How to Find Dead Links

RECOMMENDED WORK-AROUND

WHEN A LINK SAYS "PAGE NOT FOUND" (404 ERROR)

Many older links may become "broken," especially those from early versions of my website, may return a "Page Not Found" (404) message. In many cases, however, the following simple workaround can successfully restore access to the intended page:

1. Go to: https://web.archive.org/
2. Copy and paste the URL that produced the dead link.
   Example: Devotional
   URL: https://getmorestrength.org/daily/jesus-at-the-crossroad/
   Paste this URL into the search box on archive.org.
3. Press Enter on your keyboard.
4. A Timeline will appear, with vertical black bars showing the years the page was archived (this example shows multiple lines)
5. Click one of the years—I usually recommend choosing one of the earlier years.
6. After selecting a year (e.g., select 2018) a 12-month calendar appears. Dates highlighted in blue indicate an archived version.
7. Hover over the blue date (JUL 18) and you will see a timestamp (08:25:49)
8. Click that link.
9. The archived page—in this case "Jesus at the Crossroad"—should now load. (loading is sometimes slow)

This process may seem a bit intimidating at first, but after doing it a few times it becomes quite simple. If the first year you choose does not reveal the page, just try another year on the timeline. Over the past decade, this method has helped me recover about 90% of those "missing" pages.

If you come across a bad link, would you kindly let me know? Please send the broken link AND the page where you found it using the contact form. Thank you for helping keep the site useful for everyone.