


## Messenger 8




### USER MANUAL












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## Buttons

-  : Torch
-  : Radio
-  : Messages
-  : Power
-  : Bible
-  : Language
-  : Book Back | Forward
-  : Chapter Back | Forward
-  : File Back | Forward
-  : Volume Down | Up
-  : Pause



## Choosing a Section Within the Chosen Language

### Internal memory:


Press  to switch between Section 1 (Introduction/Messages) and Section 2 (Life Principles to Live By). A 2-second press will skip to the beginning of Section 1.

Press  to switch between Section 3 (Genesis-Job), Section 4 (Psalms-Malachi), and Section 5 (New Testament). A 2-second press will skip to the beginning of Section 3.



### Micro SD card:





Press either  or  to skip to the next Section. A 2-second press will skip up to 5 Sections at a time.

## Navigating the Messages:

Press  or  to go to the previous/next Message.<sup>1</sup>



Press  or  to jump backward/forward a Chapter.<sup>1</sup>

Press  or  to jump backward/forward 20 seconds.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>A 2-second press on the     buttons will skip 5 Messages/Chapters at a time. A continuous press on these buttons will skip 5 Messages/Chapters at a time until the button is released or the last/first Message/Chapter is reached.

<sup>2</sup>The actual time skipped may vary slightly.



## Navigating the Bible:

Press  or  to go to the previous/next Scripture Book.<sup>1</sup>

Press  or  to jump backward/forward a Chapter.<sup>1</sup>

Press  or  to jump backward/forward 20 seconds.<sup>2</sup>



## Navigating the 30 Life Principles:

Press  or  to go to the previous/next Life Principle.<sup>1</sup>

Press  or  to jump backward/forward a Chapter.<sup>1</sup>

Press  or  to jump backward/forward 20 seconds.<sup>2</sup>

## Pausing/Resuming Playback

Press  briefly to pause Playback.<sup>1</sup> To resume Playback, briefly press  again.


<sup>1</sup>If the Messenger is paused for more than 15 minutes, it will beep twice and turn itself off.





## Using Earphones or Speakers

Insert earphone or speaker plug into the 3.5 mm stereo audio jack on the bottom of the Messenger.

<sup>1</sup>The internal speaker will turn off while the audio jack is in use.

## Using the Bookmark

While in Playback, a 2-second press on  will create a bookmark at the current location, beep 3 times and remain in Pause mode. When the Messenger is turned on again, it will begin Playback from the bookmark.

To reset the bookmark to the beginning of the Messages, press  briefly to pause Playback followed by a 2-second press on  (player will beep once and remain in Pause mode). Press  again briefly to resume Playback or  to turn the Messenger off.

## Features

- Control for 4-mode LED torch  
The torch will turn itself off after 15 minutes.

- FM radio with 5 programmable stations  
FM range 76.0 - 108.0 MHz
- Navigate directly to Messages and Life Principles
- Power and battery level indicator light
- Power and battery test button  
Player will turn off automatically if left paused for 15 minutes.
- Navigate directly to the Bible
- Navigate between languages and micro-SD card
- Volume control  
Volume settings saved separately for playback and radio.
- Comfortable, easy-to-use keypad
- Stereo audio jack
- Type-C USB connector for

programming micro-SD cards and charging  
SLS v2 required for programming internal memory.

- LED torch
- Micro-SD card reader  
Support for micro-SD cards up to 128 GB
- Opening for wrist lanyard
- Playback pause/resume and bookmark set

- Support added for audio types AAC, APE, FLAC, MP3, OGG, WAV, WMA.
- Internal storage of 8 GB
- Support for micro-SD to 128 GB
- "Soft reset" pinhole on back of player
- Durable, shock-resistant body
- Water resistant

## Volume Control

Press or in the center of the keypad to lower or raise the volume. The Messenger will always remember the last volume setting.

<sup>1</sup>The Messenger will maintain separate volume settings for Audio Playback and Radio

## LED Torch

Use to control the LED torch and its intensity. Each brief press will change the intensity as follows: **Low** > **Medium** > **High** > **OFF**. Press and hold to turn it on in high intensity. It will remain on until the button is released.

<sup>1</sup>The LED torch may be used at any time, even while other functions are active or the Messenger is off.

<sup>2</sup>The Torch will automatically turn itself off after 15 minutes.

## Radio

A 2-second press on will place the Messenger in Radio mode (player will beep once and the LED will change to **yellow**).

Press or to decrease/increase the frequency by 0.1 MHz. A 2-second press will scan for the previous/next FM station.

The buttons are pre-programmed with popular default frequencies. A brief press on each will tune the radio to the setting for that button. A 2-second press will re-program that button to the current frequency.

## Using the Micro-SD Card Reader

The Messenger can also play audio from a properly formatted micro-SD card. With the player facing you, insert the card into the reader on the bottom of the player with the brass contacts showing until it snaps in place.

After loading, press for 2 seconds until the player beeps once. Playback will now begin from the micro-SD card. The LED will display green.

To remove a card, gently push it in. The reader will release and push it out so you can remove it. If the player was in Playback mode from the card when removed, it will beep twice and revert to the onboard memory. If any other function was active, it will continue with no interruption.

You can view, format and prepare an SD card while loaded in the Messenger's micro-SD card reader when the player is connected to a computer using a USB to Type-C USB cable. You may also do the same with the card loaded in a micro-SD adaptor connected to a computer.

## Resetting Player Defaults

To reset player defaults (listed below), press briefly and then press for 2 seconds. The player will beep 3 times and remain in Pause mode. The defaults are now reset.

- Last used mode (onboard Playback)
- All Playback bookmarks (beginning)
- Radio bookmark (first setting in FMSET configuration file)

- Radio preset frequencies (per FMSET configuration file)
- Volume levels (medium)

## Battery Capacity Test

While the player is on, a brief press on will perform a battery test. The LED will blink rapidly for 2 seconds according to the remaining capacity (**Green**: 70-100%, **Yellow**: 15-69%, **Red**: 1-14%).

## Voicing the Firmware Version

Entering Pause Mode and pressing the and buttons together will voice the player model and firmware version.

## Charging/Computer Communication Modes

1. Make sure the Messenger is on and in Playback or Radio mode.
2. Connect to computer: the Messenger will enter Computer Communication mode.
3. After a few seconds, pressing on will disconnect the Messenger from Computer Communication mode, and return to Playback or Radio mode.
4. At this point, physically disconnecting the Messenger from the computer will stop the battery charging.
5. To connect to the computer again, the Messenger will need to be disconnected and reconnected.

6. While connected to the computer, the Messenger battery will be charging, regardless of the mode it is in.

<sup>1</sup>Changing to Computer Communication mode is essential to allow programming of the unit/ Firmware.

## Important! Battery Charging

The player you received is powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery. With proper care, the player should perform well for several years. Since the battery has only received a minimum charge from the factory, please fully charge it before the first use following one of the methods:

- For fastest charge, connect the player to an electrical outlet using the charger provided or any standard "USB" charger (regulated 5VDC, minimum 300 mA) with Type-C USB plug for about 5½ hours<sup>1</sup> or until the indicator light stops blinking. Or,
- Plug the player into any standard computer USB port using a "USB to Type-C USB" cable for about 5½ hours<sup>12</sup> or until the indicator light stops blinking. Or,
- For solar charging, place the player with the solar panel facing bright sunlight for about 9 hours.<sup>1</sup> When charging by sunlight, the indicator light does not blink.
- Before storing the player for prolonged periods, make sure the battery is at least 50% charged.

- If stored for extended periods, it is recommended to recharge the player at least every 6 months in order to prevent the battery from losing its ability to recharge. Should the battery become damaged and unable to accept a charge, the player can still play using the power charger.

<sup>1</sup>Typical for a completely depleted battery.

<sup>2</sup>Depends on the USB output of the computer.

## Warnings

- It is not recommended to charge the player using close proximity to a hot incandescent light source. While this method can work, it is very slow and the extreme heat from the bulb could damage the solar panel and/or plastic case.
- Care must be taken to set the volume at the lowest level that can be heard comfortably. Prolonged exposure to loud sound can cause gradual hearing loss.
- DO NOT expose the player or battery to fire or extreme heat.
- Stop using the player if you observe abnormal heat, odor, discoloration, leakage, or deformation, especially near the battery, and refer the player to a qualified technician for service.

- If the battery is removed from the player, handle the battery with care. Keep the exposed battery out of reach of children. DO NOT burn, puncture, disassemble, or modify the battery.
- If the battery leaks, dispose of it carefully in accordance with all local laws. Wash in running water any skin or clothing exposed to battery liquid, and avoid swallowing or contact with eyes. In the case of swallowing or contact with eyes, seek medical care immediately.

## Exterior Features

- 1 Torch
- 2 Status LED
- 3 Power button
- 4 Lanyard hole
- 5 Solar panel
- 6 Reset button
- 7 3.5mm stereo audio jack
- 8 Type-C USB port
- 9 LED Light
- 10 MicroSD card reader



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### Pause

Press the pause button to pause. Press the pause button again to resume.

### Switch Playback Modes

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### Bookmark

Pause the Messenger and then turn it off. Playback will resume at paused location when the Messenger is turned on.

