

Let's Discuss...The Bible

PART 4_Faith & Surrender



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Scriptures mentioned:

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.

John 16:13a NLT

Noah's Ark
Genesis 6-9

*I am writing to you,
dear children,
because your sins have been
forgiven on account of His
name.*

*I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know Him who is
from the beginning.*

*I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome
the evil one.*

*I write to you, dear children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know Him who is
from the beginning.*

*I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in
you, and you have overcome
the evil one.*

1 John 2:12-14

Episode Summary

In this episode, we reflect on the faith journey involved in believing the Bible, which is a lifelong process. We discuss how the Holy Spirit helps illuminate Scripture, which guides us into deeper understanding over time and grows our faith.

Definitions

Λόγος

logos: Greek word meaning "knowledge"

sanctification: the lifelong process of becoming holy (or more like God)

Θεός

theos: Greek word meaning "God"

theology: the study of God

theologising: engaging in the study of God

Let's Discuss...

- Rich mentions that there is a close link between faith and surrender. How do you see these two things being associated when we come to the Bible?
- In Genesis 9:8-11, after the flood has subsided, God tells Noah that He is establishing a covenant between Himself and humanity. Read these verses and consider...
 - » How do we read this today in light of the New Testament and knowing what Jesus accomplished?
- Hannah mentions that there have been passages of Scripture that she initially did not understand, but sometime later felt that the Holy Spirit revealed to her what it meant. Have you experienced this? If so, with what passages or stories of the Bible?
- Mims comments that if we want to know God, "surely" we'll power through and keep trying to understand Scripture. Is dedication to studying Scripture a non-negotiable for someone who wants to develop a relationship with God? What are some other ways you develop your own connection with God?
- Is theology reserved to be studied only by certain people (i.e. pastors, preachers, those who study it in university) or is it accessible to anyone? Do you have an interest in theology? If so, how are you nurturing that interest?
- Talk about the process of sanctification: the lifelong process of becoming holy (or more like God). How do we cultivate this process in our daily lives?

Let's Pray...

Knowing the challenges we would face in this life, Jesus prayed over us:

I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but that You keep them and protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth. Just as You commissioned and sent Me into the world, I also have commissioned and sent them (believers) into the world. For their sake I sanctify Myself [to do Your will], so that they also may be sanctified [set apart, dedicated, made holy] in [Your] truth.

John 17:15-19 AMP

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- Using Jesus's prayer as an encouragement, ask God to give you the grace to continue the daily process of sanctification. As the Spirit of God peels back the layers of your heart, stripping away fears, pride and ego, pray that God would reveal more of Himself and His plan to you as you continue to study the Bible.

Bonus! Read the rest of John 17 and meditate on the prayer that Jesus prayed specifically over YOU.

I do not pray for these alone [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for [all] those who [will ever] believe and trust in Me through their message...

John 17:20 AMP

Let's Go Deeper...

- **3 Minute Theology 4.4: What is Sanctification** by Three Minute Theology [video]