

# Living by His word

## MEDITATION | *The Best Approach*

When meditating the word of God our approach to the word is very important. My personal approach has rules I have applied to myself over my years of study. Let me share them with you, they may help.

**1** it does not matter what I believe, until I know what God is saying in scripture. **(Isaiah 55:8-11)**

**2** Remain open minded, Humility.

**3** Never use the word to fit a pre-conceived belief.

**4** Knowledge always takes time. Here a little there a little.

**5** Seek to know the nature that motivates God to do what he does, His purpose and goals that support His overall vision which is divine Love, not human love. **(Eph 3:17-19)**

**6** Never use the word to permit our old life to continue. **(Romans 6:1-7)**

**7** God's word will always change a person's heart, because it's the very thing we are to believe with. **(Rom 10:9,10)**

By applying these "rules" in my approach to the Word, they have done more to assist me in unlocking the mysteries that God wants to reveal to us. Having the right attitude is so important to understanding scripture. **Now that we have covered a method on how to approach the Word,** I want to share with you some brief notes of interest that helped me in meditating the scriptures. One is, there are many versions of the Bible. A version simply means a translation of the original text from one

language into another. This is where a lot of misinterpretations can happen. We must find a version as close to the original manuscripts as possible. When I say "original" text, I mean; we do not possess the original manuscripts but copies from the original. The versions I prefer are the NKJV, NAS. For the Greek "Nestle and Hort" and also "Alfred Marshall" has an interlinear Greek-English in KJV and RSV that I like.

In further discussion on the approach to the Word of God; there are some doctrinal tips that I find are very helpful when meditating the word.

**Tip #1:** I always encourage people first to understand the fullness of our tripart being. We are a spirit, with a soul, in a physical body. **1 Thes 5: 23.** Notice, the first half of this verse; "May the God of peace himself sanctify", (give each part clarity to its function) and the second half of the verse says, "so that when you're in His presence they work together in harmony." You must remember that the Word of God not only addresses nations, people and languages, but it also addresses His will for our "personal being"—our spirit, soul and body.

**Tip # 2:** To understand what the meaning and purpose of the cross is, what His crucifixion had to do with my being crucified.

**Tip # 3:** Do you know the present day ministry of Jesus.

**Tip # 4:** What is our inheritance in Christ "in him".

**Tip # 5:** The meaning and purpose of being born again.

**Tip # 6:** Know that the soul of man contains the mind of the flesh and spirit.

**Tip # 7:** Know the deception Satan uses, and the position he holds over the minds of mankind.

**Tip #8:** Understand how faith works.

**Tip # 9:** Relationship and fellowship are different. Relationship is bloodline; family, marriage, children, son-placing. Communion is our fellowship for bonding purposes. It's what builds our relationships. People need to be careful when using these terms. God provides the relationship, and we are to work at our fellowship.

**Tip # 10:** Promises that He secured for us has a command, telling how we apply ourselves to His promises. In fact, a command means authoritative prescription.

**Tip #11:** divine love and human love are not the same.

**Tip #12:** Know the meaning of grace

**Tip #13:** Know the meaning of sin.

We could go on and on, but I will stop here I hope this helps you in meditating the word of God.

God Bless You,  
*Pastor Jann*



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# BASIC INFO

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Sunday Morning  
10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening  
7:00 PM

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## Joshua 1:8-9

"Study this Book of Instruction continually. **Meditate on it day and night** so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. <sup>9</sup>This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



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**OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day** | September 2

**Women's Retreat** | September 6-8 **\$185**

**Women's Bible Study** | Sep. 10 resumes weekly Tuesdays 10AM

**Men's Breakfast** | Sep. 14 resumes monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. 8:30AM

**Word Connection - fruitful** | 9-part series September 15

**GUEST SPEAKER - Dean Braxton** | September 29, 10:30AM



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