

THE DIALOGUE • SESSION 4

Practicing Scripture in Daily Life

Joshua 1:8 • Read. Repeat. Reflect. Respond.

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Resources for The Dialogue

Session materials and follow-up resources

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- Earlier session pages
- Christian Practices Library
- Teaching Videos
- Three Bible Teachers Archive



Tonight's Focus

Practicing Scripture in Daily Life

How can God's Word become part of my daily life with him?

From Receiving to Practicing

Building on Session 3

Session 3 asked: What kind of heart am I bringing to God's Word?

Session 4 asks: What do I do with the Word I have received?

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God's Word is meant to stay with us and shape daily life.

Joshua 1 in Context

A major transition and a demanding calling

- Moses has died, and Joshua is being called to lead God's people forward.
- God repeatedly tells Joshua to be strong and courageous.
- The Word of God must remain central as Joshua moves forward.

Let my Word stay close to you as you move forward.

Joshua 1:8

Main Scripture • NKJV

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Mouth • Meditation • Obedience • Daily Life

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RESPOND

Put the Word into
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1. Read — Place the Word Before You

“This Book of the Law...”

If we rarely spend time with God’s Word, it will be hard for it to shape our thoughts, words, choices, habits, and actions.

Scripture should have a regular place in the life of a disciple.

When and how am I making room for God’s Word in my life?

2. Repeat — Rehearse the Word

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth...”

- Read a verse or short passage aloud.
- Repeat a key phrase throughout the day.
- Use Scripture in prayer, encouragement, and conversation.
- Memorize passages so the Word is available when you need it.

What word from Scripture do I need to carry with me this week?

3. Reflect — Meditate on the Word

“You shall meditate in it day and night...”

Biblical meditation means giving our attention to God’s Word and turning it over before the Lord.

The Hebrew word ***hagah*** can carry the idea of murmuring, muttering, pondering, or quietly speaking.

God

What does this show
me about God?

Self

What does this show
me about myself?

Scripture

What promise,
command, warning,
or invitation is here?

Response

How does this speak
to my actual life?

4. Respond — Put the Word into Practice

“that you may observe to do...”

Reflection should lead to action.

Not every passage has the same kind of application: sometimes we obey a command, trust a promise, correct a belief, pray, or worship.

What is one faithful step I can take?

Begin with one clear act of obedience.

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What Kind of “Success” Is Joshua 1:8 Talking About?

A necessary clarification

Not a blank check

- Health
- Wealth
- Comfort
- Getting everything we want

Faithful success

- Walking faithfully in the work God gives us to do
- Moving forward in obedience to God’s Word
- Living faithfully with God



Companion Resource

A Daily Diet of God's Word

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- Hear and obey the Word
- Read and study the Word
- Meditate on and apply the Word

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.” — Luke 4:4

A Simple Rhythm

Practicing Scripture does not have to be complicated

READ

a short passage

REPEAT

A key phrase

REFLECT

on it during the day

RESPOND

with a faithful step

Bottom line:

If you have struggled with consistency, begin again simply. Don't let guilt keep you from the Word.

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Dr. Hammonds Response

About 10 minutes

What stands out to you from tonight's teaching?

What would you add to help us think more deeply or practically about carrying God's Word with us during the week?

Dr. Hammonds may also ask Dr. Graves a question for clarification or expansion.

Discussion Questions

Chat + brief spoken responses

- 1 What helps you stay engaged with God's Word during the week?
- 2 What tends to interrupt or weaken your engagement with Scripture?
- 3 Which of these four do you most need to strengthen right now: Read, Repeat, Reflect, or Respond?

Practice for the Week

Read. Repeat. Reflect. Respond.

READ

Read one short passage slowly

REPEAT

Repeat one key phrase during the day

REFLECT

Meditate on the passage and consider how it applies to your life.

RESPOND

Take one faithful step

Write down:

- 1) What is God saying to me through this passage?
- 2) How will I respond today?

NEXT SESSION

Session 5: Learning to Pray

Prayer as a learned practice of communion, dependence, and trust.

Thank you for being part of The Dialogue.

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