shepherd, he is making the statement that he only wants the Lord to lead him. He is saying he belongs to the Lord.

In John 10:14-15, Jesus says, ***"I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep."***

When we make the Lord our Shepherd, we enter into a relationship where we discover that we were always His, He knows us and we know Him, and He laid His life down so we could have everlasting life! When we allow the Lord to Shepherd us, we give our will, our vulnerability, our knowledge, and render ourselves completely helpless for the Lord to direct us as He wills.

***"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."***

The last part of the verse is the easy part. The word ***"want"*** in this passage means "lack".

That is important, especially for the people who incorrectly believe that God will give you everything you want.

***"I shall not want"*** (lack), means that I will have my needs supplied.

In Philippians 4:19, the Bible says, ***"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."***

Because the Lord is our Shepherd, He will make sure we are taken care of, having all we need. There is a difference between want and need, just a reminder.

God bless and keep you all!

## **2. Psalm 23:2 – He maketh me, He leadeth me.**

Today we are still looking at the 23rd Psalms, journeying to verse two. There is a lot of good food in this verse.

Psalms 23:2 ***"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."***

A shepherd's job is to lead the sheep to water, to food, and to shelter. The shepherd provides everything for the sheep, as God so freely does for us. Our God knows what's best for us, even when we don't.

When this verse begins with, ***"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"***, it implies that God wants His sheep to rest, to enjoy the beauty of His creation, a fertile land teeming with growth and gentle grass.

God wants us to rest in His provision. When we lie down, it means that there is no plan to have to get up, so it is a picture of a permanence that only God can give.

The word **"pasture"** means "a home, a dwelling, an abode".

So, our loving God leads us to a place where He makes us totally at home.

Sounds familiar? When the Israelites left Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness, He made sure He didn't lead them through the way of the land of the Philistines, because they weren't prepared for war. He led them in a pillar of a cloud by day and led them by a pillar of fire by night. He gave them manna from heaven, quail when they complained about the manna, and gave them water out of a rock twice! They were protected, but also were disciplined along the way. God led His sheep into the promised land, into a land flowing with milk and honey, into their green pastures that God made them lie down in.

**"Green pastures"** is the appointed place He ordained for us to lie down and make roots.

The second half of the verse, **"he leadeth me beside the still waters."**

After he makes me lie down to experience a home of fertile land and growth,

He then gives me peace. **"still waters"** is a picture of peace, both for the water and for the person beholding the water.

Still waters mean there is no wind, no trouble, and it also means you can see your reflection in the water. If God is leading you besides the still waters, then you most certainly can see your reflection. A lot of times in our lives, we don't have the peace to see ourselves clearly, but praise God that He gives us a permanent home and peace within our souls to understand that we are safe in Him.

A shepherd's job is to make sure the sheep are secure.

In Jeremiah 23:3-4, the Bible says, **"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord."**

See what God did for us? We must do the same for others, leading them to these green pastures and still waters in the Lord. We don't have to fear or be dismayed because we are safe in His care. God loves us that deeply that He provides the place for our rest.

God bless and keep you all!

### 3. Psalm 23:3 – He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me.

Today we look at Psalms 23:3, a deeper look into one of the Bible's most well-known passages. We talked about how God is our leader, guider, protector, sustainer, provider, and as long as He is our Shepherd, we won't lack. We also talked about how God gives us a home in Him where the land is fertile for growth, and how He gives us His peace. This Shepherd does a lot more than we give Him credit for, doesn't He?

In Psalms 23:3, the Bible says, ***"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."***

***"He restoreth my soul".***

Think about that. In order for God to restore my soul, that means my soul is not in the intended design of the creator. Think about cars that get restored. A great restoration job is from the frame up, because we go all the way back to the beginning and rebuild according to way it was intended to be.

Cars that are restored, usually have had parts attached or taken away, maybe with some things cobbled together just for the car to run, but all of which cheapens the vehicle and negatively affects its performance. Now take that vision about the car and think about how we attach things to ourselves or take things away from ourselves that cheapens us and negatively affects our performance.

Why is that? Because we are building outside of God's intention for us, attaching things to our person that God didn't authorize us to have. So, what happens is, God breaks me down to the frame and rebuilds me with every piece that was intended to be there from the beginning. God wants to bring our true value back into our lives, and in order to do that, we have to allow Him to restore us.

To ***'restore'*** means to "turn back".

Kinda sounds like the definition of repent, which also means to turn back. Restoration is a process, and in this verse, it is no different. God wants to be our shepherd, and when He becomes our shepherd, we will not lack anything we need, we will have a home in Him, and He will give us His peace. THEN, comes the restoration. God won't allow anything to threaten our restoration. He stands behind His work!

***"My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever."***

***"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."***

The second part of this verse takes us into what happens after restoration. When he leads me in the paths of righteousness, He is teaching me His Word, making His Word available for me to feed myself on.

In Psalms 119:11, the Bible says, ***"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."***

Thy Word is the means for us to walk in the paths of righteousness, and only through the Word being hidden on our hearts will we have the standard that will help us stand against sin.

Why does God allow us to learn and understand His Word?

The words **"for his name's sake"** is the same as "to bear His name".

Simply put, God restores us and teaches us His word so that we can bear His name, which means we represent Him in our lives and by our lives. Christians are supposed to bear the attributes of Christ, just as the Israelites were supposed to bear the attributes of God. No difference. The Word teaches us how to do that.

In John 14:26, the Bible says, ***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."***

We are never without God's leading when He is our Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit makes God's Word clear in our lives.

We can do nothing or have anything that matters without the Lord being our Shepherd. May God comfort you in His love today.

#### **4. Psalm 23:4 – He restoreth my soul, He leadeth me.**

Today we are looking a verse 4 in our study on Psalms 23.

What do we do when we experience things in our lives that threaten our peace, our safety, and leave us uneasy about the path God is leading us through? How do we feel when we are afraid by the environment that seems to horrify us in every way? Just because we are believers, it doesn't mean we are exempt from terrifying ordeals, experiencing fear, or being close to life-or-death situations. We are sheep and you better believe that the enemy will try to use our worst fears to separate us from our Shepherd. What should our state of mind be?

Psalms 23:4 ***"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."***

For anyone who thinks that this won't happen to them, look at the first four words of the verse. ***"Yea, though I walk"***.

Doesn't say "if" does it?

We all are going to face times like these, scary dark times that can make us unsure about moving forward. Knowing that we aren't alone in this really helps.

Let's look at the first part of the verse. ***"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil"***.

The key to this verse is the word ***"through"***.

Walking through any place means that it is only temporary, that is a very short season in our lives. We will have time to see the sights and experience the fear, but we don't have to remain in it. Knowing the terrors in our lives are temporary can completely change our impression and our circumstances.

The verse also says, **"the valley of the shadow of death"**, so we're not talking about a life-or-death situation here.

We're talking about the shadow of death, so it is the fear that comes from something around us, not to us. Sometimes, really seeing things clearly helps us to keep the right perspective. So, when we walk through this valley, we won't fear evil. Why?

***"For thou art with me"***

Our Shepherd is always with us, protecting us, sustaining us, fighting off our enemies. The security of knowing God is right there with us should give us the confidence we need to not fear any evil.

When Christ ended His commission in Matthew 18:20, he said, ***"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."***

So, God is with us and isn't going anywhere. There is nothing to fear, and David professes this. Do we profess that God is with us when we are afraid? Do we trust in Him when life is pouring more rain than sunshine?

***"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."***

A Shepherd has two tools he uses, the rod and the staff. Both are used to provide comfort to the sheep. The rod is a tool that is used for correction, and discipline.

In Hebrews 12:6, the Bible says, ***"For whom the Lord loves, he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives"***.

We are going need discipline and it is not pleasant.

In Hebrews 12:11, the Bible says, ***"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto the them which are exercised thereby."***

So, discipline doesn't feel good at first, but if we allow it to teach us, we can bear the fruit of righteousness, and please our Shepherd.

The **"staff"** is used for direction, because as sheep, we have no clue where to go, but our Shepherd does.

If I was going to a city I have never been before, and I had to get to a set destination there, I would lose my peace trying to find my own way. If I ask for directions, I may still be anxious because I don't know the person, so I don't know if they are leading me the right way.

But in most cars now they have navigation systems available to lead you all the way to the door, but we still have to listen for the directions.

The staff guides us in the direction we need to take, especially when we are headed in the wrong direction. So, in God's correction or God's direction, they provide comfort to us because we know that God truly cares about our well being and has our best interests at heart.

No matter where we go or how bleak the situation looks, we have an awesome God who is always there with us, ready to lead us into a beautiful life and relationship with him. Some parts of it aren't pleasant but it all works together for our good!

May you be encouraged in the God that will never leave your side. Never!

## 5. Psalm 23:5 – God provides and anoints.

Today, we are looking at verse 5 of Psalm 23.

We have already established that God is our Shepherd, and as long as we are allowing Him to lead and guide us, we will have everything we need. We then discussed how God has given us a place of permanence, a home on fertile ground, sure to reap a harvest. He also shows us His peace, waters so still in which we can see our reflection. The passage also speaks on how God allows us to turn back to Him, restoring us, and shows us how to live a righteous life and bear His name. Now we unlock further truths in verse 5.

***"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."***

The first part of the verse shows us that we are going to have enemies.

Please don't be fooled into thinking that everyone is going to like us or wish us well, because if we look at Christ, He always had adversaries. He walked the earth healing the sick, raising the dead, causing the blind to see, freeing people from demonic possession, and He told the truth everywhere He went. He should've been the most liked person on the planet, but He was called a liar, they said He had a demon, and said he was a son of fornication, everything He wasn't.

In Mark 13:13, the Bible says, ***"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved."***

Christ said we were going to be hated of all men, so we can be secure in knowing that we will have some enemies.

So God breaks out a table in front of my enemies, and then tells me to sit down in front of them. Wouldn't that bring a certain level of nervousness? Would that require some trust on our part, that God isn't putting us in front of a firing squad, that He knows what He is doing. Trust that we are going to have enemies, and also trust that we are going to have to face them.

We can't run from our adversaries, especially Satan.

In James 4:7, the Bible says ***"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."***

We have to resist the enemy, and because God leads us in the paths of righteousness, we know that we resist the enemy with the Word of God. Truth is how a lie is resisted, right? So, God puts me on display in front of my enemies, and I have to trust that this is all for a reason.

The second part of the verse holds the reason. "*Thou anointest my head with oil*".

When someone is anointed with oil, they are blessed and set apart for a spiritual purpose. We will identify someone as anointed; we are saying that they are filled and led by the Spirit of God. So in the presence of our haters, of the people that have bad intentions for us,

God pours His Spirit upon us, blessing us in the faces of those who hate us. Imagine the sense of humor God must have, setting up a table, sitting us at it, and saying, "Watch this! Watch this!" and pour His Spirit upon us, showing the haters that they are hating on someone who is blessed. God puts their hatred on display and establishes who we belong to in the process.

The last part of the verse jabs at the haters a little more. "*my cup runneth over*".

God is going to bless us so much with His Spirit and in life that we are going to have more than what we need. He gives us an abundance to share it with someone else. God makes us a living testimony in front of everyone that said we are nothing, who threw our past in our faces, who plotted against us and mistreated us, and who never meant us any good.

Our God is awesome and also allows us to triumph in the face of trial.

May you trust in God to take a seat at the table He prepared for you in the presence of your enemies, because a blessing is in store.

## 6. Psalm 23:6 – Goodness and mercy in the House of the Lord forever

Today, we are looking at Psalm 23:6, completing our study on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, one of the most famous passages of the Old Testament.

There is incredible depth to Scripture and the purpose of devotionals is to bring our study of Scripture to life, to give us gleanings from the Word that can encourage and instruct us in our course of life today.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm gives a believer assurance of how life will be under God's shepherding, how we will be provided for, protected, restored, led in how to live a Godly life, how we realize God is with us when we are fearful, how he corrects and directs us, and how he blesses us in the presence of our enemies, our blessings overflowing. Now we will look at verse 6.

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."*

Because of God's goodness and mercy being poured heavily upon us causing our cup to overflow, goodness and mercy will follow us. In every environment we enter into, God's spirit should fill the room, and when we leave an environment, it should be positively impacted by God's present in our lives. This requires us to engage with people, talk with people, share the Word with people.

Remember, God led us in the paths of righteousness to bear His name, to represent Him everywhere we go. So, goodness and mercy will definitely follow us because we are allowing our light to shine and allowing God's presence to reach us and the reach after His people. As we enter a space, what do people see in us? Do we personify the God we serve, or do they see the world? What do they say about us when we leave a room? What impact do we make?

If goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of our lives, then we must dwell in God's house all the days of our lives. If we stay connected to God, we remain connected to the attributes that will exude goodness and mercy, and we will make positive impacts everywhere.

In Psalm 27:4, the Bible says, ***"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple."***

What are our desires? Is it to dwell in God's house forever, to see His beauty, and seek after Him in His temple? Where is our focus? If we focus on our Shepherd and go where He leads us, we will bear His name everywhere we go, in word and in deed.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever!!! This is the life I chose.

I and trust Hope this look-into the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm opens your heart to something new in the Word.

God Bless!  
Marshall & Jessica

## WHY KJV (King James Version)

***"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*** 2 Timothy 2:15

This is one of my favorite Bible verses, a constant source of encouragement for me to dig deeper and deeper into the Word of God to receive truth in its deepest form. I believe it is our job as believers to study as deep as we can, and then build our way up. The King James Version of the Bible is one of most popular early translations of the Bible to English, so that is where my study begins. I have come to learn that by putting the King James Version side by side with other translations that may be easier to read, that easier doesn't always keep the deeper meaning intact. The "thee", "thy", and "ye" can be a little overwhelming at first, but as with anything else we study continuously, it will become easier to decipher.

The Bible I use, the KJV AMG Hebrew-Greek Keyword Study Bible, gives me an enormous tool to not only study the Word of God from an earlier English translation, but gives me access to study the keywords in the Scripture to find the deeper meaning of the verses I study. The more I studied the Word of God, the deeper I wanted to go. When I first started my incarceration over 17 years ago, I read the NIV version of the Bible. As I matured as a reader, I went back to the King James Version in 2007, wanting to learn the most difficult English translation. I went to the Hebrew-Greek Keyword Study Bible in 2014 and have been using it since. I recently was given a MacArthur Study Bible, NASB, which I use for scriptural cross-references and commentary purposes. I am in no way saying it is wrong for anyone to study any translation other than the King James Version, but I do suggest that everyone possesses one, so we can break down the Word of Truth side by side. It is important to go to the earliest possible translation, to see the modernized translations accurately convey the Word of God.

Studying the Word of God pleases Him, and I desire to break down the Scriptures rightly, understanding that by studying the Word of God, I am breaking down truth so I can position myself for the Holy Spirit's teaching. Whatever I learn, I then share, and by sheer repetition, I am able to retain what I learn better.

May the study of God's Word release amazing truths and powerful revelations in your lives.

## Marshall's Bio, Poems, and History

### Marshall's Bio

Marshall Jones is a 42-year-old man on a lifelong journey of bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. The author of "A Raven's Meal" (RoseDog Books), a poetry collection, he aspires to target the grey areas, and the people who are terribly misunderstood by society. Believing that everyone deserves a voice, he not only shares his testimony, but he also tries to use his gifting to share other people's experiences as well. He writes from the prison system that has housed his body for 22 years, but also from the place that has been the catalyst to his freedom.

His biography, written with Jessica, called "The Prodigal Son" is available at Amazon online.

### Marshall's Poems

You can view Marshall's poems at <https://www.redthreadpoets.com/category/100-poets/red-granite-daily-devotions/>

## History

Red Granite Daily Devotions commenced on Red Thread Poets Facebook page on November 1, 2020. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> in his Daily Devotion Series. The Daily Devotions are recapped by date at <https://www.redthreadpoets.com/category/100-poets/red-granite-daily-devotions/>

Marshall uses, among others, these resources in his Bible Study: AMG Hebrew Greek Keyword Study Bible (KJV), Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, The MacArthur Study Bible (NASB), Webster's New World College Dictionary.

### ABOUT RED GRANITE DAILY DEVOTIONS AND MARSHALL JONES

- Entirely influenced by Holy God Almighty
- Conceived November 2020
- First Daily Devotion November 1, 2020
- 13 Series available as of Q2 2026
- Over 1,300 daily Devotions written since November 2020.
- Written by Marshall Jones from his cell in Wisconsin, United States of America
- 22 years to 2026 serving a double life homicide sentence
- Jessica his wife and partner from November 1, 2022
- We all await the Lord's grace for a positive outcome from the new 2026 Commutation Advisory Board in Wisconsin, please pray for such

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