

# Let's Discuss...The Bible

## PART 1 Early Experiences with the Bible



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### Key Bible verses:

*No weapon formed against  
you shall prosper...*  
Isaiah 54:17a NKJV

*...by His stripes we are healed.*  
Isaiah 53:5d NKJV

*Where there is no vision, the  
people perish...*  
Proverbs 29:18a KJV

Daniel and the Lions' Den  
Daniel 6

Noah's Ark  
Genesis 6-9

### EPISODE SUMMARY

We all have different experiences with reading and trying to understand the Bible and in this episode, we hear about some! It can sometimes be hard to grasp what the Bible is saying, but it's a journey for anyone who wants to go on it. It can be an amazing one with ups and downs, but also important because we can hear directly from God!

Some of us may have grown up with stories like Noah and his ark full of animals or Daniel in the Lions' den, but when we read these stories again as we get older, things might change...

Maybe, we can understand these stories at a deeper level. For example, we can start to think about the background to these stories, the history, and structure of the text. We also might have a heap of questions like, *how did Noah get all those animals on the ark? What was it like in a den full of lions with nobody to trust but God?* These questions are great and can help us get a new revelation from God about who He is and what He wants to tell us.

### LET'S DISCUSS...

- Hebrews 4:12 says God's word is "living and active". What does it mean for the Bible to be alive? How is the Bible different to other books?
- What motivates you to read your Bible?
- Can you remember your first experience with the Bible? What were your first impressions?
- Let's read Daniel 6 and talk about:
  - » What stands out to you from this story?
  - » Imagine yourself in this story... How does it make you feel?
  - » What questions do you have about it?
- Are there any tools that have helped you understand your Bible better?

### LET'S PRAY...

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

- Invite the Holy Spirit to be living and active in you, to help you read and understand your Bible and show you God's love day by day.

### LET'S GO DEEPER...

- *Everyday with Jesus* by Selwyn Hughes [book]
- *Bible Devotions for Teens* [app]
- *Live on Purpose: 100 Devotions for Letting Go of Fear and Following God* by Sadie Robertson Huff [book]
- *The Message Solo: An Uncommon Devotional* by Eugene H. Peterson [book]
- *Live in Grace, Walk in Love: A 365-Day Journey* by Bob Goff [book]

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- ***My Rock; My Refuge: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms*** by Timothy Keller [book]
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  - » ***Our Daily Bread Teens Edition*** (30 day plan)
  - » ***BibleProject/Old Testament in a Year*** (365 day plan)
  - » ***BibleProject/New Testament in One Year*** (365 day plan)
  - » ***Uncovering the Wisdom of the Scriptures*** by Eugene H. Peterson (5 day plan)
  - » ***Battlefield of the Mind Devotional*** by Joyce Meyer (14 day plan)

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