

Walking with Jesus this week

MONDAY 9/9/19

Read Psalm 33:6. From OT through the NT, God's "word" is expressed in very personal terms like breath and breathing. God's "word" is not a black and white inscription on a page but the personal presence of the Living One beyond time and space. Lay on your back with your hands on your chest, eyes closed. Now, breathe. Visualize the presence of the Living One beyond all space and time breathing in sync with you.

TUESDAY 9/10/19

Read Jeremiah 23:29. God's "word/presence" is like fire, wild, untamed, unsettled, raw energy. Build yourself an evening fire. Take off your shoes. Feel the dirt or grass on your soles. Sit and stare into the flames. Listen.

WEDNESDAY 9/11/19

Read Isaiah 40:8. God's "word/presence" accomplishes and succeeds. The Living One gets things done. Sit comfortably in a favorite chair. Be honest with yourself. What do you most want the Living One to accomplish for you? Say it. Ask it. Request it.

THURSDAY 9/12/19

Read Deuteronomy 30:14. God's "word/presence" is inside you. Your heart beats with God. Find someone to bless this day. Feed the homeless. Call the person you have had on your mind. Smile at a stranger.

FRIDAY 9/13/19

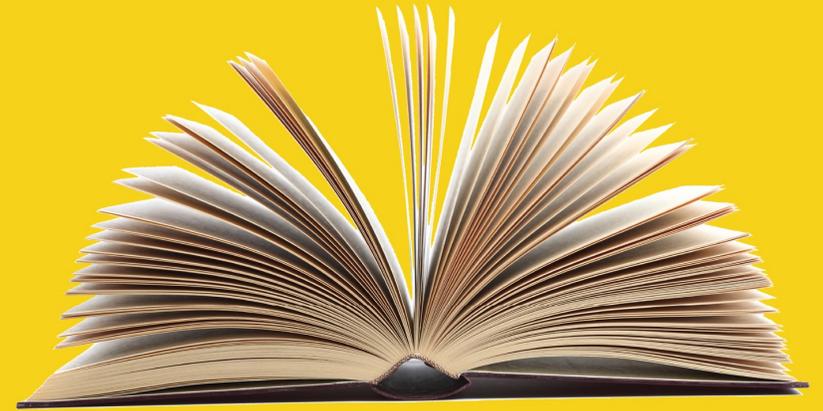
Read Matthew 13:44. God's "word/presence" surprises appearing when we least expect it. Go for a God-walk. To a mall, a store, down a busy street, in a park. Be sensitive and alert to God sightings, moments when you notice unexpected flashes of the Living One.

SATURDAY 9/14/19

Read John 5:39. Hold your Bible in both hands. Say "Jesus". You've got it. Everything in the Old Testament leads up to the physical appearance of the Living One. Everything in the New Testament is a commentary on the physical appearance of the Living One. God's "word/presence" is an invitation to enter a new way of being in the world.

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1) Listen

*"The heavens were made by the Word of the Lord.
All the stars were made by the breath of God's mouth."
—Psalm 33:6 (New Life Version)*

*"My words are a powerful fire; they are a hammer that shatters rocks."
—Jeremiah 23:29 (Contemporary English Version)*

*"Take the ... sword of the Spirit which is the word of God."
—Ephesians 6:17 (NRSV)*

*"...the word of God is living and active,..."
— Hebrews 4:12 (NRSV)*

2) Look

*"Smoke poured-out of God's nostrils,"
—Psalm 18:8 (Good News)*

*"...whatever is in the seas and rivers that does not have fins and scales [shrimp,
lobster, oysters, scallops calamri], among all the living things moving in the water,
are to be hated by you."
—Leviticus 11:10 (NRSV)*

*"[Jesus said] the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field..."
—Matthew 13:44 (NRSV)*

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways," says the
Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than
your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."
—Isaiah 55:8-9 (New Life Version)*

*"No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, Never so much as imagined any-
thing quite like it— What God has arranged for those who love him."
—2 Corinthians 2:9 (The Message)*

3) Lean

*"In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word [Jesus] was with God, and
the Word [Jesus] was God. He [Jesus] was in the beginning with God. All things
came into being through him [Jesus] , and without him [Jesus] not one thing came
into being. What has come into being in him [Jesus] was life, and the life was the
light of all people."
—John 1:1-5 (NRSV)*

*"You have your heads in your Bibles constantly because you think you'll find eter-
nal life there. But you miss the forest for the trees. These Scriptures are all
about me!"
—John 5:39 (The Message)*

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not
to abolish but to fulfill."
—Matthew 5:17 (NRSV)*

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