

Sister Talk: Resuscitate Your Faith
Going Deeper — Week 5: The Bible is God’s Word

Memory Verse:

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16

Gratitude: There is no better way to remember who you are... whose you are than to give thanks. Write down things you are thankful for this week.

This Week’s Spiritual Discipline

Throughout our faith journeys we have practiced a variety of spiritual disciplines. Spiritual disciplines are simply habits or activities that help us grow in our faith. Each week we will make a suggestion for you to try.

First focus, midmorning break, midday focus and final thoughts are the disciplines we’ve practiced.

Let’s add one more.

Take Five

Late afternoons around the 5:00 hour take five minutes to give thanks for the completion of your work day. Ask God to help you let go of the things that didn’t get accomplished and focus on home and family.

The Bible is God's Word

The Bible... every single word... is God's word. No matter the writer or translation, when we read it with a heart seeking God, it transforms us... changes us... sets us free.

<p style="text-align: center;">Day 1</p> <p>Read 2Peter 1:19-21</p> <p>I've heard many talk about God's Word.</p> <p><i>It was written by man there may be mistakes... Other religions have very similar stories... things can be lost in translation... the Bible has contradictions...</i></p> <p>What similar statement have you heard? How did you respond? Did it make you question the authenticity of God's Word?</p> <p>When it comes to believing the Bible is God's Word, where do you stand? What step of faith would you need to take to determine the Bible, every single word, is His?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 4</p> <p>There are two dangers when we study God's Word. First, we must be careful about taking God's Word out of context. In other words we must consider Scripture in its entirety.</p> <p>Read Hebrews 4:12-13</p> <p>Now take a look at what comes before this Scripture. What subject was Paul addressing just before we read these words?</p> <p>Paul was giving instruction to Believers about observing the Sabbath. Does this give you any additional insight into verses 12 and 13?</p> <p>Which leads us to the second danger: Scripture is not a weapon we use to judge others. What does this Scripture say about God's Word and judgement?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 2</p> <p>Read Deuteronomy 8:3</p> <p>Have you developed a daily habit of experiencing God's Word in some way? How does it feed your soul?</p> <p>Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-2</p> <p>As infants mature to crawlers and on to walkers their eating habits change as well. They move from milk to solid foods. Living by the Spirit is very similar. As spiritual infants we feast on the milk of God's Word, but at some point in our faith journey we are called to solid food.</p> <p>Consider your spiritual age... are you moving toward solid food? Are you a meat eater?</p> <p>Want even more of God's Word? Try out Carol's blog at jeremiahsmenu.blogspot.com.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Day 5</p> <p>Read John 8:31-36</p> <p>You've probably heard verse 32 many times... "the truth will set you free." Verse 32 is the "then" statement of an "if-then" sentence. What is the "if" part of the Scripture?</p> <p>In verse 36 Jesus gives another one of these "if-then" statements. What does it say?</p> <p>God's Word is never about obedience to the letter of the law. If we make this the focus of our study, we are like the Pharisees and Saducees. Studying God's Word is about allowing God's Word to move in us through the power of the Holy Spirit and transform our hearts.</p> <p>How has God moved through His Word to transform your heart?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 3</p> <p>Read Isaiah 55:10-11</p> <p>What does the Psalmist compare God's Word to in this Scripture?</p> <p>Imagine God's Word raining in your life. What needs watering? Is there dry ground in need of His Word?</p> <p>The promise of God's Word not returning empty, accomplishing what He desires in our lives and the lives of others gives me reason to shout praise.</p> <p>How have you experienced God's Word accomplishing His desire in your life?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Want to learn more?</p> <p>Sister Talk:Going Deeper is an extension of the study our group did this summer. You can find more on Believing the Bible is God's Word by going to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SisterTalkFaith.wordpress.com</p> <p>Scroll to the bottom and search week 5/day 5 to review more information on Believing the Bible is God's Word.</p> <p>Sign up to receive blog posts by e-mail and each day's lesson will come straight to your inbox.</p> <p>Follow us on Instagram for encouragement along the journey at sistertalkfaith.</p>