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Did you know that we can hear God's voice? Did you know that we are able to know when God is speaking to us, guiding us and directing us into His perfect plan for our lives, every, single day?

Recognising the voice of God for ourselves is one of the most important aspects to our relationship with God. Imagine a husband and a wife who never speak to each other? OR where just one speaks and the other is constantly distracted by other things? OR if they speak different languages – the one is English and the other Spanish and they do not know the other language... Do you think such a marriage can be successful? Do you think such a husband and wife will have a deep connection continuously? There might be moments where they get it right, but the relationship will lack intentionality and emotional and spiritual intimacy.

This is why God compares the relationship of Jesus with His church, to that of a husband and a wife. It is holy, it is intimate, and it is intentional. We need to ensure that we know how God speaks to us. Jeremiah 29:11 says that God has a plan and a purpose for each of us, plans of a hope and future. We will only truly walk in these plans when we can hear His voice, obey it and walk in it.

Jesus paid the price for us to be able to hear God's voice for ourselves today. He sent the Holy Spirit to be God on earth and guide us into all truth. Before Jesus paid this price for us, this was not always possible. Only kings, priests and prophets were able to hear God's voice, and they had to guide the whole Jewish nation in what God was saying. This is because the Holy Spirit was not yet sent by God to indwell His people.

Let us look at an example of how Samuel, a prophet of God, came to recognise God's voice for the first time. This is still in the Old Testament:

## **In 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NKJV) we read the following:**

*Now the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, <sup>3</sup> and before the lamp of God went out in the [a]tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me."*

*And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.*



<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!"

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."<sup>7</sup> (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.)

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me."

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy.<sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

Samuel did not recognise the voice that was calling him, he heard it as clearly as he would have heard the priest's voice and assumed that it was Eli that was calling. God is always speaking, therefore we need to position ourselves correctly and learn to recognise His voice.

**Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV) says:**

*"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."*

If Samuel, who did not know Jesus as his Lord and Saviour (because he was living in the old covenant before Jesus) could hear God, then we who are God's children are able to hear His voice, because we have a new and better covenant.

**Say this: I am a child of the New Covenant, therefore I can hear God's voice!**

**In John 16:12-15 we read:** *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."*

Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom to His disciples, but they could not understand everything He taught, because they were not yet born again. This is why Jesus often had to speak to them in parables, like the example we just read. Jesus gave them the promise that God would send the Holy Spirit who would speak to them and tell them of things to come. We are Jesus' disciples too, so the Holy Spirit will

also tell us what He hears from the Father and disclose to us what is to come.

**Read John 16:13b (NASB)** *"...for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come."*

**John 16:14 NKJV** *"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and **declare it to you.**"*

Before we received Jesus as our Lord and Saviour we could not hear the voice of God, because our eyes were veiled. When someone interceded for us, those scales were removed. We were then able to recognise God's voice to become saved. Once we became saved, we were then able to hear His voice.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Say this:** *The Holy Spirit speaks to me to give me direction and will tell me of things to come.*

The first, MOST important step to hearing the voice of God:

Believing we do hear His voice! Jesus said when we are His sheep, we do hear His voice. (John 10:27) Therefore, as His children, we need to know that we DO hear His voice. We need to BELIEVE it fully! We need to receive it as an absolute truth in our lives.

**Example:** We can believe and know that God has already healed us, declare it, and we will see healing manifesting in our lives. In the same way, faith begins with believing. So, we should first believe what He said and declare, "I can hear God's voice." From there, hearing God's voice will manifest!

**Say this:** *"I hear God's voice."*

**Read John 10:1-5** *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."*

According to the Scripture we just read, the devil entered the earth illegally and stole the dominion God had promised His children. Jesus entered legally through



the womb of a woman to reclaim what had been stolen. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, He leads us as His sheep, and we know His voice. We will not follow a stranger, because we do not recognise the voice of a stranger. When we can recognise God's voice, we can hear the direction He has for our lives, we are able to live successfully, and fulfil the purpose He has for our lives.

**How do we ensure that we are able to experience God's presence and hear God's voice?**

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**Why did Samuel think it was Eli calling him?**

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**What is the difference between the new and old covenant with regards to us hearing God's voice?**

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**Why did Jesus say to His disciples in John 16:12-15 that they cannot bear the information now?**

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**What was the promise that Jesus gave His disciples?**

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**How does God speak to us?**

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**When reading John 10:1-5 what does the Scripture tell us about one of the roles Jesus plays in our lives?**

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**Why is it so important to know how to recognise God's voice?**

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*Pause in His presence!*

# Let us break bread together:

The Word of God is our Daily Bread according to **Matthew 6:11** and **Luke 11:3**:

*"Give us day by day our daily bread."* Therefore let us see how we can break bread together to apply this Word in our own lives. When we break bread together, we are in fellowship with each other and the Holy Spirit, and we are following in Jesus' Great Commission - **discipleship!**

***Who will you be inviting to do this study with you? As a group encourage each other to complete the following:***

1. We tune ourselves into hearing God's voice by reading His Word. Meditate on (continuously think about) the Scriptures of the study thus far to build your faith.
2. Write out John 10:27, place it somewhere that it will be before your eyes this week.
3. Make the following a daily declaration:  
***"Jesus is my good Shepherd. As His sheep, I recognise His voice, a stranger's voice I will not follow. I follow Him where He leads me."***





Jesus was born into a human body. When He spoke as 100% man, people could hear His words in the natural. Jesus said that in times to come, the Holy Spirit will tell us of things to come. That means Jesus said we will hear God in another way apart from natural hearing. The Holy Spirit will even tell us what is happening in the future.

**Romans 8:14-16 NKJV** *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.' <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."*

When the Bible speaks about "sons" it does not refer to someone's gender. It speaks of all His children, male and female. In this Scripture verse it says "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit..." To **bear witness** means there is an inner witness in our hearts. This is an inner knowing. Nothing can change our mind. It is not bound to a natural voice or natural event. "You know that you know that you know."

Therefore, we need to know that we know that we know that we hear God's voice! When we need to decide which Church to go to, for example, we need to decide based on the leading of the Holy Spirit. We should not decide these things in our own flesh, because God will lead us to where our unique gifting and purpose will be manifested.

God has freely given us His Holy Spirit. A saved person will go to Heaven, but they will not receive everything God has for them in this world if they cannot hear His voice.

**Say this: "If I do not believe I can hear God's voice, I will never know everything God has for me."**

**1 Corinthians 2:13-14 NKJV** *"These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are **spiritually** discerned."*

We are spirit-beings. This is the real us. Our bodies are the suits our spirit lives in while we are here on earth. When we step out of our bodies into Heaven one day, all brokenness and ailments of the body will be left behind. We are still the same person the moment we leave our bodies.

We will recognize each other when we go to Heaven because our souls go with us. You might be asking now "But how do we know this?" Let us look at what the Scripture tells us:

**Luke 16:14-31** *"The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight. 'The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law. 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 'But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 'He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 'Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 'He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "*

From this account it is clear that when we move onto our eternal lives, we will have remembrance of each other and those we left behind. Even though we will find full fulfilment in Christ, it is important to note that our souls (our mind, will and emotions) go with our spirit into our eternal life.

**Say this:** *The most important part of me is my spirit! I need to pay attention to my spirit and my relationship with God. This does not mean that I neglect my body. My body is the vehicle that I need to use to complete my purpose here on earth. I need to look after it, but I need to know that my spirit is the most important part of who I am. My spirit IS who I am.*

### **Read Colossians 3:15**

*"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."*

**Rule** = Strong's 1018 – **brabeuo**; to govern, to be an umpire, to decide, determine, to direct, control, to rule

The peace of God is our 'decider.' Supernatural peace, the peace of God, guides our decisions.

Just like an umpire in a game, the peace of God (the Holy Spirit) ensures that we adhere to the rules of the 'game.' The umpire does not participate in the game, but merely oversees it.

When we make life defining decisions, and we are about to make a decision that is wrong, that sense of peace will leave us. It is like the umpire blowing the whistle and stopping play. It's that 'Uhh' (like a punch in the gut) in our spirit.

**Isaiah 48:22** *"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."*  
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**Isaiah 57:21** *"There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."*

**According to these Scriptures, the 'unsaved' cannot** experience peace. Only once we become born again, do we experience the peace of God and that inner witness that only He can bring.

For us to ensure that we are following the leading of the Holy Spirit, we need to follow the peace of God, the inner witness, as He speaks to us. The Holy Spirit will always help us to make the right decisions. We ensure we stay in peace by finding a place of rest in Christ. It is in this area that God shows us that we are in His plan and purpose for us. How do we, therefore, find that place of rest in Christ in order to walk in His peace?

If we are continually in turmoil, fighting with people, in unforgiveness, listening to many other people, worrying about tomorrow or thinking about yesterday, we will not know when peace has left us. God always wants to let us know when we are in danger or out of His will. But if we are in the noise of a busy life, we will not even realise peace leaving.

The most important key to ensure we remain in peace is to always walk in forgiveness and leave yesterday right there, in the past, we need to let it go.

***Say this: I forgive (say the names) and I choose to leave the past in the past. I choose to move forward with Jesus. I receive the peace of God in my life right now, in Jesus' Name.***



**Why were we not able to correctly recognise God's voice before we became born again?**

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**What is heaven's line of communication?**

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**How does the Holy Spirit lead us?**

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**What is bearing witness and how do we do it?**

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*Pause in His presence!*

**How is the peace of God like an umpire/a referee?**

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**How does this affect how we make decisions?**

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**How does the Holy Spirit lead us?**

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**How do we make sure that we follow the leading of Holy Spirit?**

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**Is there a second chance for us to give our lives to Jesus after this life on earth?**

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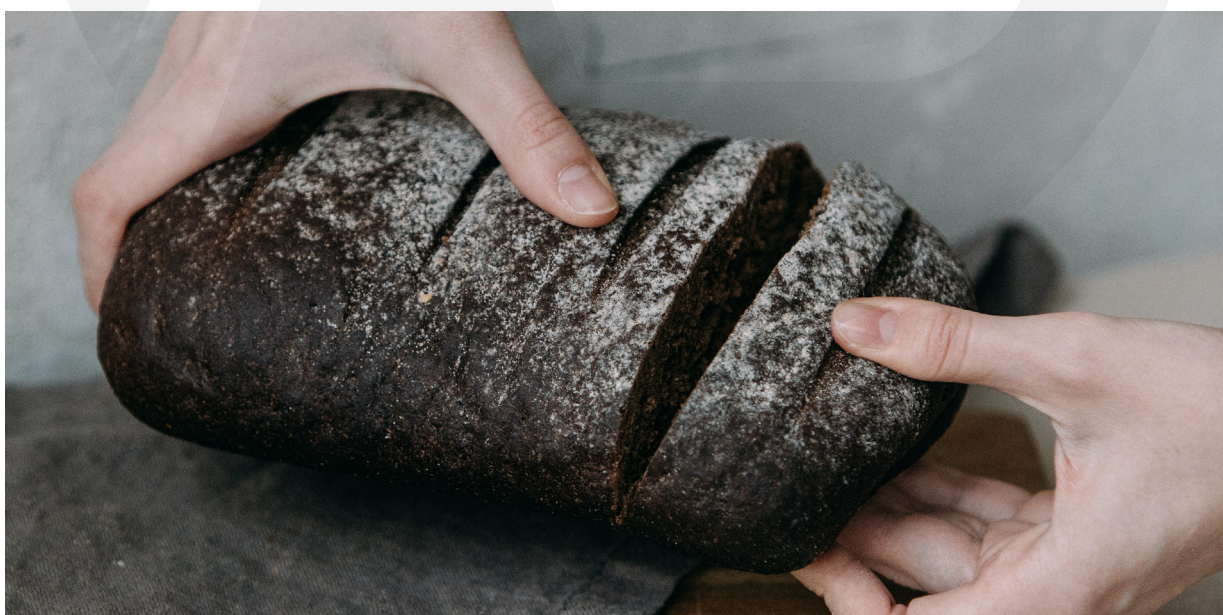
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# Let us break bread together:

**Meet with your group this week to encourage them to complete the following:**

1. To hear God's voice clearly, our lives need to be free of strife and unforgiveness. Spend some time this week reflecting on this and forgive those who may have offended you and repent for any strife you may have caused.
2. Make a daily declaration that **you hear God's voice!** Start your day with this declaration and fill your day with reminders of this truth.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you to listen for His voice in every moment. He wants you to know what He knows in every situation you encounter, believe it!
4. When you encounter a decision this week, allow God's peace to lead you in making the right decision.
5. Continue making the following daily declaration:

***"Jesus is my good Shepherd. As His sheep, I recognise His voice, a stranger's voice I will not follow. I follow Him where He leads me."***





**According to what we learned thus far; God speaks to us in the following ways:**

1. He bears witness with our spirit, an inner witness (Romans 8:14-16)
2. His voice and direction are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14)
3. Peace is our umpire (Colossians 3:15)

**WE CONSIST OF SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY.**

***Say this: I am a spirit, I have a soul (my mind, will and emotions), and I live in a body!***

The voice of the flesh/body is touch.

The voice of the soul is mind, will and emotions.

The voice of the spirit is an inward knowing, discerning or intuition that is not physically or emotionally inspired.

We need to measure everything we hear and perceive in our spirit/mind to the Word of God. God speaks to us in our spirit, and His Word is what will show us the difference between our spirit and our soul. It is the Spirit of God that gives understanding to our minds. He continually speaks to our spirit. We don't even need to think about it because our spirit is instructed even at night. Let the soul let go of it and know that your spirit is looking for the answer.

We are spirit, we have a soul, and we live in a body. The order is important: "spirit, soul and body." Before we were saved, the focus was 'body, soul and spirit' because we lived a flesh-led life. When we become born again, we lead by our spirit because we are saved. We are not led by our senses, not even by "confirmations" or "fleeces" – we are led by the spirit, who we really are in Christ.

**Hebrews 4:12 NKJV** *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

The soul and spirit are like the a bone with marrow inside. Spirit and soul can be separated.

**Looking at this Scripture, we see that there are two columns here:**

**The First Column is the soul:** The soul is like the marrow that carries life to the bone. The soul gives the spirit life. The soul is the mind, will and emotions. Thought takes place here. The soul will also go to Heaven.

**The Second Column is Spirit:** This is where God leads us. The spirit is like the bone with marrow inside. The sensing takes place here. It's like 'thought of the heart.' It is an inward knowing. It is connection between bone and marrow, spirit and soul.

This is your heart. The subconscious mind (heart) will make decisions even without us actively knowing we are making decisions. That is why we must fill our spirit with the Word of God.

The heart of the spirit is that inner part of us that our mind will always follow. True change comes from within.

1. The brain is the interface into our body. (Tells our bodies what to do.)
2. The heart is the interface between our spirit and soul. (Tells our soul what to do.) The heart is the brain of your spirit.

Our spirit (the real us, seated with Christ in Heavenly places) will trigger a thought in the heart. Our soul will receive it from our heart and communicate that to our brain.

Therefore, the flow is (1) spirit to (2) heart to (3) soul to (4) brain to (5) words/action.

To truly experience change in our lives we need to change our mind and fill it with the knowledge of the Word of God. Then the Word planted in our spirit will bring about change.

**Example:**

Learn that God already healed us.

Believe it in our hearts, reprogramming the spirit.

From then on the spirit will prompt your heart that you are healed.

Your soul will hear and believe it. Then we should act on it.

**What are the three parts we are made up of?**

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What are some of the ways God speaks to us according to what we have learned in this study thus far?

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What is the difference between the spirit and soul?

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How does communication flow from our spirit to our actions?

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*Pause in His presence!*



# Let us break bread together:

**Meet with your group this week to encourage them to complete the following:**

1. Make a point of using a notebook and keeping it next to your bed. When you wake during the night or early in the morning write down whatever you have heard in your spirit. Do not neglect this, as your soul and body might forget because it is not awake fully yet.
2. Become spirit conscious. Remember that you are not your body, you are not even your soul (mind, will and emotions), you are a spirit-being. Become aware of the fact that you HEAR God's voice and as His sheep He is continually speaking to you.
3. Connect with God throughout your day. As you go from your desk to the copier, connect with Him, just thank Him, love on Him, and become conscious of His presence in your spirit continually.
4. ***Are you being disciplined?***
  - a. Ensure that you have someone who is walking this road with you.
  - b. Ask them to help you grow in discerning God's voice in your life.
  - c. Read the Word together daily and give feedback as to what you are declaring.
5. ***Do you have a specific situation you would like God's guidance on?***
  - a. Take this to Him in prayer and be ready to hear His answer.
  - b. Remember, He speaks continually, and your spirit never sleeps.
  - c. Share your testimonies with us!



**Read Romans 7:9 NKJV** *"I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died."*

When a person reaches the age of understanding, they choose to sin. That is a point of spiritual death that each person on earth enters. But the great news is that God provided a way out in the rebirth as seen in **John 3:3, 6**. We all **must** be "born again."

To be born again is a recreation of our spirit with the heart of God in us. We are then born of the spirit to be **led by His Spirit**.

**Mark 10:14 NKJV** *"But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.'"*

Here we see that little children who pass away go to Heaven. Their hearts are pure until they reach an age of understanding and choose to sin willfully.

The purpose of our bodies and souls on the earth is to serve our spirit. Our soul is here to walk out the will of God. We can only live the Kingdom way of life if we renew our minds to the Word of God continually. The leading of God is not always comfortable to the mind and body.

**Romans 12:1-2** *"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

If we do not **know** the will of God, we will live in bondage. The more we know the Word, the better we can be led by the Spirit of God.

**IT IS THE TRUTH THAT WE KNOW THAT WILL SET US FREE.**

**Read John 8:31-32** *"So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'"*

**Abide** = Stay and live every day.

**Know** = This knowing comes from learning and spending time in the Word.

**Say this, "It is critical for me to renew my heart and mind to the Word of God**

*every day. When I know the truth, I will be able to recognize God's voice. It is then that I will walk in complete freedom.*

***Say this: The Holy Spirit in me is declaring the things of God, He is telling me what is to come.***

The enemy uses counterfeits to come against this powerful truth for example: tarot cards, fortune-tellers, sangoma's, the list goes on. Nothing can catch us by surprise, because the Holy Spirit shows us ALL things to come!

With the above-mentioned knowledge we can gather that we do not need to be worried about anything in our lives outside of our relationship with God and those He has placed in our lives to speak into our lives. We are ruled by the peace of God in our hearts.

The enemy creates situations in our life to stir up fear. A great example is when Jesus was sleeping in the boat. The enemy stirred up a storm that had seasoned sailors in fear. When Jesus woke up, He immediately knew that it was not God, and He calmed the storm immediately.

**Feelings, emotions, pain, anxiety, and circumstances can become louder than God's voice in our lives. We need to drown out these things and focus on God. He is SPIRIT, and so are we. We should focus on the Truth in our spirit!**

We need to flood out negative emotions by getting back into the presence of God, because in His presence is the fullness of joy! We need to start rejoicing, get back into His presence, and HIS truth will become louder than what we are experiencing in our souls.

Going to church on Sunday is only the igniting, we need to be in the Word of God DAILY.

We need to acknowledge God in every area of our lives. If He is not God of all, He is not God at all. Put Him on the throne of EVERY situation. Make Him LORD of your life – Lord of your family, your marriage, your ministry, your investments, your business, make Him Lord of ALL, every area of your life!

***Read 1 Timothy 4:1-2 "But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron..."***

When we do something that is wrong or that we believe is wrong, it sears our conscience. When our conscience is seared, it is harder to sense the leading of the Holy Spirit. We need to protect and guard our hearts and what we allow into our hearts. Paul uses the example of offering meat to idols to show us that it is important that we do not influence a brother/sister that has a tender conscience who may consider something a sin.

**Say this: God leads me with my conscience. I must protect my conscience so that I can be led by God.**

**Read James 1:19-21** *"This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls."*

James commands us that we should be swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.

**Read James 1:22-26** *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless."*

- We need to be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
- We should bridle our tongue. The action of our faith begins with our tongue.

**Say this: My unrenewed mind can affect my heart. It is guided by the words of my mouth.**

**According to what we just learned, how does change take place in our lives?**

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What are some of the counterfeits that the enemy uses to come against this powerful truth – that the HOLY SPIRIT tells us things to come?

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Does the enemy create circumstances to bring fear into our lives?

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Why should we not do what is considered sin?

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How should we as Christians act according to James 1:19-21?

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*Pause in His presence!*

# Let us break bread together:

***Meet with your group this week to encourage them to complete the following:***

1. Take note of how your emotions and mind aligns with God's Word as you spend more time in His Word this week.
2. Do you have declarations you make daily out loud over yourself, your family, your ministry and business? Ask your discipler to assist you if you don't. Make this a daily occurrence, as often as possible during the day, DECLARE God's truth over your life in EVERY moment – make Him Lord of ALL.



## What should we do if someone says something about us that is not in line with God's Word?

We should not receive it. We must pluck that 'seed' up before it has an opportunity to take root. We need to let our spirit man know that it is not acceptable, that it contradicts the Word. We do this by actively declaring to our hearts that we do not receive the seed that was sown.

**Proverbs 4:20-23:** *"My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body. Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life."*

## What should we do according to this Scripture?

We must GIVE ATTENTION to the Word.

## How do we make sure that our conscience remains sensitive?

**Read Proverbs 4:23 again (above) and Proverbs 23:7a:**

*"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."*

We need to protect our hearts by ensuring we know the Word of God and do not allow anything in that is contradictory to His Word and His Truth. What we allow into our hearts, is what we will eventually become. When we do not guard our hearts, we can allow negative thoughts, mindsets, unforgiveness, bitterness, the list goes on, to enter our hearts, which will in turn affect the whole direction of our lives. Why? Because we will start declaring those things in our hearts out loud and our actions will follow. Those lies can become our truths if we do not build our lives on the Truth of God's Word.

## How do we get the Word in our hearts?

**Psalms 45:1c** *"...my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer."*

We write the Word on our heart by speaking it. We need to keep our words in line with the Word.

## Reflect:

1. Write down 3 points that stood out for you while doing this study.
2. Put this study into action by spending time in God's presence and listening.
3. Write down scriptures that the Holy Spirit speaks into your spirit, now confess these over your life daily.





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