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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on John 6:63; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Incorporate Bible reading into your day (2, 3 or more times per day depending on your schedule) with focus on the power of the Word to increase your alertness to God.	Identify one or two friends with a similar passion to serve as accountability partners.	Study John 6:63; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:5; 2:13.
2	Reflect on your life to discern the influence of a religious mindset that may be hindering you from experiencing God through His Word.	Identify one or two issues that you tend to struggle with consistently in your walk with God and challenge yourself to apply what you are learning from the Word to each one.	Share with a prayer team (or one or two intercessors) and request prayer support throughout the duration of this plan.	Study the transforming power of the Word with your team or study group (Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 119).
3	Meditate on the power of God's Word (Psalm 19:7-11; Hebrews 4:12).	Practice "Stop – Meditate – Act" discipline on a daily basis when confronted with both small and large challenges. Identify the areas in your life where you experience the power of God's words least, then turn to the Word whenever you are confronted in these areas.	Identify at least one person in your church or community who has experienced and is currently experiencing the life-transforming power of the Word. Share with them your desire and request coaching/mentorship in this area of your life.	Find and read books or articles about the transforming power of Scripture (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
4	Begin every time in the Word with prayer, asking God to reveal Himself as you interact with the Scriptures.	Build in daily evaluation at the end of each day on the basis of 2 Timothy 3:16-17, adding other indicators as necessary. Reflect specifically on the times you experienced the power of the Word during that day, then on the times that you did not. Reinforce your successes and try to understand your failures.	Interview someone who regularly experiences the power of the Word, asking for advice and counsel. Imitate their lives.	Prepare a teaching on Psalm 119 for your small group or church family.
5	Practice "Lectio Divina" to bring the Word to life and tune your heart to its life-transforming power: 1) read a passage slowly, 2) meditate on it with a focus on hearing the Holy Spirit's leading, 3) pray through it in a dialogue with God, 4) contemplate the love of God in silence and adoration, then 5) go and obey the Word.	Identify areas of your life and situations where you can apply specific Scripture texts that you are studying. Refresh the list weekly or as needed throughout the duration of this plan.	Join or start a group devoted to experiencing the transforming power of the Word of God together. Pray, encourage, and keep each other accountable.	Read autobiographies of people like George Mueller who took the Word literally and experienced its miraculous and transforming power.
6	Pray for the Word of God to penetrate your heart, breaking down any strongholds that exalt themselves over the knowledge of the Lord.	Prayerfully, give time or money to a widow or orphan as a way to be a doer of the Word (James 1:19-27).	Find someone you can help experience the power of the Word and be intentional about investing in them.	Listen to sermons, teaching, or podcasts about the life-transforming power of the Scriptures.
7	Ask God to give you a listening heart, and pray that Jesus would have full reign in your heart.		If you are married, invite your spouse to join you in this journey in any of the above ways.	Join a Bible study group at church or in your community.
8	Ask the Holy Spirit to shine light on any values, experiences, worldviews, values, attitudes, traditions, customs, etc. that deprive the Word of power in your life.		Share testimonies of how you have experienced the life-transforming power of the Word of God in the past with at least one person each week for mutual edification and encouragement.	Study the life of one or two Bible characters who took God at His Word (e.g. Nehemiah, Paul, etc.) Seek inspiration from their examples. What was the process that took them from simply hearing to experiencing the power of God's Word? How can you implement this in your life today?
9	Fast and pray for restoration of hunger and thirst for the Word in your life and heart.			Study several biblical examples of people who did not listen to or believe the Word of God. What stopped them from believing? What were the consequences?
10	Worship with songs that use biblical passages.			Read To Enjoy Him Forever by Malcolm Webber.
11				Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
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