

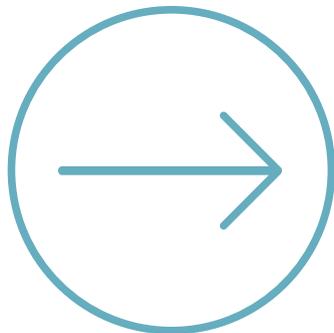
THE BIBLE READING TOOL



GOD SAID...



I HEARD...



I WILL...



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WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THE PASSAGE I READ?

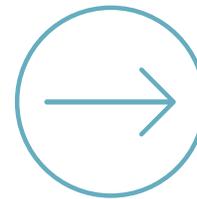
When God's Word is Open, God's Mouth is Open. When I open the Bible I am not just reading a book, I am reading God's Word. God says many things in even a short few verses. What are the things that are jumping out to me?



I HEARD...

HOW IS THE HOLY SPIRIT MAKING WHAT I READ PERSONAL IN MY LIFE TODAY?

When I Read God's Word, it's Reading Me. Because the Holy Spirit is always with me, He helps me hear what God is saying and connect it to what is happening in my life. There is always something God wants me to know and respond to if I take the time to listen closely.

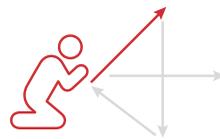
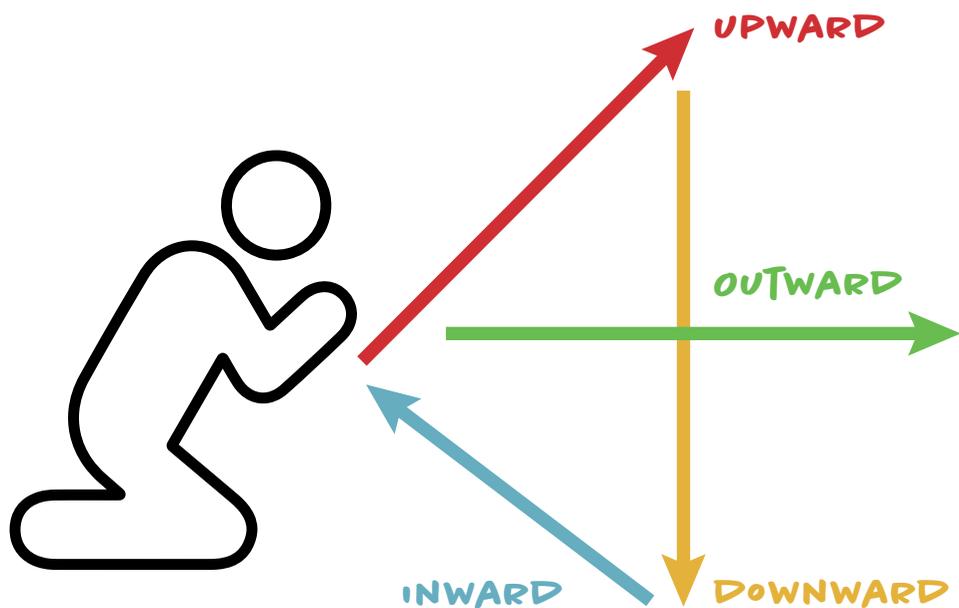


I WILL...

WHERE DO I NEED TO BE OBEDIENT TODAY FROM WHAT I READ?

What is my next Step? When the Holy Spirit shows me something just for me, He wants me to respond to it. What is the first thing I could do today to be obedient? What is my next step?

THE PRAYER TOOL



UPWARD PRAYERS - "GOD IS GOD"

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." -Matt. 6:9

Upward prayers are about telling God who He is to me and thanking Him for what He has already done. When we start our prayers this way, it reminds us how big God is.

Examples of Upward Prayers:

"God you are so good to me!"

"God thank you for how you helped me already!"



DOWNWARD PRAYERS - "I AM NOT"

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." -Matt. 6:10

Downward prayers are about telling God that we want what He wants, and that we want Him to be in charge of us. If God is God, that means that we aren't. What God wants is always best for us, for our family, for our church, and for our world.

Examples of Downward Prayers:

"God, help me to be happy with Your ways today."

"God, your Word told me to do something, help me be brave and obey you"



INWARD PRAYERS - "I NEED HELP"

"Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." -Matt. 6:11-12

Inward prayers are about telling God what we need. He wants us to realize that He gives us everything. We can ask Him for things like help with school, or for comfort when we are afraid, and even forgiveness when we have sinned. He cares about us and He wants to give us good things because He is a good father!

Examples of Inward Prayers:

"God, I need your help with this!"

"God, I have sinned, please forgive me"



OUTWARD PRAYERS - "SHIELD ME"

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."- Matt. 6:13

Outward prayers are about asking for God's protection as we go out into our day. There is an enemy who wants to keep me from following Jesus. I will need God's help to know how to follow Jesus today and His protection from the attacks from the enemy.

Examples of Outward Prayers:

"God protect me from the attacks of the enemy."

"God help me remember what is true!"