

# **God's Plan**

How to find it out  
for your life

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## **An Introduction**

What I would like to do is to share some spiritual nuggets that God has worked into my life over the last few years. He has brought me from a place of totally lacking direction and feeling very unfulfilled and unfruitful. He has used many scriptures and circumstances to move me from where I was to what he's doing in my life today. I hope that as I share these scriptures and some testimonies that you will find something that fits where you are in your walk with the Lord. I'm sure there's something here for you.

*Self-Worth  
Security  
Significance*



Search for Significance

**Figure 1**

## The World and Sometimes Our Perspective

Figure 1 is a simple drawing to represent where man is today and what the human race is searching for and seeking.

In some ways even though you are a Christian, you can still experience these same feelings that all humanity goes through, the same struggles.

When I looked at this drawing I thought of some things that would be coming from a man or woman's heart.

*Where is man today?*

*Searching for ways to fulfill himself,  
trying to satisfy that inner desire for  
self-worth, security and significance.  
A life all his own, he's in control  
yet he's empty and alone.*

*No matter how much he tries to fulfill himself  
through what this world offers, he is fulfilled for a short time,  
but is left empty, hoping for that **next thing**  
that is going to give him what he's searching for.*

*Why am I here?*

*What good am I?*

*Another day, another dollar!*

*Is there any hope out there?*

Yet there's a voice heard calling to this despair and hopelessness.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;  
I have come that they may have life and it to the full.  
- Jesus Christ -*

I think these heart expressions of:

*Why am I here?  
Another day, another dollar!  
Is there hope out there?*

are struggles that even we as Christians experience.

Especially, if we really don't believe that what Jesus said is true. He has life and life abundantly for us.

Prize

**Philippians 3:12-15**



**Jeremiah 29:11**

Holy Spirit  
Dream

**Psalm 25:12**

God's Plan

**Figure 2**

## God's Plan

Figure 2 is an illustration that I believe the Lord gave me that expresses what he has been doing in my life.

He has been renewing vision in my life and giving me direction, but I think this describes a process that he has been taking me through.

We begin at the bottom of the illustration which represents the beginning of God's path that he has for our lives.

I want to share with you some things that God has made real to me through these scriptures.

Let's read Jeremiah 29:11(NIV) -

**“For I know the plans I have for you, “  
declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future.”**

Now this scripture I heard it five or six years ago from a wonderful lady who said, “Jim, the Lord wanted me to give you this.”

I hope that this scripture is going to take less time to sink into you than it took to sink into me.

In 1997, I had cancer and my wife had taken this scripture and framed it and put it on my desk. Off and on I would look at it and read it.

When you experience the fears of cancer you feel like, “Well, that's it, Lord, my life's at an end. You're not going to use me. That's it.”, things are kind of on a downslide.

Well I continued to focus on the words:

**He plans to prosper me and not to harm me.**

When you have cancer there's still something in you that thinks God's out to harm you. Yet, I kept fellowshiping with this scripture.

The Lord brought us through the cancer situation and it ended up through the operation and prayer, I've been cancer free.

Next, I had to really receive that the Lord has plans to give me a hope and a future, after that. So I continued to meditate on Jeremiah 29:11 and God started doing things in my life and moving in circumstances.

Now looking again at Figure 2 and starting at the beginning let's read Psalm 25:12(NIV)

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**Who then is the man that fears the Lord?  
He will instruct him in the way chosen for him.**

The part of this scripture that really sticks out to me is that God has a way chosen for each of us. He has plans. He has purposes for our lives and he has a specific way chosen for us.

I hope too that as you read these scriptures, you will let them sink into your heart, because they are true.

I tell you they will bring life to you if you meditate on them. If you believe them and receive them your life's going to change.

Let's read the next verses, Philippians 3:12-15(NIV) -

**... I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus  
took hold of me ... One thing I do...  
Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...  
I press on toward the goal to win the prize  
for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.  
All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.**

What God emphasized to me was:

**Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead.**

Then I noticed the last part of these verses for the first time:

**All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.**

On our illustration there's a prize at the end, but for us to head down the road and not be paralyzed, we have to forget what is behind. This was Paul's attitude.

Now, Paul certainly had people desert him. He had everything happen to him. He had his countrymen stone him and leave him for dead. You name it, he had it happen.

Everybody wasn't loving and kind to him and didn't treat him perfectly. But this is the attitude that God gave him that he had to leave what was behind and press on to what God had for him.

I think this is an important component because if you just sit there with the past, you're never able to hear what God has for you for tomorrow. So this was an important scripture.

## Where do we start?

Okay, where do we start? How do we find out God's way chosen for us? How do we find out God's plan?

The thing that I believe that God has shared with me is that it starts with my relationship with him. It begins there. It begins with my ability to hear his love and encouragement and challenge. This is determined by how we think God sees us.

## How does God see you?

We have recently gone through a study by Larry Kreider with a group which my wife and I meet with on Thursday nights. The book is called, "A New Way of Living". We have had wonderful things happen with the group. They have been so excited about what God has spoken to them through the teaching.

The teaching is about being righteousness conscious instead of sin conscious.

You might be thinking, "I know about righteousness," God gives you righteousness, but there is a problem with us that we tend to walk in a daily sin consciousness, instead of being conscious of God's righteousness.

It effects how we think God thinks about us at that moment. It tends to make us cutoff the grace and his presence from our lives, because we are thinking about all the things that are wrong with us, all the failures, all our weaknesses, all our inabilities.

In Romans 3:21,22(NIV) it says -

**But now a righteousness from God,  
apart from law has been made known,  
to which the Law and the prophets testify.  
This righteousness from God comes  
through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

The phrase I would like to emphasize is:

**...a righteousness from God apart from law...**

the law says you're guilty.

When you see the problems in your life, right away you say the law says I'm guilty.

But, God says really we're righteous and to God your problems and your sins don't mean anything as far as his relationship with you. He accepts us, each one of us right where we are. He knew when he died for us exactly the sins we have, the problems we have and he accepts us and loves us.

I hope I am making myself clear on this point. I am not condoning sin, or ignoring sin that God is concerned about. This issue is that we can only receive his character from being with him. Sin consciousness effects us when we try to spend time with him.

When you go to try to spend time with God the thing that the enemy is going to put in front of your eyes and put the thoughts in your mind is all the things that you're not - all the problems in your life, the sins that are in your life, the inabilities, the failures.

It tends to cutoff the fellowship that God wants you to receive.

There is a definition of righteousness consciousness:

**being constantly conscious of or thinking  
about our right standing with God  
through faith in Jesus Christ.**

On the other hand, sin consciousness is:

**being constantly conscious of or thinking  
about our tendency to fail  
and our tendency toward sin.**

I believe that 90% of the time this is our thoughts, because this is where the enemy works overtime. He doesn't want you to know how God really thinks about you.

The power that God has available for your life that's a free gift.

He wants you to be conscious of your tendency to fail and your tendency toward sin.

We all have that, but this is not the perspective that God wants us to have.

Righteousness consciousness makes us keep our eyes on Jesus rather than our abilities or inabilities. There is something when our eyes are on Jesus and we just trust him because we're righteous before him, that it brings a peace and a rest, that enables us to actually receive the grace to overcome sin in our lives.

God's conviction brings hope.

The devil's condemnation brings doubt, fear, confusion, unbelief and hopelessness.

If you feel hopeless about an issue in your life, if you feel confusion, unbelief.

It's the enemy.

The conviction of the Lord is going to bring hope. There is love and hope that comes from the Holy Spirit for areas of our life that we struggle with.

I can tell you from personal experience, that the people on Thursday night are really getting set free. They have had such a fear with God, a sense of failing him, but through this teaching they now know that God accepts them and loves them right where they are. He doesn't want them to be fellowshiping with their failures and their sins.

If they will fellowship with him and receive his acceptance, God will take care of all those things the way he wants to do it.

I know I have done this in my life. We've got five or ten things that we see are wrong in our life and right away we say, okay, today what am I going to deal with, that I know that is a sin. We apply our own strength to try to overcome it. We try to do it through Jim Vernon.

It ends up the sin gets stronger and the sin gets bigger and you get defeated. You get more discouraged. You feel more cutoff from God.

But, when we plug into his righteousness, it opens up to us all the grace Jesus has provided for us through the cross. Everything that he paid for on the cross is available to us for free. This includes those problems in our life, the sin issues, the struggles.

He paid for that on the cross.

Personally, I have been meditating on this truth. Everything that God has for me is a free gift. I don't have to work for it.

He made me righteous and all that he paid for on the cross is available to me. It comes free, it's like a superhighway. There is an unhindered superhighway from the Lord to us.

As an example, I have been experiencing God use me to pray for people, in the healing area. I have just had the attitude that if I pray for somebody, they don't have to earn the gift of healing. I don't have to earn it to be able to give it to them.

We had an experience with our Thursday night group, there was one of the ladies who didn't come to the meeting, who was really sick. She had a fever, her nose was running, she was under tremendous pressure, her boss was out of town and she was handling his responsibilities. At the meeting we finished our worship time and decided to call her at work and got her on the phone. I told her, "Phillip and Judy have their hands on me and I have my hands on the phone and we're going to pray for you."

Because of righteousness consciousness I felt like we had unhindered access to God. All the thoughts that come against you to give you unbelief and tell you that Jesus really doesn't want to heal her, he doesn't want to touch her, just weren't there.

We prayed for her, for God to touch her and heal her, and encourage her, told her how much we loved her and then hung up.

The next morning, I found out through an e-mail that by the time she got home her fever was gone and that night she slept like a baby and felt terrific the next day.

Now this was a big breakthrough for me because those things don't normally happen. Usually, I wonder, well Lord, why didn't you heal them. I spend a lot more time with those thoughts, I don't know if anybody else does.

Right now! I would like you to make a verbal declaration of this truth in your life. If you would please repeat each one of these declarations one at a time:

**I am righteous through faith in Jesus Christ!**

**I didn't earn it!**

**but I receive it!**

**I receive all that the cross of Jesus**

**has provided for me!**

I just ask that the Lord would put that in your heart. If you don't receive anything else today, that you would take that home with you.

That's what the good news is! When you can tell people, God forgives you, he makes you righteous, he accepts you with all your sins and all your sin problems. That's good news!

Every other religion says you have to work for it. But God accepts us and takes us just where we are and just the way we are. So that's tremendous news. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us to have that. So why would we think in our own feeble way that we can work for it.

I hope that you are receiving a heart to heart communication from my heart to yours and that this is not just information. Certainly, that is not my desire.

If we're communicating then let's continue.

## How do we find out God's plan for our lives?

We have to spend time with the one who knows the plans.

God has given me scriptures along the way and this one has really stuck in my heart. I have tried to walk it out because if you obey it, you're going to see things, as you go step by step, change in your life.

Here's a part of that scripture in Matthew 7:24-27(NIV):

**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and  
puts them into practice  
is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

I shared this with a ladies group, when we were doing an Investigative Bible Study. The first time we met, I shared with them that God wanted to put a foundation in their life. A foundation that would help them to withstand the "Storms of Life". There will be storms in our lives. They will come.

Jesus said in the scriptures that there is a way for us to be able to withstand these storms. He gives the key here in these verses, let's read the entire passage -

**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine  
and puts them into practice is like a wise man who  
built his house on the rock. The rain came down,  
the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against  
that house; yet it did not fall, because it had it's  
foundation on the rock.**

**But everyone who hears these words of mine  
and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man  
who built his house on sand. The rain came down,  
the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against  
that house, and it fell with a great crash.**

What God emphasized to me in these verses is when Jesus speaks to me, "therefore everyone who hears the words of mine," he speaks to me through scripture time with him, he speaks to me through a book, he can speak to me through my brothers and sisters in Christ, he can speak to me through a Church meeting, there are a zillion ways he can speak to you. But when he speaks to you, you need to put them into practice! If you don't put it into practice, you are like a foolish man who builds on the sand, when the "Storms of Life" come, you're going to crash.

So those words, "put them into practice" just stood out like a neon sign and stuck with me ever since. I have been trying to live it. When I hear something from the Lord, I want to go do it.

There is no use for God to speak to me anything if I am not going to go do it. Why is he going to speak to me the next thing, if I didn't do the first thing he asked me. This has been something that has been the key to this process. In another scripture Mark 4:9-20(NIV), about the sower, there was one verse that really stuck out to me. In verse 17 -

**but since they have no root,  
they last only a short time**

The phrase "no root" really had a special meaning. The picture I got was of a tree and its roots going down. Even though it was a seed, my picture was a tree. This picture represented our lives. If our roots don't go down and get down to the water source, which is Jesus, and have fellowship with him and draw from him. If we don't do this we are a tree with no root.

We won't handle the struggles of life. We're not able to hear from him.

So having no root was a way of saying they didn't spend any time with the Lord. A person with no root doesn't spend any time with Jesus.

Now one of the biggest things that keeps us from the Lord. I think this is true for our lives. It's true for the Thursday night group.

I have gone around the mountain with this issue about the cares of this life. The cares of this life so choke and busy us that we try to fit the Lord in. Where can we fit him in. All of us struggle with this and go through this. I think it's the heart of the battle. At least it is for everybody I have talked to and friends that I have relationship with. It's our biggest struggle.

Let's read in Luke 10:38-42(NIV) the story about Mary and Martha:

**As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her."**

Certainly, before I read these verses God had already been speaking to me about the hurriedness of our lives and the things that happen in the lives of the people who you are trying to disciple and the struggles that they have.

The verses that stuck out to me were:

**Mary... sat at the Lord's feet**

She was spending time with the Lord.

**Martha... was distracted by things that had to be done**

How many times when we struggle with spending time with Jesus, it is always the had to be done things that keep us from him.

I know they have to be done, they are good and right things that have to be done.

But they are the things that keep us from him. Because we plug him in. Where can I fit you in Lord? I have all these things that I have to do. Where can I plug you in?

**Martha...was worried and upset about many things,  
but only one thing is needed.**

**Mary...has chosen what is better.**

One morning, I was reading in Psalms and it didn't even say anything about David and I felt like the Lord said, "Think about David". I said, "Think about David?" Then this thought came to me, that he worshipped as a shepherd boy. When he was out in the fields tending the sheep he was actually worshipping the Lord. You think, where did he get all those musician skills? He was able to make instruments and all the things you read about him in the Old Testament, he was a real worshipper. He learned to worship as a shepherd boy.

I thought of that time he had in his life. He was going to come into lots of responsibilities later on. It was like God had him in a "Greenhouse" and that his time as a shepherd boy in the fields was like a "Greenhouse for his faith".

I thought of that Lord, that you were nurturing his faith in that "Greenhouse" through his time that he was spending with you.

What are some of the results? What is one of the first times that you see David's faith? Certainly, killing the bear and the lion took tremendous faith. He must have spent quite a bit of time with the Lord - to have that kind of faith to take on a bear and a lion.

Something in him rose up and he had faith that he could kill that lion. Or even the compassion, that he had so much compassion for the sheep that maybe he wasn't sure whether that lion wouldn't kill him.

But because of his time with the Lord, he must have received something from him that gave him compassion for those sheep.

What was the next thing David did?

He killed Goliath.

The armies are on both sides of the valley and he comes in there, he's just a boy, especially in their eyes. He says, "I can kill that guy". I mean here is a ten foot guy down there, with a gigantic sword, shield and spear and all the rest of Israel was shaking in their boots. He must have gotten something from God. He got it from spending time with the Lord.

The last example of faith that he got was the ability to rule Israel. He grew overtime in the ability to actually shepherd Israel. He moved from being the shepherd of a few sheep to shepherding millions, which was a tremendous responsibility.

Because he was a man who spent time with God, his legacy, which is in scripture and we hear it all the time and we are hearing it thousands of years later, that he was a man after God's own heart.

Would any of us like to have that kind of legacy in our lives, that God would say - that you're a man after his own heart.

## Spending Time With Jesus

Now spending time with Jesus or your devotional life, at least for me, is hard work. Maybe you just float into the bedroom and technicolor angels are standing around, but for me it takes effort.

I want you to read some small portions from the booklets which we have gone through with the new believers on Thursday night. When I read them and go through the studies with them, I think it has blessed me more than it has blessed them. I think you learn more when you are trying to impart something to somebody else than they do.

In Ralph Neighbor's booklet the, "New Believer's Station", it's one of the little books you start out a new believer with and he is talking in it about your devotional life.

He says:

### **1. Remember that Jesus is in you, not at the other end of the universe**

One of the things he tries to impart to the new believer is that Jesus has actually come and he is in you. He is right here. He is not millions and millions of miles away, He is right here and you can talk to him.

### **2. Realize that at the first signal from us, he runs to greet us.**

This helped me. I shared with our Thursday night group, when you go to spend time with the Lord, God wants to be there more than you do. You don't have to work up some big thing for him, to get to him. He is actually running to meet you.

### **3. He desires to joyfully welcome us into his presence and to embrace us in his warm acceptance.**

Certainly, that is a different picture than, "Well God, I'm a slob and I've got all these problems and you can't do anything with me and I've got all these failures." It's a totally different perspective. God doesn't look at you that way.

He desires to joyfully welcome us into his presence and to embrace us in his warm acceptance.

For me, I have set aside a time in the morning to spend with Jesus, because I find with the business of work and trying to disciple people, you can find all kinds of things that will plug up your day and take up all your time. What I do is I go through the One-Year Bible, so that I would go through the scriptures every year and that he would get his word into me.

This was because I found myself struggling when I spent time with the Lord, I would say, " God, where do I look today?" I know many people go through that. Well, I'm suppose to spend time with Jesus. I'm suppose to read the word. Where do I go?

Well, I read John, then you've read John. You read one of the Gospels.

So the way I settle it, I just start at the beginning and go to the end and it takes me through everything and then I know I must have hit it somewhere along the way.

There will be days that I might not get much out of it, it might be dry or whatever.

Yet I will consistently come to scriptures that the Lord lights up. They are like the neon sign scriptures that really speak to you. "Lord, that really speaks to me, that speaks to where I am, that speaks to my situation." Whatever we are going through.

I had one situation, we were over in France, we were sitting at a table with my wife's family, who are French. I was at one end and all the men were at the other end talking and the ladies were in between. The men were talking a 100 miles an hour and joking. If you don't know anything about French there are different types of French, believe it or not. There's southern French and there's real southern slang French. When four of them get together and they're going a 100 miles an hour and they're speaking southern French, but not only is it southern French but it's full of slang, it can be very frustrating. I was sitting there a little frustrated.

My heart is that God would really use me to touch their lives, that they would receive the Lord. God has given me that burden from years back, since 1996.

I'm sitting there and I'm feeling so frustrated and I said, "Lord, why am I here. How useless I am. I am so useless", even though for years we have been pouring into them and pouring into them.

I went to bed that night and woke up the next morning and because it's a discipline in my life, I opened the One-Year Bible and read the scriptures for that day. I was reading a section of scripture about King Asa and it said how that God had made all the kingdoms around him uncomfortable and they were all struggling. Then God said to him:

**Be strong, don't give up, your work will be rewarded.**

Wow!, it was like one of those neon signs.

God has done that so many times, If you just stay in the scriptures and fellowship with the scriptures, God will speak to you, where you are.

There is another little booklet. This is again Larry Kreider's book, "A New Way of Living". One of the things that he says is:

**As we meditate on God's Word each day, our soul begins to catch up  
with what already has happened in our spirit. We start to think like  
God thinks, instead of the way we have thought in the past.  
The Word of God renews our minds to see life from God's perspective.**

This really spoke to my heart.

There is also a wonderful illustration that Larry shares:

**Do you know what the Lord's will is for your life?  
Begin to renew your mind daily with the Word of God  
and you will find the Lord's plan for your life.**

Now listen to this picture:

**Our minds are like a painter's canvas, the Word of God is paint.  
The Lord, by his "Holy Spirit paintbrush" desires to paint  
a clear picture on our minds as to his will for our lives.  
But...we need to have enough paint available for him to draw us  
a clear picture.**

So we really need the Word of God. We need a lot of the Word of God, on a daily basis, so that God has enough paint to draw a clear picture of what his plan and purpose is for us.

Now while we are going along here, I want to share a little reminder:

**What you hear from the Lord -  
you have to put it into practice.**

**It's a key -  
you have to put it into practice.**

Okay, in Ralph Neighbor's book again, he says:

**How do you know what you heard from God is God?**

**As you listen to his voice come to you through Scripture,  
you'll be able to hear the same voice as his Spirit speaks  
special direction and encouragement for your own life.**

**When you study and memorize scripture it will do more  
than build your faith and renew your mind, it will also  
heighten your sensitivity to God's voice.**

**The same Spirit which inspired the Bible will speak  
to you as you meditate on scripture and "tune" your  
heart and mind to him.**

When you read scripture and the Holy Spirit is there with you, he is going to tune your heart and mind to God.

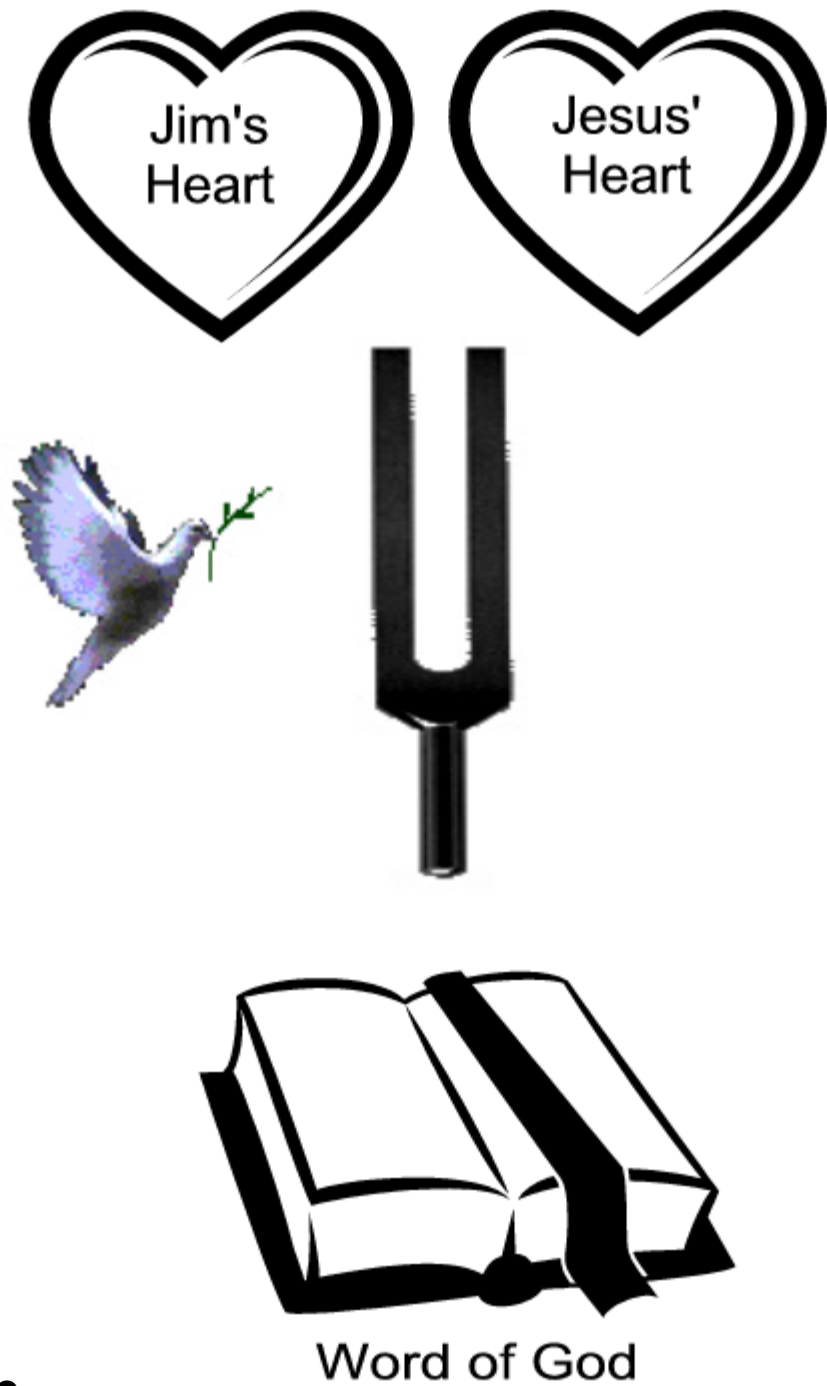


Figure 3

Figure 3 is a picture I had in my mind when I read this. Ralph Neighbor gave a definition of the word illumination:

**As I direct my heart and mind to seek the Lord,  
his Spirit speaks into my heart impressing his  
thoughts and ideas directly upon it.**

**Tuning our listening with Scripture.**

**The Bible, God's Word, offers the unchanging  
standard that "attunes" our spirits, hearts and  
minds to hear God's voice.**

Notice the tuning fork in the illustration. The Holy Spirit is working there anointing the Word of God to attune our individual hearts to Jesus' heart.

I feel like the Lord has been doing that in my life. I am starting to hear things from God and finding more often that they are from God.

God confirming it and saying, "Yeah!, that's really me." This has happened more than any other time in my life. I am finding a clarity of that picture. God's got more paint to work with. I'm spending that time with him that allows him to really speak into my heart. It's changing. The Holy Spirit is actually renewing my mind and transforming - changing me.

Now there is a key. You need to do this. Find a :

**Special Time**

**Special Place**

I feel like many times with the Thursday night group I get down on my knees and beg this issue. Please! Please! Do this in your life. Find a place for this. It's such a key. It will make unbelievable difference in your life.

Again this is out of Ralph Neighbor's book, he asks us:

**Find a special time and a special place.**

**Why?**

**If you take special time to tune in and focus on him,  
you will be more sensitive to his words of love,  
challenge and encouragement, while you're in the  
scurry and business of life.**

It's one thing to go by the "Fast Food".

There's something about when you go by and you get your "Fast Food" during the week that there isn't time for it to really digest. You're on the run.

I was talking with the Thursday night group about this. We were talking about digestion, Holy Spirit digestion and that meditation on the word is really Holy Spirit digestion.

The Holy Spirit starts digesting the Word of God and then starts applying it in our spiritual bodies to the areas that God needs to touch.

If we are living a "Fast Food Life" and God throws you a burger every now and then, you're going to walk around with spiritual indigestion. You are going to live a life of "Fast Food".

It is so important for us to set aside a time for the Lord, instead of plugging him in and fitting him in.

If you want a life that's half lived and way short of God's best for you, live a life where you just plug him in when you can.

God will love you, we'll love you, but you won't be the full potential that God has called you for. Because you need to hear him and get what he wants you to receive.

Another thing about spending time with Jesus -

### **Devoting time is required for love to grow.**

It is the same for a marriage. If you don't spend time with Jesus, how can you grow in your love for him.

If you don't spend time with your wife, or your kids, how can love grow.

So it's a key in the natural as well as in the spiritual area.

Let's look again at Figure 2 - God's Plan.

So we know that God does have a plan for our lives, his word says so.

Hopefully, it doesn't take 5 years for it to sink in, that you believe it. I tell you it's true.

He has a way for us to be able to find out what that path is.

He speaks to us during our time with him. He uses the Word of God to tune our hearts to him.

He will speak to you. He is going to speak to you. He is going to give you direction and encouragement.

The X on the path in Figure 2 represents a Holy Spirit dream.

I got a bookmark from my Pastor and his wife, because they knew I had a lot of Holy Spirit dreams.

Not so much that I go to sleep at night and dream a dream, but there are things that God has put ahead of me, because he has given me encouragement that that is something that he wants to happen. It's like a Holy Spirit dream.

As you spend time with the Lord, you're going to hear things that you never thought of before, come to mind and stir up in your heart. He is going to give a Holy Spirit dream of something he wants to do in your life.

On this little bookmark, it says:

**Dreams come a size too big,  
so that we can grow into them.**

The dreams that he is going to give you, you are going to find yourself inadequate to. Then, that's where God really starts going to work.

As you spend time with him, he'll start transforming you and changing you and empowering you to be ready for the next step that he has for you, along the road of his will.

If it can happen to me, it can happen to you.