**THE LIVING, BREATHING WORD**

Hearing God’s Voice Through His Word

**8:00 AM – INTRODUCE ALLEN ESKRIDGE**

**IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO START YOUR BIBLE READING PLAN.**

**NEW JESUS DISCIPLE PLANS ON THE YOUVERSION BIBLE APP.**

**Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** And there is no creature hidden from **His sight**, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

**SO THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT MERELY A BOOK... IT IS A LIVING PERSON.**

**WHO IS IT???**

**John 1:1, 14 (NKJV)** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **... VERSE 14 (NKJV)** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Revelation 19:13 (NKJV)** **[John, describing a vision of Jesus]**  He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

**JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD!**

**IF YOU OPEN YOUR HEART TO HIM WHILE YOU’RE READING OR HEARING THE WORD, YOU WILL SENSE HIS PRESENCE AND HEAR HIS VOICE.**

**2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS BREATHED OUT BY GOD... NOT WAS... SO GOD IS STILL BREATHING THESE WORDS OUT TODAY.**

**BUT WE NEED TO GIVE GOD’S WORD OUR ATTENTION AND NOT BE DISTRACTED**

**Proverbs 4:20–22 (NKJV)** My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. **21** Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; **22** For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

**Proverbs 8:32–34 (NKJV)** **[Jesus speaking]** “Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways. **33** Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it. **34** Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

**Luke 6:47–48 (ESV)** **[Jesus said]** Everyone who comes **to me** and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.

**SO… WHEN WE ARE READING OR HEARING THE WORD… JESUS IS SPEAKING**

**EX – NOVEMBER 19, 2019 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**1 Kings 17:4 (NKJV)** And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

As I read this this morning, I heard the Lord say, “I have already commanded your provision to come.”

I received this word for The Rock, for Solid Lives, for Forever Truth, and for Kimberly and me personally.

**WE HAD BEEN IN A TIGHT FINANCIAL SEASON FOR SOME TIME, BUT EVER SINCE THIS WORD, THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED DIFFERENCE IN THE FLOW OF GOD’S PROVISION.**

**EX – TWO DAYS LATER... NOVEMBER 19, 2019... I WAS READING IN 1 KINGS 20**

**[NOVEMBER 19, 2019 JOURNAL ENTRY]**

**1 Kings 20:22 (NKJV)** And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, “Go, strengthen yourself; take note, and see what you should do, for in the spring of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.”

**As I read this verse, I had a sense that God was saying this to me about The Rock’s finances, and probably about Solid Lives’, Forever Truth’s and our personal finances.**

Lord, please show me how to strengthen things now, and prepare us to withstand and overcome every attack against us, in the name of Jesus!

**EX – DECEMBER 7, 2019 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**Isaiah 43:18–19 (NKJV)** “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. **19** Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert.

**WORD – You have been working and thinking as if you’re still in the last season, and you’re getting the results of the last season. I am telling you that the last season is OVER! … It’s time to see explosive results again. It’s time for you to lead with precision and clarity... with confidence and boldness... with passion and joy... with no fear... no worry... no thought of failure... no anxiety about how much time has elapsed nor how much time you have left. NOW IS THE TIME... IT IS HERE... YOU ARE IN IT NOW!!!**

**EX – ALSO IN DECEMBER, 2019... GOD BEGAN TO SPEAK TO ME FROM THIS PASSAGE...**

**Isaiah 60:1–3 (NKJV)** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. **2** For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. **3** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Through this passage, I began to discern that there was a new level of darkness coming on the earth.**

**EX – JANUARY 7, 2020 FASTING & PRAYER JOURNAL ENTRY**

1. **Genesis 9:7 (NKJV)** And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it.”

### **WORD – It is time to increase GREATLY. The days of small, incremental increases are over. It is time to increase exponentially. Prepare for this, plan for it, expect it, and fight for it in prayer in the Spirit. My Spirit is ready to do a mighty work through you. Believe it and run as if it is absolute.**

1. **Luke 5:38 (NKJV)** But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

**Lord, please show us what these new wineskins are.**

1. **Luke 5:39 (NKJV)** And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, ‘The old is better.’ ”

**MANY WILL NOT DESIRE THE CHANGE... BUT IT NECESSARY**

1. **Revelation 3:10 (NKJV)** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

**WORD - “Because you have patiently endured, and have kept the faith, I will keep you, and your family, and your ministry in the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world...”**

**EX – JANUARY 2020... “START PUSHING THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DOWN INTO HOMES.”**

**EX – FEBRUARY 6, 2020... OPENING NIGHT OF ROCK CONFERENCE... I SHARED ABOUT A DARKNESS THAT WAS COMING... AND “START PUSHING THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DOWN INTO HOMES.”**

**Psalm 119:130 (NKJV)** The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.

**MANY TIMES YOU’LL READ OR HEAR GOD’S WORD, AND YOU WON’T HEAR ANY WORDS SPECIFICALLY, BUT IT’S AS IF YOUR HEART AND MIND ARE FLOODED WITH LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING.**

**EX – Someone sharing a situation and you coming to a conclusion, then someone else giving additional details, and you see it completely different.**

**Psalm 36:9 (NKJV)** In Your light we see light.

**AS THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD COMES INTO YOUR HEART, YOU’LL BEGIN TO SEE YOUR OWN SITUATION CLEARLY.**

**EX – FEBRUARY 12, 2020 JOURNAL ENTRY (A month before the pandemic was declared):**

**Matthew 13:33 (NKJV)** Another parable He spoke to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

**As I read this, I felt that the Lord was telling me that I did not need to push/force this new vision about multiplying disciples and planting house churches, but that I simply needed to keep this message in the conversation, and that eventually it would spread throughout the whole loaf (Church).**

**WE SHOULD PRAY THIS PRAYER EVERY TIME WE APPROACH GOD’S WORD...**

**Psalm 119:18 (NKJV)** Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

**EX – MAY 20, 2020 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**Judges‬** ‭**11:24‬** ‭**NKJV** “So whatever the LORD our God takes possession of before us, we will possess.”‬‬

**As I read this today, I knew by the Holy Spirit that we are to move quickly, and in faith, to start as many house churches as He goes before us to start – whether part of The Rock, Solid Lives, or another ministry.**

**11 DAYS LATER, WE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED 200-300 HOUSE CHURCHES.**

**EX – JANUARY 5, 2023 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**Genesis 9:1 (NKJV)** So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

**WORD - “Be fruitful and multiply. I have given you EVERYTHING you need. Be bold. Be confident. Cast the vision with faith and joy. Prepare to both be fruitful and to multiply everywhere.”**

**EX – MAY 9, 2023 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**Joshua 10:40–42 (NKJV)** So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel had commanded. **41** And Joshua conquered them from Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even as far as Gibeon. **42** All these kings and their land Joshua took at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

**WORD – The Lord is calling us to move quickly, and to take much territory. He is fighting for us. We must take these territories with prayer, and we must take them with actions of faith. God is going to give us many territories that we didn’t know we could possess.**

**EX – JUNE 8, 2023 JOURNAL ENTRY**

**Luke 5:4–7 (NKJV)** When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” **5** But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” **6** And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. **7** So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

**Lord, I hear you telling me through this verse that I should not limit the new discipleship system, but rather that I should spread it as far as possible right away, and that I should call for my partners to come and help us pull in the harvest.**

**SO… AS WE PREPARED TO LAUNCH JESUS DISCIPLE IN SEPTEMBER 2023… WE LAUNCHED WITH EVERYTHING WE HAD AVAILABLE… AND AS OF TODAY… OVER 800 GROUPS HAVE BEEN CREATED… IN 40 NATIONS… AND WE HAVE 26 NETWORKS THAT ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO USE JESUS DISCIPLE TO MULTIPLY DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS AND HOUSE CHURCHES.**