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New Book Looks at Scripture Verses That Have Guided Classmates Throughout Their Lives

GARLAND, TX—Where does a person get marching orders for his or her life? Author Ed Jackson contends each person needs to define a "life verse"—a particular Scripture that sustains the individual in good times and bad and shapes one's outlook.

In his new book, *Life Verses Alive!*, Ed profiles himself and 12 classmates who were active in the Baptist Student Union during the early 1950s at the University of Oklahoma. He shares how the life verse of each person—all bound by a common spiritual commitment during his or her college years—has helped direct the person through "bumps on the road of life," as Ed describes them.

With a biographical look at the classmates, Ed discusses both the "bumps" and good times. Each chapter focuses on one person and follows his or her family and career to see how the spiritual decisions they made played out in their lives. Through births and deaths, job transfers and job losses, missionary experiences and war, each person encounters God's promises through his or her life verse.

The classmates who Ed profiles include himself; Helene Harris of Fort Worth, TX; Reggie Kikugawa of Tulsa, OK; Sue Drummond of Tulsa, OK; Maggie Nelson of Richardson, TX; Evelyn Northcutt of Tulsa, OK; Frank Morrison of Bartlesville, OK; Curt Floyd of Dallas, TX; Jimell Badry of Colorado Springs, CO; Frank Marks of Norman, OK; Joyce Gregory of Edmund, OK; and Buddy and May Morris of Norman, OK. While their lives may seem normal to some, a closer look through Ed's book reveals inspirational stories of God's people faithfully following His plan for their lives.

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In concluding the book, E discusses how a life verse gives power and purpose to life as God uses that promise to direct and encourage each person. Ed also emphasizes that a life verse is meaningless without God's intervention. "The acceptance of a life verse can happen only if we believe God is personally involved in our lives," Ed says.

Dr. Greg Ammons, senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Garland, TX, in his endorsement says Ed has done a "masterful job of personifying the life verses of 12 individuals . . . You will be challenged and encouraged and your faith strengthened as you read of God's faithfulness in real-life situations."

Author Ed Jackson is a fitness fanatic, community volunteer, and retired electronics executive who, at age 77, still looks ahead to the best years of his life. He has been a naval officer, space engineer, senior corporate executive, and volunteer missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention. Published in 2005, his first book is titled *No Other Time Like This One*. He and his wife, Re, live in Garland, TX.

Paperback copies of the book are available for \$14.95 at Christian and secular bookstores throughout the country, as well as through online bookstores such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Hannibal Books also offers the book through 800-747-0738. ISBN: 0-929292-48-0.

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