

DECLARE THE WORD OF GOD

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

- Hebrews 4:12

When I first embarked on this journey with the Lord it literally felt as though I was being called out upon the waters — Matthew 14:28-29. I hadn't read a single word out of the Bible — EVER. It was intimidating. "Where do I begin? Who is who? Do I read it in chronological order? What exactly am I supposed to do with this Bible? Do I merely read it and say some prayers daily? How often should I read it? Should I not read it and just go to a church and let them read it to me—I'll just bring it along, maybe?"

Now, please remember this was when I was still living in sin, but both <u>convicted</u> <u>and called</u> by Christ. This was my starting point. I hadn't read the Bible and I also hadn't attended church — besides tagging along to a Catholic mass after a sleepover with a friend in my adolescent years. This was all brand new to me.

What I did know for certain was that my spirit ached for "home". It's the best I can do to put it into words. I felt homesick. I longed for peace. I longed for acceptance. I longed for a spiritual "hug". Something was missing inside me.

There was a hole in my heart that I couldn't deny. Nothing quenched that homesick feeling — **nothing**. Not a man, a new car, a prestigious career, money, notoriety, or a great workout.

My heart yearned for the only Love it was made for... **The Love of God**.

God saw my heart and knew I was famished. The groans of my spirit - Romans 8:26, reached His ears and He answered my unspoken prayer - Psalm 65:2, — "Where do I begin with the Bible?"

There are many teachings advocating "how to" begin your journey with the Bible, **but I still stand firm that if you pray God will guide you** — Psalm 65:2, James 1:5.

God guided me first to Mark 5:25-34, the woman with the issue of blood. Then to Genesis and all the way through Leviticus — which I think was a test because Leviticus would be a stopping point for many, I'm sure! He took me through the Proverbs, Psalm 91, and eventually I would cover the whole Bible.

During my exploring of the Bible, <u>I realized it was exploring me</u>! I couldn't read a page without saying, "WOW! God, yes! This is how I feel! This is what my life sounds like right now! Man, I feel like Noah, I can relate to Joseph, I have a Goliath too, and that woman with the issue of blood — God, I feel that same shame...".

I started underlining, highlighting, post-it noting every line I connected with. God was taking me somewhere, I was following His lead.

Then, I had a revelation. When I spoke *about* the Word – specifically what I had read and made connection with, I felt **EMPOWERED**. An incredible surge of divine empowerment, but also the atmosphere would shift. Sometimes it was so tangible I swear I could feel the Holy Spirit's presence wrapped around me – and it's still that way today.

I began attending online services under a Prophetic Ministry and over the span of 5 years that ministry has become my home church and my leadership. I am

forever grateful for God's leading. He knew exactly where to lead me based on the gifts He gave me.

Now, I had the active Word in my life, the powerful presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this God ordained connection. For the first time in my life — my hunger was satisfied.

During one of the ministry broadcasts, Prophetess said she wanted to give us specific scriptures to cover ourselves and our loved ones in that season. I immediately wrote them all down, found them in my Bible, and underlined them, some of which I had already underlined.

I felt called to type and print them out as well as share them with my mother daughter. So, that's exactly what I did. I gave both of them a copy. And I advised them as Prophetess advised us, "Declare the Word of God".

I had a "light bulb" moment. I made the connection. All those times I was sharing my personal experiences with others about the Word and naming the specific scriptures that correlated with my experience, <u>I WAS IN FACT</u>
<u>ACTIVATING AND DECLARING THE WORD OF GOD.</u>

God is strategic. He knows exactly what He's doing.

So, I took my printed out list and began declaring the scriptures intentionally. But, it didn't stop there. I felt such a significant internal shift while openly declaring that I couldn't stop. It led me into praise, worship, and authoritative prayer on the regular. The shift was not only internal — it was very much *external* too.

My sufferings were melting and turning in my favor — all under the power and authority of the infallible Word of God.

Over the course of many years, I've added new scriptures — and my tongue, in fact, has become <u>a weapon</u> - Proverbs 18:21, Ephesians 6:17.

Now, the Lord has guided me to share *that* same list with <u>you</u>.

Since the original compilation of the list, as I've said, MUCH has been added. But the Lord has instructed me to offer it to you as He originally offered it to me during those foundational moments in my walk with Him. Adding nothing else.

I hear the Holy Spirit saying, "You will make it your own" just as I did.

No matter where you are in your walk with the Lord, this list will find you well. I believe it will be an anchor for you in many seasons of your life, a beautiful resource to tuck in your Bible— a reference you continually use and eventually memorize. I believe you'll print it, add to it, and carry it with you. I believe the edges of the paper will grow withered and feel as though they are disintegrating from all the handling, just as mine do.

For many of you, this list will quickly become your new language. You will activate the scriptures herein without consciously reminding yourself to do so. It will be an automatic response — like breathing.

Claim them, boldly declare them over you, your family, your household, your health, your business — everything. Stand firm and experience the Lord's power and might that can only be activated through the professing of His name and His Word.

May His Word's be in your hearts and always upon your lips. - Proverbs 22:18

HEALING

- "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Psalm 107:20
- "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3
- "Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth." Jeremiah 33:6
- "O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me. O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit." Psalm 30:3
- "Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind." Isaiah 58:8
- "To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the Lord has planted for his own glory." Isaiah 61:3
- "For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

HARVEST

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, "says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the

windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" - Malachi 3:10

HOUSEHOLD SALVATION

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15

REBUKE ATTACK

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn." - Isaiah 54:17

SAEFTY / PROTECTION

"For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go." - Psalm 91:11

"The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever." - Psalm 121:7-8

"Do not touch my chosen people, and do not hurt my prophets." - Psalm 105:15

PATIENCE

- "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9
- "Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." - Psalm 27:14
- "As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." James 5:11
- "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Mark 14:36

ENCOURAGEMENT / CONFIDENCE

- "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" Psalm 34:8
- "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." Jeremiah 29:11
- "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6

DAILY PROVISION

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." - Matthew 6:33

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

DISCERNMENT

"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people." - 1 Corinthians 14:33

"But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ." - 1 John 2:27

"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. **People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart**." - 1 Samuel 16:7

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." - James 1:5

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." - Romans 12:2

"but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." - 1 Corinthians 1:24

"Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

VICTORY

"But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me." - Psalm 13:5-6

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive" - Genesis 50:20

"so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11

FAITH

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." - Hebrews 11:6

BATTLE

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." - Proverbs 18:21

"The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." - Exodus 14:14

NEW LIFE

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

^{*} bold & underline emphasis added by Author.