

# TRAINING FOR GUYS

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## Lots of us have role models.

Guys we look up to and in some ways try to be like. Whilst that can be very helpful, every role model we have falls far short of the One we need to be like: Jesus. If we look at Jesus in Scripture we always find Him in complete control of the situation, and of Himself. Whatever is happening, even at His arrest and crucifixion, He is seen to be at peace. We

## Psalm 119:11

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

### Is it necessary to memorise verses?

Nothing is 'necessary' except loving Jesus and walking with Him. However, it is certainly *helpful* to have His Word with us wherever we are. More important than off-by-heart quotation of verses though is to know what God has said to you through His word and to seek to obey it. But I've found that memorising verses with promises in them is invaluable when the going gets tough. What do others think?

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might try to be like this, and for a while even succeed, but the pressures of life crush us and we lose control in some way. Yet as we look at Jesus we see things that give us clues as to how He did it. Time and time again there are phrases like "Jesus was praying". Early in the morning, before dawn, alone in the hills. Before His greatest trial He turned to prayer. He spent time with the Father. When we look at the great saints, the great role models we might have, through history we will see too that they were men or women of prayer and reading of the scriptures.

## Bible Study Series

We are starting a new recorded series on the first letter of Peter this week.

Peter...fisherman, one of inner circle of disciples, spent hours, days, years close to Jesus...writes to us to help us to believe.

Even though he spent all that time with Jesus he has absolutely no doubt that Jesus is Almighty God. And he points us to Him throughout the letter.

So head to [www.tfgministries.org.uk/podcasts](http://www.tfgministries.org.uk/podcasts) and join in.

I want to try to build up a resource of our own commentary on the Bible. Whenever you read something that challenges you/encourages you/shines a light at you share it on the Facebook group. I'll collate them all during the year.

Let's see what we can produce together!

But if this just becomes a 'guilt trip' and a vow to 'try harder', it does us no good. We'll just fail again. You see, Jesus did not get up early to pray because He felt He had to, but because He was so in love with the Father that He desperately wanted to.

Falling in love with Jesus, with the Father, has to be the key to our spending time with Him and being filled with the Spirit day by day and moment by moment.

It happens when we spend time with Him, but we then spend time with Him because it has happened!

We're going to look at things Jesus said about Himself in the coming weeks, praying that we might fall in love with Him anew.



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