



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## My Best Friend of 47 Years.

*A King James Scofield Reference Bible was given to me by my parents after I graduated high school, prior to entering Liberty University (known then as Lynchburg Baptist College). I read and studied that Bible every day. I made notes in it from my own studies and while listening to Jerry Farwell, John R Rice, Ed Henson, Summer Wemp and many more. I memorized hundreds of verses from it. I read through that Bible more than once. I memorized hundreds of verses from it. I even knew what page specific verses were on. God spoke to me through it many times. But on the last week of my last senior year, it went missing. I looked everywhere for it. I thought that maybe God wanted me to start over with a new one. Then on the last day of college, I found it in the dorm lobby.*

*I continued to use that Bible for years. I taught Young Group, College and Career class, Awana, Boys' Brigade, and Pioneer Club with it. Many became Christ followers and grew closer to God through it. But then my Bible went missing again. For years, I had to use a backup Bible and I did not like it.*

*My wife had worked for a doctor's office. One day, a friend of ours, whom we knew from a former church came in for an appointment. She brought in something that she found at her church. It was my missing Bible. It was like the Dead Sea Scrolls, in bad shape. It was dirty, with pages folded over or torn. I did not care because my lost friend had returned. I said "Thank you Jesus." I cleaned it and fixed the pages as best as I could. But the few pages with torn sections, I have to pretend what was there.*

*When my grandmother went to Heaven, I was given her Bible. It was the exactly the same that I had. So, I decided to transfer my notes to it and retire my old friend. I took a week's vacation and went through every page and transferred the notes to the new one. I then used her Bible for a few years but it went missing. So once again my old friend came back to me. (A God thing happen with my Grandmother's Bible. After years for missing, it just appeared on the basement table, but only after writing this devotion about my old Bible.) The notes from college days were still in my old friend. Yes, some of the sections were still missing. But you know what, God is again speaking to me from that Bible. By now, every page has a note or underline. But, through the Holy Spirit, I am still finding treasures that I have not seen in 47 years. (Grandmother's Bible is back on standby.)*

*For over the past six years, I have been outlining each chapter of the Bible in my own words. I start by reading the chapter several times, asking God to show me some principle or phase on which to build. Some chapters are easy and I wrestle with others for several days. There are times when I have to do online research from various resources to understand what and why the chapter was written. As of this devotion, I am at 595 completed with 595 to go. Yes halfway! (My completed books of the New Testament can be found on [newheartbeatdevotions.com/Bible\\_Outlines\\_NT.html](http://newheartbeatdevotions.com/Bible_Outlines_NT.html) and [newheartbeatdevotions.com/Bible\\_Outlines\\_OT.html](http://newheartbeatdevotions.com/Bible_Outlines_OT.html).) At eight chapters per month, it will take me the next 6.25 years to complete. I believe that God will not call me home until I have completed this task.*

*We have at least ten copies of the Word of God in our home. There are several translations here. I personally use the King James version because after 47 years it is hard to change. To be honest, I do get more out of it, than the newer versions. Besides, my old friend would get jealous. For my thoughts about the King James version only debate, see my [posted white paper](#).*



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



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