



Lesson 52 - Learning from His Word

The lessons we have gone over in previous weeks have always come from the words the Lord has given to Bob and myself. At every meeting with the Lord we always have pen and paper at hand so we can record any words, thoughts or visions He may give us. These words, thoughts or vision become a part of our journal or flow book. But the Lord does not restrict Himself to just meetings. He will also speak to you at other times outside of meetings through dreams or in a variety of ways.

It is important for you to understand that there is nothing special about any one individual. The Lord does not show partiality; we each have a job and purpose. The Lord speaks to all of us and the words He gives should be written down. **Luke 20:21b** states... *"Teacher, we know that You say and teach rightly, and You do not show personal favoritism, but teach the way of God in truth."* You see the Bible would never have come about if the words He gave had not been written down and we know that the Bible is a compilation from many different people. So remember, the Lord doesn't change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (**Hebrews 13:8**). If He spoke to them back in the day He is still speaking today. We just have to learn how to listen and record it.

Now for today's lesson we are going to tie together some of the things the Lord has revealed to us over the last couple of months in our journal/flow book. I wanted to demonstrate to you how you can go back, read over several months worth of words and from them you can identify topics or a pattern the Lord is bringing to you. I believe when we review what we have received over the past couple of months that you will be able to see a pattern or picture He has been painting for us. Most of these words have been sent to you in lessons previously (more than one lesson can be learned from the words given). Hopefully, the review of these words will illustrate the importance of keeping your flow book.

But before we review these words I want everyone to read the following page from the Take His Heart website. The web address is http://www.takehisheart.com/river_destiny.htm If it does not go to the page when you click it you can just copy the web address and paste it in the address line at the top of your internet page.

This page from the THH website talked about the river of life (the Lord's word) and how it guides us. We learned the Lord has a plan for us. He knows the type of character He wants you to possess. He wants to guide you down His path. He wants to be a part of your life. It is through the words He has given that learning and guidance will come. Therefore learning and guidance not only come from the Bible but they can also come from the words He gives to you personally or through others.

I think, however, there are three hurdles slowing people down when it comes to journaling. First, is the thought that the Lord doesn't or wouldn't actually talk to them, that they aren't good enough. But we just read from Luke 20 that states the Lord doesn't show partiality. When we are thinking we aren't good enough that is actually pride and self closing our minds and spirit to the Lord.

The second hurdle is learning to listen to His voice and the many different avenues it comes through (i.e. meetings, dreams, thoughts or visions, etc) **Genesis 20:3** *But God came to Abimelech in a **dream** by night, ...* **Genesis 15:1** *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a **vision** saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”* **Exodus 6:13** *Then **the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the children of Israel...*** The Lord assures us in **Proverbs 1:23** *Turn at my rebuke; Surely, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. (Note: To learn more about how the Holy Spirit teaches, flow charting etc. go to <http://www.takehisheart.com/holyspiritspiritualthings.htm>). You can see from the verses above how the Bible speaks of the various ways the Lord communicates with us.*

And the third hurdle is actually having enough discipline within yourself to write down what you have received from the Lord. This is a matter of re-training and as noted before disciplining yourself. It takes time to change behavior or at least it has for Bob and myself and if we are honest it is a discipline we have not mastered yet. Just this past week I awoke from a dream that I knew was from the Lord. I thought there's no way I can forget this I'll just do this other thing first and then I will write it down. However, before you knew it the dream was gone from my mind. I have no idea what it was. I should not have procrastinated about writing it down. If the Lord gave it to me it was important. Now it is lost.

Over the past weeks we have talked about our relationships (with the Lord and others). We spoke of authority, forgiveness and royalty. We have talked about the unfettered path and living in God's will. All of these topics came from the words the Lord had given us. The remainder of today's lesson will come from these same words as well as a dream I recorded in our flow book. I hope this lesson will provide a demonstration to you of the importance of keeping your flow book and how the Lord will use it to guide you.

You see in addition to all we have already learned from these words I think the Lord was also teaching us, from these same words, that what is in our hearts is important because whatever is in our hearts will come out of our mouth. Words have power. They can lift you up or pull you down. They reflect your inward thoughts. This is important because we represent Christ. All that is negative is from the enemy. We want to reflect Christ and not the enemy. We can see the picture the Lord has painted when we review the flow book and look at some of the words He has given us.

05/02/2011 CT DREAM – I dreamed that I had a lesion in my mouth that was something like a pimple. It was full and ready to burst. I squeezed it and a large stream of pus came shooting out of it several feet in the air. It kept flowing and flowing. Then I woke up. Now that definitely does not sound like a good dream does it. When I was reviewing all the words the Lord had give us over the past several months a couple of things struck me. The first was this dream. The Lord was obviously talking to me about my mouth. I must not be controlling it very well. Several verses from the Bible popped into my mind. **Psalm 34:13** *Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.*

Matthew 12:33-37 *“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give an account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

James 1:26 *If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.*

James 3: 1-10 *My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships; although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and set on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.*

And from the [God Calling](#) book for July 1st....The spoken word has power.

And then as I continued reviewing the words from the past couple of months I found the following:

05/28/2011 MEETING: Just like I said remove the plank from your eye before getting the speck from your neighbor's likewise remember your/the sins which you have been forgiven. This will help you forgive others. Examine your life, where you were in the past to where you are now. Examine your growth as mine (my child) to help you teach others and to help you be more empathetic, sympathetic, loving, forgiving, patience etc. I felt like He was saying the character of my leaders is important. You can see here how the Lord is letting us know that what is in our heart is important. These words also could be looked at from "controlling the tongue" standpoint. The Lord doesn't want you to be talking to someone about their issues until you have the right spirit.

06/05/2011 MEETING: BT -Read everyday. The enemy knows chapter and verse. It matters what's in your heart. Devour my word so that it is in your heart. CT – Open up the gates. What gates? The gates around your heart. The following verses came to mind from these words.

Luke 6:45 *"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

Proverbs 4:23 *Keep you heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*

Matthew 15: 17-20 *Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man...*

And from out 06/19/2011 MEETING: CT - How you treat and show respect to others is important. Not only for those "over" you but also for those "under" you as well. Pay attention

to how you interact with others. You are my light in the world. Can my light be seen in you?

And also from this same meeting: The negative rumblings are from the enemy.

Can you see how the Lord was using these same words which we have already studied to also teach us that what is in our hearts is important? The Lord knows that whatever is in our hearts will come out of our mouth. And He understands that words have power. They can lift a person up or pull them down. They reflect your inward thoughts. We learned that the negative is from the enemy and He further reinforced the fact that we represent Him so we want to be conscious of our actions.

He used both words from our meetings and words from a dream to prepare this picture for us. But it is only through the journaling that we are able to bring this all together.

All of this (how to journal and flow chart) is important because this is how we grow in Christ. It is how He teaches us. This lesson today came from several days words but from it we have learned much. We can see the pictures the Lord has painted when we review the flow book and look at the words He has given us.

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