

# Living by His word

## MEDITATION | *Comprehending God's Word*

Let's look at what will assist you in meditating God's word for understanding.

**Contextual knowledge:** by a subject or theme, when a thought begins and ends. To weave together a thought that builds a complete subject or theme.

**Expository:** someone who explains and interprets a subject or theme by various scripture throughout the Bible, to explain and interpret a passage of truth.

**Translation:** to put words, text or language into another language retaining the same meaning. To convert into another form, how it is interpreted.

**Original Text:** the authors' original writing, as compared with a translation. That's why we call it the original text.

**Revelation knowledge:** revealed knowledge of scriptural interpretation imparted by the Holy Spirit.

**Here are 6 Key points for meditation:**

**1. Never study for revelation knowledge from one scripture.** It's a combination of several scriptures that are combined together to bring truth to light.

**2. Scripture is always subject to its text before it can be removed and placed properly into any other text,** this helps keep out confusion. He leads you into the chapters that contain the same truth, subject or theme.

**3. Never take a single scripture alone and stand on that until the revelation of the truth of that particular scripture in its text is**

**understood.** (John 8, 32.) Ever wonder why some people could quote scripture and verse and still be faithless and so blind to the truth? It is because they never connect themselves to the complete truth. To memorize by isolated scripture verses will do you no good, until faith is built on a completed truth from the heart of God.

**4. If we take a Greek word meaning, apart from its text we could miss the whole truth all together.** Contextual truth is several words strung together; called scripture, to complete a thought, subject, theme or truth. Not the meaning of the word only. The meaning of a New Testament word is determined by four sources:

- 1** Other appearances in the New Testament.
- 2** How the word is used in the Septuagint — the Greek translation of the Old Testament, originally written in Hebrew. Written in 300-200 BC
- 3** Koine (Common) Greek word meanings
- 4** Choose the Greek word meaning by the text in which the word meaning fits.

**5. Observe who is speaking to whom and why.** For example; some letters are pastoral in nature. Some truths are subject to leadership or elders. Some things Jesus taught had a specific purpose and meaning for the natural Jew, (nation of Israel) not for the disciples or the Gentiles.

**6. Greek word meanings in Scripture are subject to a revealed truth, or they open a door to a complete understanding of a truth.** For example, "I thought if I feel

sorry, (grief), for the wrong I did, that was what made my repentance genuine or real." But if you read 2 Cor 7:8-11 you will find the truth to what genuine or real repentance is made of. With all four Scriptures put together we discover two different meanings to the word sorrow in the Greek. One is a godly sorrow and the other is a worldly sorrow. Paul said a godly sorrow led to repentance, but a worldly sorrow leads to regret. You may regret what you did, but it produced no change in your thinking that leads to your salvation. This is also where Greek word meanings assist the Scriptures in these verses. The words for repentance in the Greek have different meanings. One is meta-noyaa, meaning to change the mind in how it thinks about something. The other meaning meta-mel-omai, is a regret but brings no change in the heart of the person. The word for repentance used in verse 9 is meta-noyaa which leads men to their salvation. But worldly sorrow or grief works out death.

So a complete truth is brought out through both scripture and Greek word meanings working together for our complete understanding. Let's stop here and continue next month on this subject, because it is so important to our life while we are here on earth that we know how to properly meditate the Word of God!

Love,  
Pastor Jann



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## BASIC INFO

### SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning 10:30 AM      Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

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*But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

Psalms 1:2-3



IN THE  
WILD

# VBS July 9th-11th

DAYTIME EVENT ONLY  
10 AM - 4 PM EACH DAY  
COST: \$90

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OFFICES CLOSED - Independence Day** | July 3 + 4

**SERVICE CANCELLED - Independence Day** | WedPM July 3

**VBS - Grow Kids** | In the Wild July 9-11, 10AM-4PM, \$90

**Corporate Prayer** | Tuesday July 16th 6:30PM

**GUEST SPEAKER - Rick Renner** | July 31 + August 1, 7PM

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**SUMMER LUAU** | Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>



**GROWKIDS**  
**Vacation Bible School** *IN THE WILD!*  
Grade schoolers are going to VBS! It runs from July 9-11 on the By His Word church campus

**CULTIVATE** YOUTH  
Meet **Wednesdays** @7PM in GRC Sanctuary.  
**UNCOMMON CAMP!**  
August 19-22nd sign up at Cultivate