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there, discipled Clay for 2½ years, teaching him about the Word and just spending time with him. Upon graduating with his pilot wings, Clay was deployed to San Diego, where he met his wife, Bev. She was working as a missionary for the Wycliffe Translators, but costs eventually forced her to return home. She and Clay were married shortly thereafter and raised five sons—four of whom also enlisted in the military. Clay and his family moved to Whidbey Island in Washington after he retired, and Clay’s promise all those years ago at the campfire was finally being called upon. He and his wife were asked to join the Navigators branch in Whidbey. After much prayer and encouragement, they did so.

Their time in Navigators has been amazingly fruitful. With a team of almost 20 people, they minister to around 90 different naval officers and their families. They host fellowships for singles, couples with kids, and couples without kids. They have dinner together, followed by a time of worship, teaching, and prayer. What a blessing to see how God is using Clay and his desire to minister! We love it when people use our resources to minister to others. 🇺🇸

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User Testimony

I use it almost daily to look up the Hebrew and Greek words for Bible Study. It’s easy to use, not complicated! I like that it has multiple translations. It’s a wonderful tool that has aided me in understanding the context of the Word of God. Thanks to all who have been faithful to make this available to us all. —Letty B. (Gooding, ID)

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The Whidbey Island Navigators team

In his first year as a Christian, Clay read through the entirety of their times together, whether they are searching through verses and words or examining the original Greek and Hebrew. But before Clay ever discovered Blue Letter Bible, he felt a calling from the Lord at a young age. Clay was raised in a church family, but never had a personal relationship with the Lord. That all changed when he went to a youth Bible camp in Orcas Island, Washington, at 17 years old. One night, while sitting around the campfire, the head counselor said something that completely stunned Clay: “You can pay for your own sins... the problem is that you will spend the rest of eternity doing so.” Those were the words the Spirit used to transform Clay. He promised the Lord, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do; wherever you want me to go, I’ll go.” Little did Clay know how literally that promise would be applied. In his first year as a Christian, Clay read through the entirety...