

## **“OFFICE SUPPLIES” DEVOTION**

### **“While You Were Out” Message Pads**

**Romans 10:17** *So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.*

So there's that pink-colored pad sitting next to the phone on your desk, a physical representation of your responsibility to one or more people. If the phone rings and you're the one who answers it, you have to write down the message (for whom the call was intended, when it came in, who it's from, what the call is about, how and when to get back to the caller, etc.) and make sure that the message gets delivered to the right person or people. If you don't, the message may never get delivered in the fashion that was intended. Someone else may pick up the slack, but the delay will almost certainly make the connection harder to accomplish.

Fortunately, each sheet of the pad has a ready-to-use format that can make it much less difficult to pass on the word to the next person(s). The pads are relatively inexpensive, come in a couple of different varieties that all accomplish similar results, and can be found in just about every office building, with even simpler versions that are in every household that wants to be sure that it always “gets the message”.

*(And here's the “flip” that you know is coming.)* So there's that Bible sitting on your bedside table, a physical representation of your spiritual responsibility to one or more people. If God calls and you're the one who answers, you need to inscribe the message on your heart (Was the message intended only for you? What's the message about? When and how will the recipient respond to God?) and make sure that the message gets delivered to the right person or people. If you don't, the message may never get delivered in the fashion that was intended. Someone else may pick up the slack, but the delay will almost certainly make the connection harder to accomplish.

Fortunately, every Bible comes in a ready-to-use format that can make it much less difficult to pass on the Word to the next person(s). They're relatively inexpensive, come in a couple of different varieties that all accomplish similar results, and can be found in just about hotel building, and versions are in every household that wants to be sure that it always “gets the message”.

When God calls, use the Holy Bible to help you “take the message” and get His Word out to others. We can be messengers for Him; we have all the supplies that we need. Let's pray.

*Almighty God, we're here right now, no need to leave a message. But when You do, we thank You for Your Holy Word that helps us bring Your message to others. We praise and bless Your Holy Name. AMEN.*