

God Speaks to Us

During our Parish Lenten Bible Study, we are trying to understand and work out the way we are moving forward as a church group into perhaps a very different future.

When in a group and asked for ideas my mind usually goes a complete blank. I panic inwardly and then realize that we are not alone. Whatever we decide or plan to do, we need to discuss it with our Heavenly Father for His will be done. We need to meditate, pray and search His word for direction.

Proverbs 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding”

I remember many years ago when we belonged to a different diocese, a few people from our church attended a workshop on prayer. This event touched all of us in many ways, and some of our group requested the leader of this workshop to come to our church to lead a prayer workshop for the rest of the congregation.

Well, here we were; a few of us with the responsibility of organising this big event. In my prayers “Help us God” he guided me by Bible reference to Psalm 32:8.

“I will show you and teach you in the way you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you.” It was amazing to me how I was being led directly from His word. Since that promise all those years ago I have been thrilled by the way He leads me.

He knows that I have a short attention span, much of the time. Sometimes when I am meditating or in prayer, or even doing ordinary everyday things, I get the Bible reference to a scripture. If I do not look it up at the time it will keep coming until I do. This leads me back to prayer and sometimes action.

I am reminded in Job 33:14-17

14. For God may speak in one way or another, yet man does not perceive it.
15. In a dream in a vision of the night when deep sleep falls on men.
16. He may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings,
17. to turn man from wrong doing and keep him from pride.

Through all these prompts we are able to give God the glory by praying His word back to Him, meditating on it, using it to give us clear instruction, and whilst we are soaked in His word, we know that we are in his will.

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