

JANUARY 2021 GLEN AND SHAWN SOLBERG

Serving Marriages in Central Arkansas with Marriage Revolution



The Road Ahead: Our Ministry Focus for 2021

As we celebrated the start of this New Year on January 1st, Shawn and I were sincerely thanking the Lord for what He did in 2020 as well as looking forward to all He has planned in 2021! But we also want to sincerely **thank you**, our Ministry Partners, for allowing us to fulfill our calling to serve couples one-on-one with Marriage Revolution in Little Rock. We cannot do this without you!!

It's because of your partnership with us that we want to share our main areas of focus and prayer as we look to the New Year:

- We continue to love and give thanks for our calling to provide Biblical help to couples through Gospel-centered marriage counseling. Please pray that, through consistent and diligent study of the Word of God and the leading of the Spirit of God, couples would see real life transformation and that God's Name would be glorified in the process.
- Shawn and I feel a growing pull from the Lord to work more closely with young married couples as well (married 5 years or less). We have plans to launch a new initiative at our church but are waiting for the right timing given the restrictions of the pandemic. Please pray the Lord would help us to follow His lead in launching this initiative, hopefully in 2021!
- More than a year ago, we developed a community marriage workshop, with the desire to reach couples in other churches as well as people outside the walls of the church. We had our first workshop scheduled last March around when COVID hit. So we are asking the Lord to open up venues in 2021 for this workshop. Pray with us for at least 3 venues in 2021.
- We are nearing the final stages of development for a resource to help couples begin the habit of consistently praying together. We will be piloting a test version with a few couples in early 2021. Pray the Lord will help us use their feedback to make the resource even better. And also pray, that once the resource is ready to share, it would literally allow hundreds of couples to develop and maintain the daily practice of connecting together spiritually around prayer.

Thank you for joining us in praying that the Lord will be leading in each of these areas and that His Kingdom will be built and His Name made famous by each one of these areas of focus.

TWO COPIES ENCLOSED: One for You and One to Share with a Friend

Enclosed with this January update you will find two copies of an article we would love every person to read and begin putting into practice in marriage and other relationships. Thanks for reading it for yourself and also thanks for sharing it with a friend or couple you know! <u>CLICK HERE FOR LINK!</u>

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Donate Securely at: <u>bit.ly/helptheSolbergs</u> (case sensitive) -- Be sure to select the Little Rock Office. Thank you so much!

Psalm 119 Encouragement - From YouVersion Bible App

"Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts." Psalms 119:97-100 ESV

The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God. It is food for our souls. The Word of God is described as a sword that penetrates the hearts of its readers.

The Bible is not to be read just as a book of history or as a novel of meaningful stories and characters. It is the Living Word of which our very lives depend upon. Reading and obeying the Word of God gives us God's power and God's fruit in our lives as He speaks to us and guides us through it.

However, for many of us, we are more excited about watching the latest find on Netflix or checking our social media sites than we are about reading the Bible regularly. Wherever you find yourself, as we start this New Year, here are a few questions to ponder:



- Do you treat the Bible as your necessary food? If you only ate food as often as you read the Bible, what would happen?
- Do you truly believe that the Word of God has the power to transform lives, heal broken hearts, and fix broken lives? If you believe this, what keeps you from reading it?
- If you are in the habit of reading your Bible regularly, then <u>thank God</u> for that discipline. Can you see growth in the past year because of your feeding on God's Word? Be specific. If not, ask the Lord to help you, to not only read the Word, but digest it and grow more like Christ through feeding on His Word.

<u>Suggested Prayer</u>: Father God, You are our Heavenly Father who breathed life into Your Word so that we may know You intimately. Thank You for the honor and privilege of being born in a country with religious freedom, free accessible bibles, a church on every corner, and thousands of free bible studies available by internet and mobile apps. Never let me take access to You and Your Word for granted. Use Your Word to grow my relationship with You as well as a way to encourage others. Help me identify and then remove any obstacles that hinder me from daily Bible reading. In the Name of Jesus. Amen

Adapted from YouVersion Bible App - Psalm 119 Plan.

January Verses:

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast. By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants. If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.

Psalm 119:89-93

Prayer Requests for January 2021: Thank you for your prayers!

OUR NATION: Many have been praying for revival in our country for years or even decades. As Christ-followers, we know the only lasting solution is each person hearing and responding to the Gospel, and then wholeheartedly following Christ. Please pray for this revival to break out in 2021 and begin a deep healing in our nation and a great influx of souls into God's Kingdom!

OUR TEAM: Please pray for our Marriage Revolution Team in Houston, Dallas, and Little Rock - that God would be working deeply in our lives, marriages, and families. And that the overflow of that deep work would be life-transforming ministry to others.

OUR MINISTRY REACH: That God would help us reach couples and individuals in 2021, in greater numbers, but also in greater depth of transformation.

FIRST LOVE AND COMMUNITY: That we would never lose our "first love" for Jesus Christ and the pursuit of an deeply abiding relationship with Him. And after that, we would continue to make it a priority to be deeply connected to Christ-centered community in and outside of our local church.