

WEEK 2 — Scripture and Study

Day #2

Jesus said that if we continue in his word—if we buy it, if we really live in it—we are his students indeed, and we will know the truth, and that truth will liberate us into the greatness and goodness of God.

~ Dallas Willard

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *John 15:1-8*

- Read the Scripture aloud. Listen with your senses. What do you see, hear, smell and experience in the text?
- Read the passage again. What do you find yourself longing for? Where do you find yourself resisting Jesus' words?
- Read the passage again. You may want to read a different translation. This time listen for what God might be saying to you personally.

Reflect:

- What did you hear? Experience?
- How will you respond

Pray:

Talk with God about what you heard and all the things you reflected upon. Ask God to lead you in whatever ways God might be calling you to respond. Tell Jesus how you will respond.

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Day #3

The manner of spiritual reading is like drinking in the words of a love letter or pondering the meaning of a poem.

~ Marjorie J. Thompson

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *1 Samuel 1*

- Read the words aloud. Listen with your senses. What do you see, hear, smell and feel in the text?
- Read the story again. Where do you find yourself in the passage? Do you relate to Hannah in any way? What is your greatest longing? Would you be willing to pray like Hannah?
- Read the story again. You may want to read a different translation. This time listen for what God is saying to you about your greatest longing.

Reflect:

- What did you hear? Experience?
- How will you respond?

Pray:

Talk with God about what you heard and all the things you reflected upon. Ask God to lead you in whatever ways God might be calling you to respond.

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Day #4

“Spiritual reading is a meditative approach to the written word. It requires unhurried time and an open heart.”

~ Marjorie J. Thompson

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *Jeremiah 18: 1-12*

Reflect:

- Who am I in the text?
- Where am I in the text?
- How does this passage connect with my heart?
- How does it connect with my daily life?

Read and Respond:

- What is the invitation? Challenge? Commandment?
- What am I to do with what I have read and heard?

Read and Rest:

- Practice silence and rest in God with what you have read, reflected on and heard.

Write:

Spend just a few more minutes with God by writing down what you experienced and heard in God's presence.

Pray: Reflect in personal prayer.

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Day #5

A disciple is someone who is learning by going through the process of change.

~ Dallas Willard

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *Matthew 9:9-13*

Reflect:

- Who am I in the text?
- Where am I in the text?
- How does this passage connect with my heart?
- How does it connect with my daily life?

Read and Respond

- What is the invitation? Challenge? Commandment?
- What am I to do with what I have read and heard?

Read and Rest

- Practice silence and rest in God with what you have read, reflected on and heard.

Write:

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Pray: Reflect in personal prayer.

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Day #6

There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.

~ Brother Lawrence

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *1 John 1:5-10*

Reflect:

- Who am I in the text?
- Where am I in the text?
- How does this passage connect with my heart?
- How does it connect with my daily life?

Read and Respond:

- What is the invitation? Challenge? Commandment?
- What am I to do with what I have read and heard?

Read and Rest:

- Practice silence and rest in God with what you have read, reflected on and heard.

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Pray: Reflect in personal prayer.

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Day #1

What you habitually feel is a major feature of your mind. It is tied to what you think about. So we have to look at what goes into our mind, and we have to turn that to the love of God.

~ Dallas Willard

Silence

Prayer: *Come Holy Spirit. Speak to me. Open my heart to the scriptures. I am listening.*

Read: *Romans 12*

- Read the Scripture aloud. Listen with your senses. What do you see, hear, smell and experience in the text?
- Read the passage again. Where do you find yourself in the passage? Were you uncomfortable with anything that you read?
- Read *Romans 12* again. You may want to read a different translation. This time listen for what God might be saying to you personally. In what area should you change the way you think?

Reflect:

- What did you hear? Experience?
- How will you respond?

Pray:

Talk with God about what you heard and all the things you reflected upon. Ask God to lead you in whatever ways God might be calling you. Ask God to help you transform the way you think.

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