

LESSON 28

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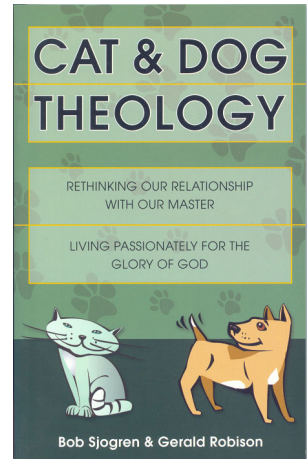
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READING ASSIGNMENT



Start chapter 8 (page 91) and read through until you see the words “Discipline” at the bottom of page 95.

Questions to answer from the reading assignment:

1. On page 91, it says that some Chinese believers “walk for days” to get to meetings. Compare the hunger of those believers to the believers in your church; do you think the believers in your church would walk for days to get to a meeting? Why or why not?

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2. In China, God’s glory is being revealed at a _____. List some of the things happening to them.

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3. How did the pastor ask the Westerners to pray for China?

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4. Most Cat prayers are focused on asking God to advance _____ agenda/ kingdom (a safe, soft, comfortable lifestyle) and not to advance _____ kingdom (revealing His _____ to all nations.) ⁵³⁷

5. Cats make a mistake in assuming that God’s glory in their lives will only be revealed in a couple of categories. List the three areas Cats assume God’s glory is revealed.

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6. Explain the graph in figure 1 on page 92.

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7. Why does a Cat assume figure 2 will never be God's will?

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8. Dogs know that although a safe, soft, comfortable life _____ point to God's glory, it is the glory that is the _____ priority. Therefore, if _____ is going to result in greater glory, Dogs yield to it so that God's glory can shine in a greater way. ⁵⁴¹

9. Regarding the blind man in John 9, God did not say "_____" when he came out blind. No, God _____ him blind so that the _____ of God could be revealed in a _____ way. ⁵⁴²



10. Do a internet search on how Joni Eareckson Tada became paralyzed and list the reason below:

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11. List how the Lord has used Joni as a paraplegic.

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12. List the reason why the authors believe, that although God could heal Joni instantly, he has left her paralyzed:

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13. Asking, "Is life _____ to us isn't a _____ question. Life was never designed to be _____." ⁵⁴⁶

14. Write down what the authors say life is all about.

Life was designed to be _____

_____ ⁵⁴⁷

15. We can always ask God for a healing, but we must also realize that if the ailment or infirmity will bring God more glory, God might _____ to allow it to _____ in our lives. ⁵⁴⁸

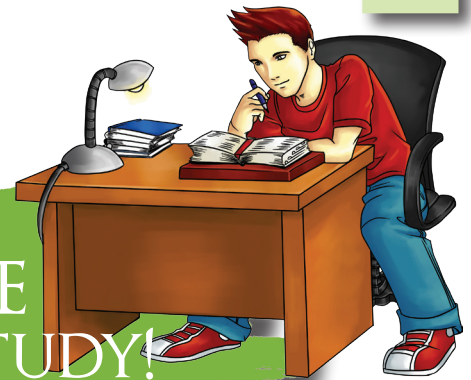


1. Read Acts 16:16-34

2. What were the slave owners' motivation in having a slave?

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3. What did the slave owners do when their slave girl could no longer speak of people's fortunes?

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4. What did the officials do to Paul and Silas?

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5. Could God have healed Paul and Silas' wounds instantly?

Circle One: Yes No 552

6. Which verse gives you the answer that God did not heal their wounds?

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7. If you had a dog (as a pet) and while hiking, he saved you from a wild animal, but in the process got very beaten and was bleeding badly because of wounds, would you heal him if you had the power to do so?

Circle One: Yes No 554

8. According to the authors, what do they say is the reason God did not heal Paul and Silas?

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9. Which verse tells you how God got great glory through this incident and why?

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10. What person does the text seem to indicate that God wanted to reach out to through this tremendous testimony?

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11. What do you think impressed the guard so much that he wanted to be saved?

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12. Had Paul and Silas been healed instantly, do you think the guard would have been as impressed?

Circle One: Y N 559

13. Do you agree or disagree with the following and why? "Sometimes the joy Christians have in the midst of their trials is a greater testimony than the joy they would have if the trials were taken away. Hence God leaves the trials in a believer's life to radiate His glory in a greater way."

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14. If Paul and Silas had wanted a safe, soft and comfortable life, what kind of an impact would that have had on the growth of the church?

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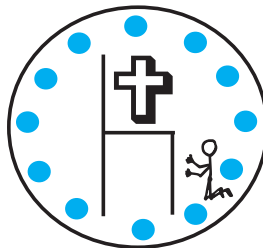


LESSON 29

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1 John 5:12

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Savior and Lord
Galatians 5: 22-23

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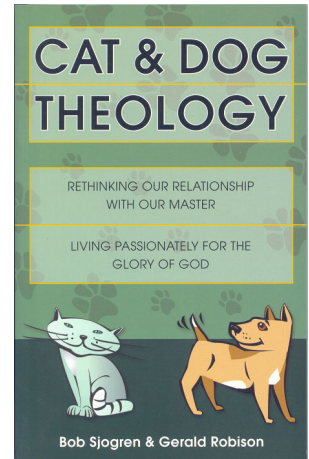

Savior
1 Corinthians 3:15

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READING ASSIGNMENT



Start at the bottom of page 95 where it says “Discipline” and finish out the chapter (page 99).

Questions to answer from the reading assignment:

1. Hebrews 12:5,6 clearly tell us that God _____ us
is a sign that we will be _____. 562
2. List what God’s primary goal is for us and therefore, what a secondary goal is.

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3. In William Branham’s story, “The Lamb’s Broken Leg,” what did the shepherd do to the lamb’s leg?

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4. What was the lamb doing which required the shepherd to break its leg?

_____ 565

5. What was the ultimate goal in breaking the leg?

_____ 566

6. Why does Matthew 5:10-11 sound strange?

_____ 567

7. In looking at history, we see that God has allowed _____ things to happen to His children in order to _____ His kingdom and reveal His glory. 568

8. God is so sovereign, that He uses both _____ and _____ for His glory. 569



9. Psalm 18:28 says that God can turn our _____ into _____. 570

10. Explain the motivation described in figure six on page 99.

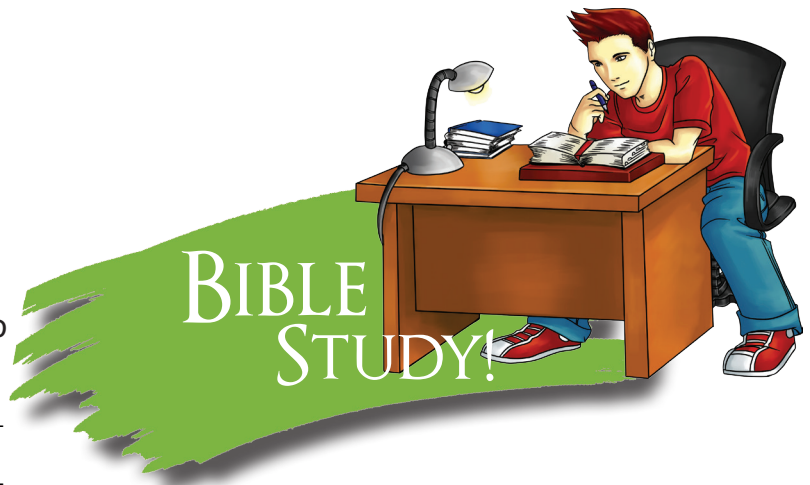
11. Write down the definition of “masochistic” below.

12. Explain how Dogs are not masochistic.

1. Read Matthew 26:36-68.
2. From verse 39, what was Christ’s attitude about going to the cross?

3. From verse 39, what was Christ’s ultimate goal in life?

4. Luke 22:44 tells us that Christ was so distressed about going to the cross that He sweat _____ of _____. 576





5. Research on the internet “Is it possible to sweat drops of blood” and tell us what you found.

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6. The text tells us that Jesus prayed this way three times. It seems to clearly communicate that Jesus did not want to go to the cross. How can that encourage us?

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7. What does verse 53 tell us that Christ could have done?

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8. Would this have made Jesus' life more safe, soft and comfortable?

Circle One: Yes No 580

9. Why did Jesus not call upon His Father to send those angels?

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10. If Jesus had not gone through with going to the cross, what would that have meant for the world?

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11. Are there ramifications to others if we, as believers, are not willing to suffer?

Circle One: Yes No 583

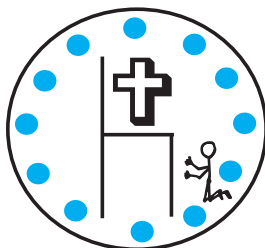


LESSON 30

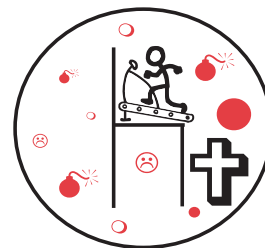
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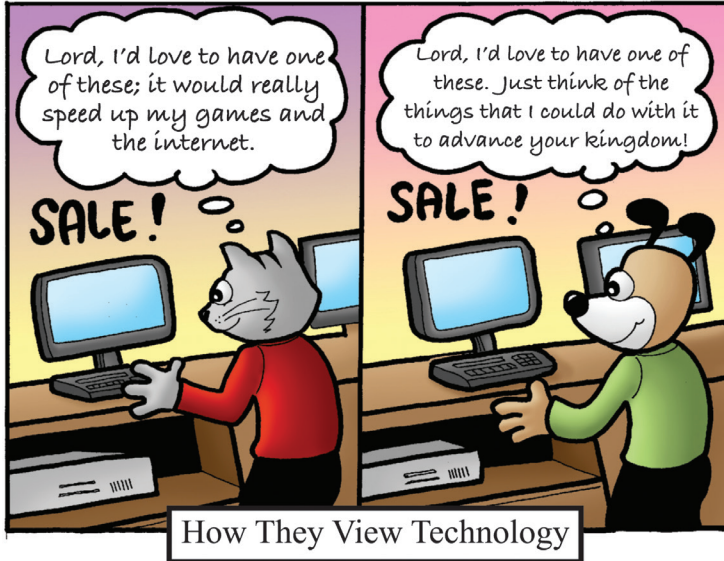
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1. Explain why the Cat prayer is incomplete.

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2. Explain the difference in the Dog's prayer.

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3. Which prayer do you think the Lord would be more pleased with and why?

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CHRIS and SARAH

“We’re gonna do something a little different this week, guys,” Pastor Jake announced as he finished the teaching portion of that night’s youth group. “Over the last few weeks we’ve talked

about prayer, what it means to us, and why it’s important for us to communicate with God. I’d like to end tonight with everyone breaking up into groups of 5 or 7 people. You can spread out, sit on the floor, whatever. But what I really want you to focus on during the next few minutes is prayer and communicating with our Father and Savior.”

Jake explained that it didn’t need to be anything fancy. They would just go around the circle and each person could take a turn praying about something going on in their life.

Sarah sighed. These prayer circles were always awkward. Usually she and her friends formed a circle amongst themselves so it didn’t get too weird. However, this week a few new kids squeezed into their circle. Actually, Jessica, one of Sarah’s friends, invited them in. It was nice of her, but Sarah always felt self-conscious praying out loud. It was easier to do it in front of friends.

Jessica took charge. As a junior, she was the oldest in the group, and everyone usually followed her lead anyway.

“God, thank you for this time at youth group,” she started. “I know not everyone gets to experience the fellowship and teaching we get to have every week, so I thank you for Pastor Jake and all the leaders here. God, as far as what’s going on in my life right now, I just bring my crazy schedule before you. I feel like I hardly ever have any time, and it’s getting hard to keep up with everything. Please help me with all my commitments. Help me have some time to just relax and hang out with my friends more and come to youth group more often. It’s really stressing me out, and I know you don’t want me to be stressed out like this all the time. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.”

One of the new kids went after Jessica. She was a shy girl who looked much younger than fourteen, but Sarah knew she must be at least a freshman if she was at youth group. She had a soft voice, and Sarah barely heard a word of her prayer over the worship music playing in the background. It sounded like maybe her grandma was sick and in the hospital.

After the new girl prayed, it was Ashley’s turn.

Ashley was good at praying. Her voice was heartfelt, and she seemed really into what she was saying, like no one else was listening to her. Sarah wished she could pray

like that. But whenever she prayed out loud, all she could think was whether or not she sounded dumb, because she sure felt it. Ashley asked that God heal her dad's knee and help her get good grades. She asked that her brother's tryouts go well this weekend.

Now it was Sarah's turn.

She took a deep breath and let it out a little shakily. "Lord," she started. No one had used "Lord" yet, so she thought it sounded more unique and authentic. Why were her palms sweating so badly? "Lord," she said again, "I just want to thank you for my friends and my school. I'm glad to finally have friends to hang out with every day and classes I enjoy. Please help me do really well in track next spring and do well at school. Please help me to, um, have better quiet times and be a better Christian. Bless my friends and everyone in this circle, and please bless these prayers. In Jesus' name, Amen." To herself, she added, *And God, please help me with this whole Bryan thing. I want to date him so badly, and I know you can do anything. Is there a way you can bring us together somehow? Could you get my parents to change their "no dating before 16" thinking?*

Sarah breathed a sigh of relief. Not too bad. Thankfully, she remembered to pray for a blessing for everyone sitting around her. *Was that the Holy Spirit?* The guy next to her started praying. She thought about her silent prayer for Bryan and glanced to where he

sat in his own circle of friends, head bowed.

Meanwhile, Chris listened to the prayers in his own circle. Someone wanted a new car. One girl needed a job, and the guy next to her prayed for good grades and for his ankle to heal before basketball tryouts.

It wasn't that these were bad prayers. Chris knew God cared about everything in their lives. However, something was missing. Painfully, Chris was reminded of his conversation with Jim a few weeks ago. Was this all that mattered? Basketball and friends and cars? What

about the world outside their schools or their church or their friends? Chris grimaced, feeling a twinge of guilt. He was pretty sure he had never prayed for much beyond those things, except for Stan, the homeless guy he befriended during outreaches. Chris had prayed for him for a while. Besides that, his prayers were mostly limited to himself and what he wanted to get out of life.



All of a sudden, Chris felt sick to his stomach. His mind raced to a question he didn't want to answer: *Have my prayers been this self-centered for so long?*

Lesson 30 Questions: (The suggested answers are on page 51 in the *Answer Key*.)

1. What was Sarah concerned about as they prayed in a group?

2. Though Jessica's prayers were not wrong, did they focus on her kingdom or God's kingdom, and why do you think that was?

3. Name what was "God-centered" in Sarah's prayer and what was "Sarah-centered."

4. Most of the prayers that were prayed in this story weren't incorrect, but they were incomplete. Explain what this means.



1. Cats are absolutely willing to pay whatever price it takes to get to know God's Word, just like the Chinese.

- A. True
- B. False ⁵⁸⁷

2. Chinese believers who live for the glory of God ask

- A. that the persecution not stop, but that they be strong through the persecution.
- B. that the persecution would stop.
- C. that God would end the Chinese government.
- D. None of the above. ⁵⁸⁸

3. Most Cat prayers are focused on

- A. advancing God's kingdom.
- B. advancing their kingdom.
- C. themselves.
- D. God's glory. ⁵⁸⁹

4. Cats assume that God's glory will be revealed in their lives through

- A. getting lots of things.
- B. eliminating trouble from their lives.
- C. having a safe, soft comfortable life.
- D. All of the above. ⁵⁹⁰

5. Dogs say, "If suffering is going to bring you more glory, then Lord, bring it on for your name's sake."

- A. True
- B. False ⁵⁹¹

6. According to Hebrews 12:5,6, a sign that God loves us will be that we are

- A. disciplined.
- B. cared for.
- C. gives a car to.
- D. None of the above. ⁵⁹²



7. The lamb's broken leg story tells us that
- A. God wants to bless us.
 - B. God may hurt us for our own good.
 - C. God will pursue us to do good even when we go astray.
 - D. None of the above. ⁵⁹³
8. God allows tragic things to happen to His children to expand His kingdom.
- A. True
 - B. False ⁵⁹⁴
9. Which of the following does God use for His glory?
- A. Good
 - B. Evil ⁵⁹⁵
10. Cat Christians are concerned for God's glory and their comfort.
- A. True
 - B. False ⁵⁹⁶

What are you going to do differently as a result of what you've learned? **Go to the end of your workbook and write it in for Lesson 30.** ⁵⁹⁷



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