



FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE WORD 3

EPISODE 4

*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

1. SETH DAHL: The Bible says to hide His Word in your heart so you won't sin against Him. That goes beyond just memorizing it.

- What is the difference between memorizing the Word and hiding it in your heart? How do you do this?

2. HAVILAH CUNNINGTON: James 1:22 says, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” That word translated *doer* holds the word *creativity*—creatively doing the Word. It isn't so much that we find ourselves in the method, but we find ourselves in the message.

- Have you ever found yourself getting more focused on the right method of reading or knowing the Word than on doing the Word? How has this affected your relationship with God and the Bible?

- What are some creative ways the Holy Spirit has led you to “do” His Word?

3. HAVILAH CUNNINGTON: Each of us has a unique way of learning. There are different things that stand out to each of us. God loves us enough to pull on those different ways. And we have different seasons of our lives. I don't think I've arrived in my love for the Word. I'm just beginning, and I think it's still unfolding.

- What is your unique way of learning? Would you say your method for reading the Scriptures is a good fit for your learning style?

- How has your love and approach to the Scriptures changed through different seasons of your life? Are you enjoying the journey?

4. DANN FARRELLY: The Church throughout 2,000 years has come back to Scripture and been corrected and changed and rebuked and instructed. You can't skip over the difficult parts. Scripture is God's worldview, His reality map. We need to come back to Scripture and ask, "What's Your reality map? How do You say it is? How do You say it should be? How do You say what it's becoming?"

- What is something in the Bible that you have found difficult to understand or accept, and why? Do you need more information to understand what is being said, more faith to believe what is being said, or both? Ask the Holy Spirit for what you need. What is He saying?

- What are some specific areas where the Bible shaped or corrected your view of reality and the world?

INVITATION FROM ERIC JOHNSON

All Scripture is inspired by God for all times and all people. When you read a part of the Bible that you don't immediately understand or that even turns you off, don't dismiss it. Invite the Holy Spirit to open your understanding. Thank Him for being a God you couldn't have made up—One who knows more than you know, and Who promises to lead you into all truth.

Choose a verse and RWSSP—read it, write it, say it, sing it, pray it.
