

Hangin' with Heid's Daily Devotional

Day 2

- We are still standing on Day 1's premise and all the other truths shared from that day.
 - From the beginning of time, God created everything and put everything in motion. It is easy for us to understand laws of nature — like gravity, what goes up, must come down. We believe that easily because we see it with our own eyes.
 - When God spoke everything into being (through Jesus who IS the Word — see John 1), He set all laws in motion — Natural laws, mathematical laws, and spiritual laws. Again, it is easy for us to see the natural laws and even the mathematical laws (well, unless math brings confusion :D), but spiritual laws are unseen, yet they are just as real and just as present as the ones we can see.

- One HUGE and vital spiritual law is the law of SEED, PLANT, HARVEST.
 - Now, there are visual examples in the natural to help us understand this spiritual law. Such as gardens, human reproduction and life, farms, plant nurseries, etc.
 - If you plant a seed in the soil, water it, feed it, and care for it, it will grow a plant, which will produce some kind of fruit that will eventually be harvested.
 - A seed is planted in a woman's womb; it begins to grow and is nourished through the mother's body. The baby is born, and as mother and father feed and give water to the baby and care for him/her, it begins to grow...as life goes on, eventually the human is "harvested" in death. (Proverbs 18:21; Proverbs 12:28)

- Spiritual Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest
 - The Bible tells us words are either life or death; they are seeds. "Death and Life are in the power of the tongue [words]. And those who love it [care for it and help it grow] WILL eat its fruit [harvest]." Proverbs 18:21
 - How do we know words have the power to create? Well, in John 1:1-5, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men [people]. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."
 - The Word is Jesus. In Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..." Genesis 1:3 "Then God said, "Let there be light."
 - Key, connect John 1:1-5 to Genesis 1:1 — Now, look at the word "said" in Genesis 1:3...God created all things and set them in motion by speaking WORDS — Jesus is the WORD. We know this from John 1 — we know from the above scriptures that all things were created through Him. This is a spiritual principal, fact, truth, and law. "Death and Life are in the power of the tongue..." that is why what we say is so IMPORTANT, and we should always think on what we are to say before saying it. WE ARE LITERALLY PLANTING SEEDS WITH OUR WORDS!

- God "hid" the Truth in plain sight because He wanted to equip us with spiritual weapons, but He wanted to keep the enemy, Satan, in the dark (pun intended). That is why John 1:5 says, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men [people]. And the light shines in the darkness, AND THE DARKNESS DID NOT COMPREHEND [understand] IT."

- The Gospel is TRULY simple!! We just have to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33. Yes, “things” does include provisions for daily life, but it also means revelation and understanding. BUT, we have to take Holy Spirit’s hand and jump off the mountain top and dive head first into the scripture!!
- Because...wait for it...“It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.” Proverbs 25:2. God is the Creator of the treasure hunt, and His treasure hunts are the best!!
- How do we know “kings” in Proverbs 25:2 refers to us? Great question!! Revelation 1:5-6 says, “To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” BAM!! There it is!

Do you see how awesome and fun the Bible is?! It is a virtual treasure trove of power, insight, relationship, knowledge, and yes WORD Weapons to equip the children of God to become warriors full of authority and power to DEFEAT the enemy! (Romans 16:20).

Scripture Weapons for today —

1. “Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7
 - How do we do that? We say OUT LOUD, “Lord God, I am submitting myself to you. And Satan, you have to FLEE because the WORD says, “Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Go! In Jesus Mighty Name! (Side note: when Satan was in heaven as Lucifer, he knew Jesus as the WORD).
 - Satan has no choice. He has to flee when we speak WORD Weapons at him. He has been completely defeated by the blood of the Lamb, King Jesus. LEGALLY, he has to obey scripture. That’s why he works so hard to keep you from understanding the authority you have in speaking it OUT LOUD to him, and he works so hard to keep you from KNOWING scripture... because the WORD is the MIGHTIEST WEAPON!!!
2. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7
 - First, we have now learned that “fear” is a spirit [a demon].
 - Second, if it comes at us, we can rebuke it in Jesus because God has given us POWER, LOVE, and a SOUND MIND!
 - Okay, so we can see the importance of power over fear, but love? This is why knowing scripture is so powerful!! “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.” 1 John 4:18. Who is perfect love? God!! 1 John 4:8 “for God is love.”
 - Third, a SOUND MIND — “bringing every THOUGHT into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” 2 Corinthians 10:5.

So, if I know fear is an evil spirit, I can do three things — first, bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” Second, “Therefore, submit to God (which I did by taking every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ). Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Third, I ask Love to wash me in His love because “perfect love casts out fear.” BAM!! Now, that’s POWER!!

Until tomorrow, Stand firm on the truths you have already learned and fire those POWER filled WORD WEAPONS at the enemy of your soul, but don’t forget the most important WORD WEAPONS of thanksgiving and praise to our GOD!!