



MY Time with God

January 20-21—Jim Johnson

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As a reminder, here's what you read last week

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| MONDAY: | JEREMIAH 6 | PSALM 8 |
| TUESDAY: | JEREMIAH 7:1-8:17 | PSALM 9 |
| WEDNESDAY: | JEREMIAH 8:18-10:25 | PSALM 10 |
| THURSDAY: | JEREMIAH 11-12 | PSALM 11 |
| FRIDAY: | JEREMIAH 13 | PSALM 12 |
| SATURDAY: | JEREMIAH 14-15 | PSALM 13 |
| SUNDAY: | JEREMIAH 16-17 | PSALM 14 |

3 QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE EACH DAY:

1. **Observe:** What is the passage saying?
2. What does the passage tell you about God or about yourself?
3. **Hear and Respond:** What is Jesus reminding you of about Himself or His promises to you? How is He inviting you to respond to His voice today?

REFLECTING ON YOUR TIME WITH GOD THIS WEEK:

1. Whether you're using SPCC's reading plan or a different one, think about the times you spent hearing and responding to Jesus this week. As you journaled your conversations with Him, what is one thing you felt Him speaking to you about?

SHARING WITH YOUR GROUP:

2. Life Group leader, since the focus of our study and message is on our daily devotional times, have each person in your group share something from their times this week listening to Jesus in His Word.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTION:

3. What did Jesus speak to you about through Jim's message this week?
Do you have any questions?

MY PERSPECTIVE:

4. Use one sentence to describe your times in God's Word.

DIGGING DEEPER:

5. Read Hebrews 4:12. As you spend time in God's Word, does it seem "living" and "active" to you? If so, describe how. If not, why do you think that is?

LOOKING DEEPER:

What happens is that the Almighty Creator, the Lord of Hosts, the great God before whom the nations are as a drop in the bucket, comes to you and begins to talk to you through the words and truths of Holy Scripture. Perhaps you have been acquainted with the Bible and Christian truth for many years, and it has meant little to you; but one day you wake up to the fact that God is actually speaking to you – to you! – through the biblical message. Knowing God is a matter of personal involvement – mind, will and feeling. It would not, indeed, be a fully personal relationship otherwise. “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8). We do not know another person’s real quality till we have “tasted” the experience of friendship. Friends are, so to speak, communicating flavors to each other all the time, by sharing their attitudes toward each other and everything else that is of common. As they thus open their hearts to each other...they are personally and emotionally involved in each other’s concerns. They feel for each other, as well as thinking of each other. This is an essential aspect which friends have of each other; and the same applies to a Christian’s knowledge of God, which is itself a relationship between friends. – J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

6. Read John 10:27 & John 16:12-13. Are you hearing the voice of Jesus speaking to you as you spend time with Him in His Word? If not, why do you think that is? If so, how is that a help to your walk with Him?

MY RESPONSE:

7. Read Philippians 2:13 & Hebrews 13:20-21. Would you describe your times with God in His Word as more of a “ought to” or a “want to”? Will you ask Him to increase your desire to meet with Him?

THE S.O.A.P. METHOD OF DAILY BIBLE STUDY

THE FOLLOWING TOOL CAN BE VERY HELPFUL IN FOSTERING THE PRACTICE OF HEARING FROM, AND RESPONDING TO, CHRIST’S VOICE TO YOU.

S—SCRIPTURE. SIMPLY WRITE DOWN THE VERSE OR VERSES THAT STOOD OUT TO YOU THAT DAY. PERSONALIZE IT SO THAT YOU WRITE IT AS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU.

O—OBSERVATION. WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THIS VERSE THAT CATCHES YOUR ATTENTION? WHAT ARE YOU OBSERVING IN YOUR OWN LIFE THAT IS CONNECTED TO THIS TRUTH? AGAIN, PERSONALIZE IT AS YOU WRITE SO THAT YOU WRITE IT AS A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

A—APPLICATION. HOW DOES WHAT GOD IS SAYING APPLY TO YOU. IT MAY BE AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW, A COMMAND TO OBEY, AN ERROR TO CONFESS, A SIN TO RESIST, A PROMISE TO CLAIM, OR A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF GOD. WHAT IS GOD REMINDING YOU OF ABOUT YOU OR HIMSELF THAT HE WANTS YOU TO PRESS INTO? HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO WHAT HE IS SAYING TO YOU? IS THERE A SPECIFIC WAY YOU CAN STEP INTO THAT THIS WEEK? AGAIN, PERSONALIZE WHAT YOU WRITE TO GOD.

P—PRAYER. WRITE OUT A PERSONALIZED PRAYER OF COMMITMENT, REQUEST FOR HELP, OR THANKS IN RESPONSE TO WHAT GOD HAS SAID TO YOU.

