

Let's Discuss...The Bible

PART 1 Early Experiences with the Bible



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Scriptures mentioned:

*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

In this episode, we discuss our various experiences with initially reading and understanding the Bible and how that has grown and developed over the years. For example, stories like Daniel and Lions' Den and Noah's Ark are presented one way to us as children and as we revisit them as adults, there is the opportunity to discover deeper context, wisdom & revelation than we saw in our youth.

Let's Discuss...

- Hebrews 4:12 says God's word is *living and active*. In what ways is the Bible still living and active? How does this set the Bible apart from other pieces of literature?
- What motivates you to want to dig deeper into the Bible?
- What was your first experience with the Bible? Has it evolved since then?
- Take some time to read Daniel 6 and discuss:
 - » What stands out to you from this story?
 - » Is there any way your understanding has grown from the first time you heard Daniel and the Lions' Den?
 - » What questions do you still have?
- Are there any devotionals, books, Scriptures, or resources that have helped you develop your understanding of the Bible?

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

- The Spirit of God gives the gift of wisdom to those who are open to receive. Invite the Holy Spirit to be living and active within you, to bring fresh insight to Scriptures as you study the Bible, and to reveal deeper revelations of God's love day by day.

Let's Go Deeper...

- *Everyday with Jesus* by Selwyn Hughes [book]
- *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers [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]
- *My Rock; My Refuge: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms* by Timothy Keller [book]
- The Bible app has loads of devotional plans you can go through. Search a topic or book of the bible of interest to you or check out some of these...
 - » *Uncovering the Wisdom of the Scriptures* by Eugene H. Peterson (5 day plan)
 - » *Battlefield of the Mind Devotional* by Joyce Meyer (14 day plan)
 - » *The Bible in a Year* (365 day plan)
 - » *Wondered by the Word - The Bible in a Year* (Chronological 365 day plan)
 - » *BibleProject | Old Testament In a Year* (365 day plan)
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