

Word of God - Conviction Study

Motivation

Jesus

Verse	Observation: Why and How
But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’” (Matthew 4:4)	**Why:** Jesus says the Word of God is life. It’s as necessary as physical food. It is spiritual food. Cf. Deuteronomy 8:3 **How:** We eat 2-3 times a day. Shouldn’t we be in the Word that much? **Principle:** The Word of God is as important as food **Form:** We eat 3x a day and snack. Maybe it's a good idea to be in the Word 3x a day
And He *said to them, “It is written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN.” and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus *said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF’?” Jesus *said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES’? (Matthew 21:13, 16, 42)	**Why:** It is the foundation for Jesus’s actions and an authentication of His Messiahship. The foundation of our faith in Him. **How:** He had these verses memorized and He knew the Scriptures well enough to answer complex questions and apply them to certain situations **Principle:** God gives us our identity and purpose from His Word **Form:** Memorize parts of the Word to remind us of who we are and what were made for
"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33)	**Why:** Jesus’s words are eternal. That means they apply in any season, context, or culture **How:** If they are important enough for God to preserve them forever, shouldn’t count them as valuable enough to give them serious study

	Principle: The Word is eternal. It transcends time and does not change **Form:** Reflect on how the Word has transformed our past and make plans for the future based on it instruction
Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. (John 17:16)	**Why:** The Word is true and dependable. It sanctifies (transforms) the receiver. **How:** Let His Word run through us like a cleansing wash **Principle:** The Word is true. All other ideas and concepts are measured for its accuracy against it. **Form:** When you are presented with a new idea, do a Bible study to test it
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.	**Why:** Jesus is the Word. When we connect with God's Word, we connect with Jesus Himself. **How:** Read Jesus (the Gospels) daily for clarity sake. He is the Scriptures personified and therefore the best example of how to apply them **Principle:** The Word is so closely identified with Jesus, it is Jesus **Form:** Pray the Word as praise to Jesus

Scripture

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4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deut 6:4-9)	**Why:** Taking in the Word is directly associated with obedience and loving God. *Our forgetries are better than our memories.* **How:** Saturation! **Principle:** Avail yourself to the Word of God many times a day **Form:** Put Scripture on our walls
"Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:16)	**Why:** OT references to the Word being like food **How:** Multiple intakes each day

"I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food." (Job 23:12)	**Principle:** The Word is just as important as food **Form:** Get into the Word 3x a day
"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." (Joshua 1:8)	**Why:** Careful application and be prosperous and successful **How:** Meditation and Memorization **Principle:** Have the Word on your mind all the time so that it guides your actions **Form:** Memorize key passages
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)	**Why**: Guidance and Obedience **How:** Apply it to our decision making daily **Principle:** The Word gives us guidance for living and decision making **Form:** When faced with key decisions, do a Bible study
14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 **‘AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says,** **‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND;** **AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY,** **AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS,** **AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;** **18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,** **I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT** And they shall prophesy. **19 ‘AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE** **AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW,** **BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.** **20 ‘THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD,** **BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.** **21 ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’**	Peter has large chunks of Scripture memorized and used them in evangelism. Jewish Tradition **Why:** Helps us in evangelism **How**: Memorize and Preach it **Principle:** The Word is the foundation for Evangelism **Form:** Use key verses to share the gospel Cf. Joel 2:28-32 Cf. Psalm 16:8-11 Cf. Psalm 132:11 Cf. Psalm 16:10 Cf. Psalm 110:1

22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— 23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. 24 But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. 25 For David says of Him,
‘I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE;
FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.
26 ‘THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED;
MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;
27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES,
NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.
28 ‘YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE;
YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.’
29 “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 And so, because he was a prophet and knew that **GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,** 31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that **HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.** 32 This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. 34 For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says:
‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’
36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.” (Act 2:-36

Three Questions:

1. What did you get out of the Word today?
2. What are your Scripture rhythms?
3. Have you ever taught someone how to read the Bible?