

Jesus teaches us how to learn to hear God's voice.

John 10:3-4 "The watchman opens the gate for him [the Good Shepherd], and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

The key to recognizing the Shepherd's voice is _____

Jesus taught us and modeled for us the importance of spending time with God.

Mark 1:35 "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."

The practice of having a daily Quiet Time is:

- _____ God's word (Read, study, teaching, preaching)
- _____ to his voice
- _____ to God in prayer

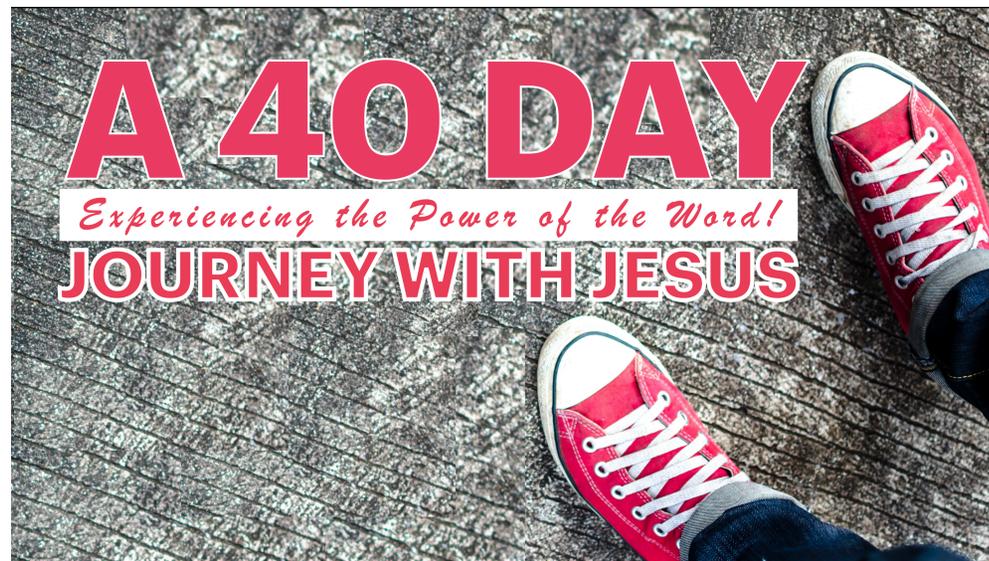
Matthew 4:4 (NLT) "But Jesus told him, '...The Scriptures say, People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

3) _____ TO HIS TEACHINGS

John 20:16 "Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' **She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (Which is to say, Teacher).**"

John 14:16 & 26 "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- the Spirit of truth... But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

Matthew 13:23 "But the one who **received the seed** that fell on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



WEEK 1: MEETING FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS

THEME SCRIPTURES:

ACTS 1:1-3 (MSG)

"Dear Theophilus, in the first volume of this book I wrote on everything that Jesus began to do and teach until the day he said good-bye to the apostles, the ones he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. **After his death, he presented himself alive to them in many different settings over a period of forty days. In face to face meetings, he talked to them about things concerning the kingdom of God.**"

5 GOALS TO ADOPT DURING THIS SERIES:

- To see my relationship with Christ _____ deeper and more intimate (Ephesians 3:17-19)
- To learn how to hear the _____ (Revelation 3:22)
- To learn how to be _____ by the Lord (Romans 8:14)
- To develop the _____ of having a daily _____ (Rev. 3:20)
- To develop the habit of _____ God at church each Sunday during these 40 days (Psalm 42:1-4)

JOHN 1:14 & REVELATION 1:18 (NIV)

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever."

STEPS TO A DEEPER, INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS:

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

JOHN 20:10-18

10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My disciples and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* He had spoken these things to her.

1) _____ HIS FACE

John 20:15 "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?'"

Matthew 6:33 (JESUS) "But **SEEK FIRST** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

There is a promise of God for those who seek God. God is _____ to respond to your heart's prayer.

JESUS SAID: "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; those who seek will find; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Luke 11:9-11)

Whether we _____ the Lord or not reflects the condition of our hearts.

David had a heart to seek after God.

Psalms 27:8 "When you said, 'Seek My face' My heart said to You, 'Your face, Lord, I will seek.'"

When God says "Seek my face", God is saying _____

2) _____ TO HIS VOICE

John 20:16 "**Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'** She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (Which is to say, Teacher)."

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me."

God's word is _____ to us because it is a living word.

JESUS SAID: "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." (John 6:63)