

# Journal

## A Disciple's Journey

Journaling

# REASONS TO RAISE A GENERATION OF PEOPLE WITH FAITH

**Mat 11:12**

***“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”***

The enemy is really violent against the Kingdom of God today

***When is the great army of God rising?***

Most time we are spending our time and energy putting out fire or potential fire in our backyard.

My CONCERN

What is happening?

Why are we in this dilemma?

**Jdg 6:13** - My Personal Questions Just Like Gideon

Gideon said to Him,

"O my lord, if the LORD is with us, ***why then has all this happened to us?***

And ***where are all His miracles*** which our fathers told us about, saying,

***'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?'***

But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

Jdg 6:14

Then the LORD turned to him and said,

***"Go in this might of yours,*** and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

Jdg 6:15

So he said to Him, ***"O my Lord, how can I save Israel?***

Indeed my clan *is* the ***weakest*** in Manasseh, and I *am* ***the least*** in my father's house."

More often than not we don't  
experience **significant transformation.**

It is because we **lack the word of God.**

The word seem to **get in one ear** and **out the other ear**

Without getting into our heart

In fact the word simply passes through the mind **without a trace**

## **FORGET, FORGOT & FORGOTTEN**

Hosea 4:6

“My people perish for **a lack of knowledge...**”

**1.**

***THE WORD OF GOD IS IMPORTANT/ESSENTIAL/URGENT***

## 2.

### *The **Word of God is ALIVE and POWERFUL***

Heb 4:12-13

For the word of God is **alive and powerful**. It is sharper than the **sharpest two-edged sword**, cutting between **soul and spirit**, between joint and marrow. It **exposes our innermost thoughts and desires**.

*THE WORD GIVEN TO YOU WILL SEARCH THE INNERMOST THOUGHTS AND DESIRES*

*DISCIPLER AND DISCIPLES... JESUS TAUGHT THEM BUT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND... PRIVATELY JESUS EXPLAINED*

**Nothing** in all creation **is hidden** from God. **Everything** is **naked and exposed** before His eyes, and He is the One to whom we are accountable.

Jer 23:29

"Does not My word burn **like fire**?" says the LORD.

"Is it not like a **mighty hammer** that smashes a rock to pieces?"

Jer 17:9-10

"The **heart is deceitful** above all *things*, And desperately **wicked; Who can know it?**

I, the LORD, **search the heart, / test the mind**, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings."

**3.**  
**GOD'S WORD**  
**TAKES ROOT**  
**GROWS SHOOT**  
**BEARS FRUIT**

*Good fertile soil*

**Mat 13:3** Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.

Mat 13:4 And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

Mat 13:5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

Mat 13:6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.

Mat 13:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

Mat 13:8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

OK, when God speaks to you how do you receive the message?

**Vision**

**Dreams**

**Looking intently at something, someone, situation**

**Talking/Listening during a conversation**

**THOUGHTS**

**This Involves The FIVE SENSES**

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## **Amos- SEE**

### **Amo 7:8**

And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I answered, "A plumb line." And the Lord replied, "I will test My people with this plumb line. I will no longer ignore all their sins.

### **Amo 8:2**

"What do you see, Amos?" He asked. I replied, "A basket full of ripe fruit." Then the LORD said, "Like this fruit, Israel is ripe for punishment! I will not delay their punishment again.

## **Habakkuk- SEE and HEAR**

### **Hab 2:1-3**

I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the LORD says and how He will answer my complaint.

Then the LORD said to me, "Write My answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others.

This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.

## **Hebrews – TASTED**

### **Heb 6:5**

who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come—

## **Jeremiah - TOUCH**

### **Jer 1:9**

Then the LORD reached out and touched my mouth and said, "Look, I have put My words in your mouth!

## **Elijah - TOUCH**

### **1Ki 19:5,6,7**

Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!"

He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again.

Then the angel of the LORD came again and touched him and said, "Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you."

**TOUCH THE GARMENT OF JESUS**

## **Corinthians - SMELL**

**2Co 2:16**

To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?

## **Philippians - SMELL**

**Php 4:18**

At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.

# How do you know it is God speaking to you?

2Ti 3:16 -17

All Scripture is **inspired** by God and is **useful to teach** us what **is true** and to **make us realize** what is **wrong** in our lives. It **corrects** US when we are wrong and **teaches us to do what is right**.

God uses it **to prepare and equip** His people **to do every good work**.

**God speaks through his word**

Psa 119:67

I used to wander off until You disciplined me; but **now I closely follow Your word**.

Psa 119:71-72

My suffering was good for me, **for it taught me to pay attention** to Your decrees.

**Your instructions are more valuable** to me than millions in gold and silver.

Journaling is not a bible study. Journaling is to hear God, To Follow God, to Obey God

- **HEAR - FOLLOW**

Joh 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

- **TODAY - OBEY**

Heb 3:7-8

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE,  
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION, IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS,

Heb 3:15

while it is said: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION."

- **OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE**

**1Sa 15:22 NLT**

But Samuel replied, "What is **more pleasing** to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your **obedience to His voice? Listen! Obedience is better** than sacrifice, and **submission is better** than offering the fat of rams.

Proverbs 4: 20-24

**Pro 4:20**

My child, pay attention to what I say.

Listen carefully to my words.

Pro 4:21

Don't lose sight of them.

Let them penetrate deep into your heart,

# 1. Instructions

## **i. Pay Attention**

*(Be attentive. Be alert. Be watchful. Watch and Payer)*

*(Moses and the 'Burning Bush')*

*EYE*

## **ii. Listen Carefully**

*(God may be whispering like in the case of Elijah on the mountain)*

*EAR*

## **iii. Don't Lose Sight**

*(Focus. Keep seeing. Meditate)*

*EYE*

## **iv. Penetrate Deep Into The Heart**

*(Hard path, Shallow soil, Thorny soil, Fertile soil)*

*FEEL*

## Proverbs 4: 20-24

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### Pro 4:22

for they bring life to those who find them,  
and healing to their whole body.

## 2. Benefits

### **i. Word Found Is Life Found and Health Received**

*FEEL*

*That means out of the heart will flow issues of life:*

*Word gives you life.*

*Word gives you Healing.*

## Proverbs 4: 20-24

### Pro 4:23

Guard your heart above all else,  
for it determines the course of your life.

## 3. *Caution*

### i. Guard Your Heart

Protect like wall (Nehemiah)

#### **Zec 2:5**

Then I, Myself, will be a protective wall of fire around Jerusalem, says the LORD.  
And I will be the glory inside the city!"

Protect like a wall of fire

## Proverbs 4: 20-24

### Pro 4:24

Avoid all perverse talk;  
stay away from corrupt speech.

## 4. *Action - How To?*

i. Avoid Perverse Talk  
MOUTH, SPEECH

ii. Stay Away From Corrupt Speech  
MOUTH, SPEECH

Death and Life are in the power of the tongue

Confess unto salvation

What goes in will defy a man but what comes out of his mouth

## EXERCISE ON JOURNALING

### **Rom 13:7**

Give to *everyone* what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honour to those who are in authority.

*“EVERYONE”*

## EXERCISE ON JOURNALING

Rom 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your ***obligation to love one*** another. If you love your neighbour, you will fulfil the requirements of God's law.

***“Obligation”***

## EXERCISE ON JOURNALING

Rom 13:9

For the commandments say, "You ***must not*** commit adultery. You must not murder. You ***must not*** steal. You ***must not*** covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

*"Must Not"*