

## Experiencing God Through Journaling

### Week 6: God Speaks, Part 2

Key Scripture: Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." (John 5:19)

Day 1: What Happens When You Pray?

Day 2: God Speaks Through Circumstances

Day 3: The Truth Of Your Circumstance

Day 4: Spiritual Markers

Day 5: God Speaks Through The Church

#### Day 1: What Happens When You Pray?

1 Cor 2:10-12 - But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

You must decide whether you will do what you want and ask God to bless it or go to work where He is working.

#### Summary Statements

- \* Only the Spirit of God knows what God is doing or purposing in my life.
- O God, if I ever give You a request and You have more to give me than I am asking, cancel my request.
- God will let me know what He is doing in my life when and if I need to know.
- Sometimes God's silences are caused by sin.
- Sometimes God is silent as He prepares to bring me to a deeper understanding of Himself.

#### Day 2: God Speaks Through Circumstances

John 5:17 - But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

#### Summary Statements

- \* To understand my bad or difficult circumstances, God's perspective is vital.
- God used circumstances to reveal to Jesus what He was to do.
- Jesus watched circumstances to know where the Father wanted to involve Him in His work.

Day 3: The Truth Of Your Circumstance

Don't evaluate your situation until you have heard from Jesus. He is Truth.

Luke 7:11-17 - Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

#### Summary Statements

- \* You cannot know the truth of your circumstance until you have heard from God.
- Never determine the truth of a situation by looking at the circumstances.  
The Holy Spirit takes God's Word and reveals God's perspective on the circumstances.

#### **Day 4: Spiritual Markers**

These stones were to serve as a sign.

These altars and stones became physical markers of great spiritual encounters with God.

When God gets you ready for you take a new step or direction in His activity, it will always be in sequence with what He has already been doing in your life.

##### Summary Statements

- In a decision-making time my greatest difficulty may not be choosing between good and bad but choosing between good and best.
- Two words in a Christians's language cannot go together, "No, Lord."
- God works in sequence to accomplish his divine purposes.
- When God gets ready for me to take a new step or direction in His activity, it will be in sequence with what He has already been doing in my life.
- \* A spiritual marker identifies a time of transition, decision, or direction when I clearly know that God has guided me.

#### **Day 5: God Speaks Through The Church**

Eph 4:15-16 - but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ-- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

##### Summary Statements

- A church is a body - the body of Christ.
- Jesus Christ is the head of a local church.
- God places every member in the body as it pleases Him.
- \* Apart from the body I cannot fully know God's will for my relationship to the body.
- Every member needs to listen to what the other members say.
- \* As I function in relationship to the church, I depend on others in the church to help me understand God's will.