

HOW TO HEAR FROM GOD?



LEARNING HOW TO APPLY
GOD'S WORD



WHAT ROLE DOES APPLYING GOD'S WORD HAVE IN HEARING FROM GOD?



ARGUABLY, THE APPLICATION OF
GOD'S WORD IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT ASPECT OF FOLLOWING
CHRIST, AS THE TRANSFORMATION
OF OUR LIVES COMES FROM THE
APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD TO
OUR LIVES.

MAIN POINT:



**GOD IS THE LIGHT OF
OUR LIVES.**

WHAT DOES, “GOD IS THE LIGHT OF OUR LIVES” EVEN MEAN?



GOD IS HOLY, JUST, RIGHTEOUS,
AND FREE OF SIN.

- **Psalm 19:7-9 (NIV):** “The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving **light** to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.”
- **Psalm 18:30 (NIV):** “As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord’s word is flawless.”
- **Psalm 92:15 (ESV):** “Declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”
- **1 John 1:5 (NLT):** “This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all.”



GOD IS THE HOPE AND
REDEMPTION OF OUR LIVES.

- **Acts 4:12 (ESV):** “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT):** “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”



GOD’S WAYS GUIDE US THROUGH
LIFE.

- **Psalm 119:105 (ESV):** “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light to my path.”

GOD'S WAYS GUIDE US THROUGH LIFE.



PSALM 119:98, 104-105 (NLT): Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. [104] Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. [105] Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

(v. 98, 104)

- God's Word gives us a constant reminder of right and wrong, and the Holy Spirit convicts us when we're wrong.
- When we spend time in God's Word, our understanding of God's ways grows thus our relationship with God grows.
- As our relationship with Christ deepens, we begin to look more like Jesus and less like the world.



WHEN WE APPLY GOD'S WORD TO OUR LIVES AND LIVE OUT THE WAYS OF JESUS, OUR LIVES STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD.

- **Ephesians 5:8-9 (ESV):** "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true)."

LAMP TO MY FEET - LIGHT TO MY PATH

- In Biblical times, lamps were small clay vessels with oil and a wick. They didn't light up an entire room at once. Instead, they illuminated just enough light for you to be able to take the next step safely.
- If you were traveling in Biblical times, you would need a torch. Torches put off more light than a lamp, but still only illuminated just enough light for you to see your next step.

- **“Lamp to my feet”** – Gives light for immediate steps, guiding our daily choices.
- **“Light to my path”** – Provides a long-term vision of God's direction in our lives.



GOD'S WORD GUIDES OUR LIVES. IT SHOWS US THE STEPS WE NEED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO LIVE OBEDIENTLY TO CHRIST.



GOD'S WORD DOESN'T PROMISE TO SHOW US OUR ENTIRE JOURNEY AT ONCE, BUT IT GUARANTEES ENOUGH LIGHT FOR THE NEXT STEP.



BE FAITHFUL WITH YOUR NOW.



BE FAITHFUL WITH YOUR NEXT STEP. DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF OF THE PATH IN FRONT OF YOU. FOR THOSE STRUGGLING TO FOLLOW JESUS, FOCUS ON THE BASICS, FOCUS ON WHAT YOU DO KNOW.

SO WHAT?



WHEN WE DON'T APPLY THE SCRIPTURE THAT WE LEARN, WE LOSE OUR EFFECTIVENESS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL.



THIS APPLIES TO OUR OWN LIVES, AS WELL AS, THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV): “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”



WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO TO LEARN THE WAYS OF JESUS BUT NEVER APPLY THEM?



BE WITH JESUS > BECOME LIKE JESUS > DO AS JESUS DID.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why is it important to see God's Word as more than just information? What is the ultimate purpose of reading, understanding, and applying Scripture in our daily lives?
- What does it mean that God's Word is unchanging and absolute (objective not subjective) rather than based on personal opinions or emotions? Why is this important for our faith? How does this challenge the popular cultural messages like "follow your heart" or "do what makes you happy"?
- Psalm 119:105 says God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. How is God's Word a light for our path? How have you experienced God's Word guiding your own life?
- Why do you think God gives us just enough light for the next step instead of showing us the whole journey at once?
- Verse 98 says that God's Word makes us wiser than our enemies. How can Scripture help us navigate challenges, temptations, or difficult relationships?
- Verse 104 says God's Word helps us hate every false way of life. How does God's Word help us recognize and turn away from things that don't align with God's truth?
- What are some common ways people today rely on feelings or culture instead of God's unchanging Word? How can we stay grounded in truth?
- How can we apply the truth that Scripture is not just for knowledge but for transformation in our daily lives?
- What are some practical ways you can intentionally rely on God's Word to shape your decisions and actions in your daily life?
- How can we encourage each other to trust God's guidance & view God's Word as a light guide in the dark?
- How can you make sure you're allowing God's Word to transform your heart in your everyday life?