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GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIM

God wants to know you and talk with you. He wants you to have his peace. But ***all have sinned*** *and come short of God. This is how* ***God demonstrated that he loved us****: he sent Jesus to pay the price for us. Why did Jesus have to die for our sin? Because* ***the wages of sin is death****. Jesus died the death penalty instead of us. What do you have to do? Make Jesus Lord of your life and believe that he died on the cross and* ***was raised from the dead for you****; Then say with your mouth you believe! Pray: "I believe in Jesus. Take my life and do something with it." That's it!*

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Start your year with a new habit that will cause your faith and walk with the Lord to grow tremendously! In fact, many of life's problems could be solved with the meditation of God's Word.

If you are prone to worry then cast all your cares on the Lord, knowing that He cares for you. The Word will work for you if you *DO the Word*. Taking it a little further, according to the amplified version (which greatly helped me), "to cast" encompasses all of the diversities of life:

"Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully." 1 Peter 5:7 ampc

God cares about us affectionately and watchfully. Your angel is watching you and protecting you according to

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Psalm 91. It is like God is saying to you *"I love to heal you, free you, and transform you, I GOT THIS, you are my child."*

"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8 niv

There is a progression that must take place to get to the next level. Meditation on the Word changes your perspective and your life. You can read your Bible and that definitely helps, but until you start meditating in the word, it won't get down in you. You have to meditate *day & night*. You can't carefully do what's in the Word without that meditation. Progression and growth happen by meditating day and night: that's when the word gets planted in you and begins to make you prosperous and successful.

Okay so *HOW do you meditate?* It starts by repeating the verses to yourself, you talk in a low voice to yourself, or mumble the verse. As you repeat the words, certain phrases begin to jump out to you. For example: repeating 1 Peter 5:7 … for He cares for you affectionately… He cares for ME, affectionately, He cares for me AFFECTIONATELY! Emphasize different words each time you repeat the verse. Make this practice daily, part of your getting ready schedule, just a few minutes a day will change everything.

Meditating also uses your imagination. By thinking on the possibilities of the Word, you will see yourself being successful in certain situations. Allow your imagination to work to produce thoughts of health, love, peace, and joy; allow it to create thoughts of abundance and prosperity, and a beautiful future. Remember this, God thinks of you in this way! (Jeremiah 29:11)

Allow yourself 10 minutes to meditate each day. Speak the Word of your choice to yourself and if you only meditate for 2 minutes, that will produce a huge improvement in yourself.

Meditating on the word has changed my life, too. Meditation on Romans chapter 8 set me free from chronic depression. Carefully considering 1 John 3:1 deepened my understanding of God's love for me. Romans 4:17-18 & Hebrews 10:39 caused my faith to grow tremendously! I meditate on Psalm 139:15-16 as I am believing God for a healthy little boy. I am scheduled to deliver sweet Caleb Jude on Jan 31. and I know God will make him perfect! - Sarah

Daniel will be 2 in a month

Ultrasound of Caleb at 33 wks