



## **Module 2: Infusion**

Learning how to build spiritual core stability through gleaning from God's Word His transforming truths.

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## **Preface**

Module 2, Infusion is the (taking in) through the ingestion (intentional, prayerful reading) of God's Word and its Biblical foundational truths. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, we read "all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." Our vision and mission at the Christian Life Institute is to equip and empower the Christ-follower to develop a depth of relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ. Our hope is that as you move through the Modules and opportunities for spiritual formation and transformative growth, at the Christian Life Institute, you will find deep fulfillment, contentment, and hope in living in Christ, in but not of the world, every day in every way.

Dr. Katherine Pang

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## Introduction

First, if you have picked up this workbook, I want to thank you for your step of faith and courage. Secondly, I want to encourage you that while this journey is challenging, you are not travelling alone. While the journey is an individual journey and the path is personalized, it is not a road travelled alone. The road is narrow but on the road are many, many paths, filled with journeyers, such as you. There are many who have gone before you and many who will come behind you.

I want to encourage each of you who have made the decision to step forward toward growth in Christ and living the sanctified life to anchor yourself in the truth of the character of God, as revealed in His healing word. 2 Timothy 2:15 reminds us, “do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” Through the power of the Holy Spirit in each one of us, as Christ-followers, we can learn to ‘rightly handle the Word of Truth.’ In John 14:26, we are reminded “but the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” We have a Guide and a Helper, and His name is the Holy Spirit. We also have one another, the Body of Christ. While our journey is individual and personal it is also collective, collaborative, and interdependent. As a body, we impact one another and our growth, or lack thereof, has an impact on not only our personal effectiveness for Christ but His work within us, collectively – His Body and Church.

Be strong and courageous as you continue to infuse with the Truth of His Word and allow His light to shine deep within as He reveals what He desires to grow in grow. Let us journey together as Christ grows us forward in Him.

Dr. Katherine Pang

Founder, the Christian Life Institute

## Chapter One

### The Word of God – The Bible

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105)

#### **The Bible: The Word of God**

As we begin take a few moments and write down how you would describe/define the Bible to someone who was unfamiliar with it.

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Now, share how/why the Bible is important to you?

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As we begin this this process of infusion, we begin from a few points of mutual agreement.

First, we affirm “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Can you say, I choose to believe the Bible is the inspired word of God (God-breathed).

I can.

If not, take some time to write your doubts and share them with a wise Counselor who can help you sort through your struggle with this truth.

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Second, we affirm that the Bible, the word of God is inerrant. “Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:20-21).

Can you say, I choose to believe that God’s Word is inerrant?

I can.

If not, take some time to write your doubts and share them with a wise Counselor who can help you sort through your struggle with this truth.

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## Chapter Two

### Approaching His Word

“Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it”  
(Hebrews 2:1)

There are many Scriptures that invite us to come near to the One so as to hear Him through His word and commune with Him. Consider

**Romans 10:17:** “so faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

**Isaiah 30:21:** “and your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This is the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.”

**Luke 11:28:** “but he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

**Psalms 32:8-9** “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.”

**James 1:19-27:** “know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

**Hebrews 2:1:** “therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”

Choose 2-3 of the verses from above and write why they are impactful to you?

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What does it mean to you, personally, to approach the Word of God? Write some thoughts.

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Over the next few weeks as you approach the Word of God reflect on your actions and attitudes and record some observations below:

Actions	Attitudes	Observations	Insights



## Chapter Three

### Interacting with His Word

Let us remember that whether we listen to the Bible, read the Bible on a device, watch a teaching on the Word, or open a paper Bible – it is first and foremost His Word and we are called to interact with it, “my son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart” (Proverbs 4:20-21).

How do we start? First, for purposes of the Infusion Module we ask that you choose to infuse using a paper Bible. We make this request based on constructivist, active learning pedagogies. This is foundationally important because research in educational and cognitive psychology as well as neuroscience have empirically shown that active, interactive, learning is more powerful than passively receiving infusion. This pedagogical approach will be discussed in greater detail in the Digestion Module 3, as we learn to appropriate and extract more deeply from the truth of His Word.

What are some ways I currently interact with God’s Word? Write your responses below.

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## Chapter Four

### Extracting from His Word

In the last chapter we shared ways to interact with the Word of God. Remember, there is not one perfect way to approach and interact with His Word. We have been reminded that it is necessary to approach His Word with an open heart, a receptivity, and a surrender to His Truth. We have also been reminded of the necessity of interacting with His Word, as “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).

We come to extraction choosing to believe that God is greater than you and me. God is Sovereign (He is the supreme authority and has all things are under His control), Omnipotent (able to do anything, with unlimited power) and Omniscient (knowing everything). He desires to instruct us, sharpen us, transform us more and more into His image. “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

What do you believe you can be transformed by God’s Word? Write some thoughts?

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How does the process of extraction facilitate God’s transforming process?

Let’s review some Scriptures:

**2 Timothy 2:15:** “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

**Romans 10:17:** “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

**1 Timothy 4:15:** “Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”

What are some specific practices you can use to extract truth from God’s Word to then apply to living in Christ? List them.

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The Bible talks about entanglements, bondages, the trappings, enticements and sin of our flesh. Let’s consider a few verses:

*“Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin” (John 8:34).*

What are some of the sinful practices in your life that keep you from extracting the truth of God’s Word? List them below and be specific.

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*“For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world” (1 John 2:16).*

## Chapter Five

### Keeping His Word

The previous chapters have set forth a strategy for infusing the Word of God. A strategy based on cultivating a desire to open His Word to approach His throne of grace and spend time cultivating relationship with Creator-Savior. We have:

- Developed a right-understanding of the Bible – God’s Word
- Approached in humility and openness – ready to receive
- Touched and tasted in interaction with God’s active, living, transforming Word
- Extracted through listening, gleaning, and prayerfully waiting on the Lord

Now we come to keeping (guarding, protecting) the truth of His Word through implementation and execution of the riches of His Word through obedience to our Lord – Jesus, the Christ.

*“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup> 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. <sup>49</sup> But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”*

In keeping His Word, we must choose to be willing to allow Him to be the potter and us the clay (Isaiah 64:8 *But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*). We must choose to be willing to be the branches and He the vine (John 15:5 *“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing...”*) We are willing . . . Are you willing?

What is your response to this choice? Write some thoughts:

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As we are now willing to move forward the question emerges, how do I keep His Word? What does that practically and actually look like in my life? Before we provide some explanation, write some of your own thoughts about how you live God's Truth and keep is undefiled and undiluted in your life?

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Read the following Scriptures:

**2 Timothy 1:14** - "by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you."

**2 Timothy 2:15** - "do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

**Joshua 1:8** - "this Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."