

“Hearing God Speak”

Message 2 in the series, “Awakening Grace”

Psalm 119:97-105

TODAY’S MAIN IDEA:

Disciples are formed _____, not _____.

THROUGH GOD’S WORD, GOD CALLS US TO:

- _____ = not just a turning _____, but a turning _____.
 ~ “I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes.” (Psalms 119:59 NIV)
- _____ = in a process called “sanctification” – allowing the image of Christ to grow in us, aligning our lives with Jesus.
 ~ “And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” (Philippians 1:6 NLT)
- Join Him _____ = God’s agenda is to invite _____ into new life.
 ~ “Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you...’” (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

ESTABLISHING RHYTHM:

1. Take the **FIRST STEP**. Decide to devotionally read the Bible.
2. Take the **NEXT STEP**. Do it daily. Let God equip you for life.
3. Take a **PAUSE** to **LISTEN**. ‘God, what are you saying to me?’
4. Take a **RISK** and **APPLY** what you’re learning to your daily life.

Psalm 119:97-105 (NIV)

- ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law!
 I meditate on it all day long.
- ⁹⁸ Your commands are always with me
 and make me wiser than my enemies.
- ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers,
 for I meditate on your statutes.
- ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders,
 for I obey your precepts.
- ¹⁰¹ I have kept my feet from every evil path
 so that I might obey your word.
- ¹⁰² I have not departed from your laws,
 for you yourself have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
 sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴ I gain understanding from your precepts;
 therefore I hate every wrong path.
- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
 a light on my path.

FOR GROW GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. What’s your favorite Bible verse, passage or story? How has it impacted your life? How has God used it to speak into your life? Share the passage and your responses.
2. Is the spiritual practice of reading Scripture a regular part of your life? Why or why not?
3. How can you intentionally create space in your daily schedule for devotional reading of Scripture? What needs to be “pruned” to enable you to connect with God?
4. Read Psalm 119:105 out loud. What has been something that God has asked of you that you have been resisting?
5. As you’ve listened to the message or as you read the Scripture passages, what is God bringing to your mind and heart? What do you want to do about it?

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