

Here I am Lord...This is what I am thinking, needing, wanting, afraid of....

Reality Check

Reality check: Begin being real. Give yourself relief by being honest with where you are at this moment. Sometimes there is a reality gap. This can be a painful place to be because of the difference in what is happening in your life and what you think should be happening. Intentionally living a life shaped by God is bridging that gap in harmony with God’s Truth. Doing so simply flows out of a desire to belong to God. That desire leads to a radical transformation as choice by choice you exchange what isn’t His for what is.

God’s Word says what I need to know.

Truth

Getting to know Him better: God’s Word is full of His love language, promises, perspectives, provisions, requirements and more. Let the Word speak truth to you. If your mind is made up about what you are going to do, you may unintentionally resist the influence of the Holy Spirit. Approach the Word with an attitude of “Speak Lord, I’m Listening!”

Consider and clarify: How does this truth speak to where I am right now? Is this a step to take? A promise to claim? An insight to apply? Is there more to learn about Him? What do I need to get out of this scripture that I haven’t seen before?

Ask: Do I believe that this scripture is Truth?

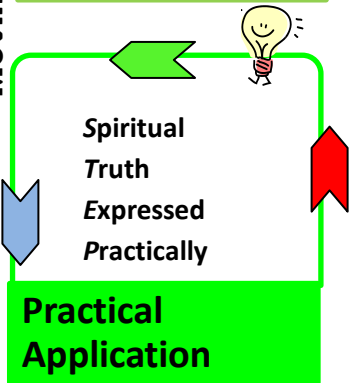
1. Ignore.
2. Wrestle?
3. “I Got It!”

Trusting His Truths?

Your choices depend upon your belief system. Will you choose to live by convictions that come from Truth or create compromises that lead to the distortion of Truth? Ask:

- Am I reading/hearing without thought of taking action?
- Is there a question, need, or desire that presents an obstacle for me?
- Am I being double minded? “I know Scripture says. But... “
- What will it take for me to trust His Word in this situation? Am I *willing to be willing* to respond to Truth and Trust God?
- What difference does this make to me?

Moving In Natural Increments



Taking steps towards a MORE Christ-centered life requires intentionally:

- Internalizing the new illumination you have discovered in Scripture. Ask “What do I do with this truth?”
- Clarifying what the next step will be. It is not necessary to leap tall buildings but define a simple application – something do-able.
- Exchanging self-sufficiency for His sufficiency choice by choice.
- *Failing Forward* when necessary. Stick to the Truth and do it His way when this opportunity arises again!

Living In Fellowship Everyday

I Got It!

Real Living

The “good stuff” comes when you Practice His Presence as you enjoy the priceless privilege of being God’s guy or gal. The relationship becomes more practical and visible as you intentionally exchange panic for peace; helplessness for hopefulness; fear for faith; weakness for strength; uncertainty for stability; bitterness for forgiveness; drudgery for joy; self-condemnation for restoration; emptiness for unconditional love; touchiness for tenderness, bondage for freedom and MORE “good stuff.”