

## How to Read your Bible and Hear from God Part 1

### Challenge for next 3 weeks:

1. I want to challenge you to read the Word every day, learning to listen to the Lord and walk in obedience to Him. If you are not already reading, I have a reading schedule to get you started
2. I challenge each one of you to remove one activity from your life this week and add quiet time in the Bible instead... FB, Instagram, TV, sleeping the extra 15 min.... you choose
3. I challenge you to not feed your stomach until you have fed your soul!  
Job 23:12 I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.  
-it does not have to be long, start somewhere!

### Remember:

#### **1. Bible is not for information but transformation.**

Rom 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

#### **2. Don't read the word, let it read to you.**

Jms 1:22 Be doers of the word, and not hearers only. Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves. 23For anyone who hears the word but does not carry it out is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror, 24and after observing himself goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom, and continues to do so—not being a forgetful hearer, but an effective doer—he will be blessed in what he does.

#### **3. Not what you do not understand, but what you do!**

Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path

- Concentrate on the verse that jumps off the page,
- the paragraph that challenges you
- the concept you never understood before
- the sin in your life that was just revealed by the Holy Spirit

#### **4. Journaling: Remember to remember:**

Ps 34:8 taste and see Lord that the Lord is good:  
Need fork, food and plate.

### **5. Spiritually Discerned.**

1 Cor 12:14 But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

### **6. Read expectantly! Believe He will speak**

Job 23:12 I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

### **Ask questions:**

Who is it written to? Why is it written?

What did I learn about God the Father, God the Son, the Holy Spirit?

What did I learn about myself, my attitudes, my priorities, my fears, failures, desires, mission, destiny?

Is there a sin exposed, to be confessed and repented of?

What can I take from my reading and pray back to God for understanding, instruction or help?

### **Psalms 1**

**1** Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

**2** But his delight is in the Law of the LORD,  
And on His Law he meditates day and night.

**3** He will be like a tree planted by streams of water,  
Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither;  
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

**4** The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

**5** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**6** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the wicked will perish.

Genesis 39

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there. **2**And the LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian.**3**Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *that* the LORD made all that he did prosper in his hand. **4**So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and put him in charge of all that he owned. **5**It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; so the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. **6**So he left Joseph in charge of everything that he owned; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. **7**And it came about after these events that his master's wife had her eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Sleep with me." **8**But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me *here*, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put me in charge of all that he owns. **9** There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and sin against God?" **10**Though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her *or* be with her. **11**Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the people of the household was there inside. **12**So she grabbed him by his garment, saying, "Sleep with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. **13**When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, **14**she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make fun of us; he came in to me to sleep with me, and I screamed. **15**When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside." **16**So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. **17**Then she spoke to him with these words: "The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to make fun of me; **18**but when I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

**19**Now when his master heard the words of his wife which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. **20**So Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the prison. **21**But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the warden of the prison. **22**And the warden of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*. **23**The warden of the prison did not supervise anything under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and, the LORD made whatever he did prosper.