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## Bible Word of the Week

υἱός – huíos – son  
(*hwee-os'*)

**Definition:** son,  
descendant

**Sentence:** “For God is  
my witness, whom I  
serve with my spirit in the gospel of His  
υἱός, that without ceasing I make mention  
of you always in my prayers.”

Romans 1:9

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They  
are just to show where they are used in scripture)

### BIBLE FACTS:

1. There are 594 chapters  
before Psalm 118. And  
there are 594 chapters after  
Psalm 118.
2. 594 + 594 = 1188.
3. The verse at the very center of the  
Bible is Psalm 118:8



“Now the Lord prepared a great fish to  
swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the  
belly of the fish three days and three  
nights.”

~ Jonah 1:17

“To the Bible men will return; and why?  
Because they cannot do without it.”

~ Matthew Arnold

“The only limits to prayer are the promises  
of God and His ability to fulfill those  
promises.”

~ E. M. Bounds

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# Discovering Truth

“Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

## Rise and Build

Construction on our new bathrooms and  
nurseries are well underway and ahead of  
schedule. When the construction is all said and  
done, our building will be upgraded and  
looking good. I’ve been able to talk with some  
of the construction workers and see the  
progress of their work. They work long and  
hard hours. I’ve been very impressed with  
what they’ve been able to get done in just two weeks.



As the Jews were returning to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity, they  
came to a city that was laying in ruin. Nehemiah was given the task to try  
and encourage the Jews to rebuild the city walls. “Let us rise up and build”  
(Neh. 2:18). The task was completed in just fifty-two days (Neh. 6:15). Can  
you imagine that in just about 7 ½ weeks building a fortified wall around an  
entire city? I’ve seen some construction projects take much longer than that.  
The reason the Jews were able to build so fast is because “the people had a  
mind to work” (Neh. 4:6).

Do we have a mind to build? We see the building going on in the back of  
our auditorium, but what are we doing to build spiritually? Are we building  
ourselves up by reading our scriptures? Are we attending every service and  
Bible class? Are we praying regularly? Are we lifting each other up  
spiritually?

What are we doing to build the Lord’s Kingdom? Are we spreading the  
Gospel to our friends and family? Are we sharing the story of Jesus? Are we  
letting our lights shine in the world around us?

“Let us rise up and build!” East Foothills Church of Christ is poised to do  
some great and wonderful things in the Lord’s Kingdom. Do “the people  
have a mind to work?” When we all work together we can accomplish some  
great things.

All the guys that have been working on our building are working hard for  
two reason: first they have a supervisor looking after them. Second, they are  
getting paid. Jesus is looking after us and He will reward us in Heaven. Let’s  
get to work.

~ Kevin

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## Our Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

### Our Elders:

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Lenard Boesch.....408-226-0867  
Gus Rodriquez.....408-914-5762

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Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428  
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❖ If you would like a Bible study  
or have any questions, please  
contact Kevin Harrington.  
❖ Estudios bíblicos en Español  
disponibles durante la semana.  
Por favor llamen a Lalo

“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

## God's Blueprint: Finding My Role

### Scripture Reading:

#### ➤ What does being a member mean?

- Be a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord's vineyard (Matt. 20:1)
- Be a \_\_\_\_\_ stone in the spiritual temple (1 Pet. 2:5)
- Be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ (Eph. 5:23)
- Be a \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ's kingdom (Col. 1:12-13)
- Be a child in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal. 3:26-27)

#### ➤ With membership comes responsibility

- \_\_\_\_\_ to the elders (Heb. 13:7)
- Preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (1 Cor. 1:10)
- Preserve the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (Eph. 5:25-27)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 7:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of the church

#### ➤ With responsibility comes great reward

- Care and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 12:25-26)
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 6:26-33)
- C\_\_\_\_\_ and chastisement
- Right of \_\_\_\_\_ to God
- \_\_\_\_\_ with the saints
- \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life

### This Morning's Sermon:

## God's Blueprint: Finding My Role

Kevin Harrington

### This Evening's Sermon:

## Major Lessons from Minor Prophets: Joel

Kevin Harrington

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## Daily Spark #1

*Jeremiah 31:33 - "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

In our verse today, I think God is telling us what His word (covenant) should mean to us. What a privilege it is to have the word of God that we have today.

He wants His law in our minds and He wants it written on our hearts. Have you ever wondered what that means? Our brains and our hearts are the two most important organs in our body. The brain sends signals and messages throughout the entire body, while the heart keeps blood circulating throughout the entire body. Do you think it's just a coincidence that these are the two places that God wants His law?

What does it mean to have the law in our minds? It is said that an average human has over 70,000 different thoughts in a day. Needless to say, our brains are busy. I wonder how many of our thoughts are on things God wants us thinking about. I wonder how often we pause in our day and think about all the blessings that God has given us. How many of those 70,000 thoughts have to do with God? How often do we pull out God's word and dwell on His teachings, His laws, and His commandments? It's easy to let our minds get bogged down with everything else that we have going on in our lives, but God wants His law to be put in our minds, so that we are constantly thinking about our Lord and what He has done for us.

What does it mean to have God's law put in your heart? We have sayings like, "home is where the heart is" and "distance makes the heart grow fonder." We understand that our feelings and emotions come from the heart. How do we feel about God's word? Is it something we take seriously, or is it something that we only get around to every once in awhile? God's word needs to be placed in our hearts. We need to be attached to it. We need to dwell on it.

We need to realize that the word of God is more than just another story from a long time ago. This is what God wanted us to have. God's word should be something that encompasses everything we do. Our actions, our thoughts, and our feelings should all take God's word into account. And when we can do that, we will be God's people and He will be our God! What a wonderful blessing that is! God's word gives us a personal relationship with Him! Think of the different relationships in your life. It may be your kids, your spouse, your friends, or your family. You love them. You are constantly thinking about them. You want to please them. You would do anything for them. Is our relationship with God any different?

People always want to know, "how can I get closer to God?" My answer: spend time in His word. Spend time getting to know Him. Put His word in your mind and your heart. Take Him seriously. Open your heart and mind to what God's word can do for you! He wants a relationship with you. Do you want one with Him?

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