

This is our FIFTH Msg in this special series – Alone With God
ALL based on our Daily Devotion Journal

Do you have a DDJ in your hands – if not – Pls Ask

I said at the beginning of this series
that this Devotional Process – that we call the DDJ →

is the ONLY thing I've ever seen be 100% EFFECTIVE
in bringing True Transformation into a Christian's life

There are other things (we call Spiritual Disciplines) I've seen work
a PERCENTAGE of the Time - on a PERCENTAGE of the people

But I have NEVER seen ONE Person - Make this
Devotional Process a Regular Habit in their Lives – Over Time
& NOT BE Truly & Significantly Transformed by it

The DDJ is really just 3 primary steps to Devotion
MEDITATE, APPLY, RESPOND

& ALL 3 of those Primary Steps
Must be Done in an Attitude of PRAYER

There is Dedicated Prayer at the Beginning
to prepare you for your time with God

& There is Dedicated Prayer at the End
to conclude your time with God

& in the Middle – this entire time with the Lord
is WRAPPED - & IMMERSED in Prayer

So – Let's PRAY - & we'll talk about it

The word COMMUNION is most often the Grk word KOINONIA

The word refers to - A Deep Relationship of SHARING –
of Oneness - of Having in Common

The Verb KOINONEO means –

A Relationship or a Sharing – IN COMMUNICATION

Prayer is KOINONEO

A Sharing (a Relationship) with God – IN Communication

This Communion (Sharing) with God - called Prayer

It is the Conduit of our Relationship With God

Prayer is WHERE our Relationship with God - EXISTS

Before the Fall - Adam & Eve had Full Communion with God

Sin Destroyed that Communion

Jesus Christ Restored that Communion

PRAYER is Practicing that Restored Communion

& it is that “Ongoing Communion” that “Koinonia with God”
that Radically Transforms our Lives

THAT is what ‘Devotional Prayer’ is ALL About

& Praying (in that Communion w/ God)

WITHIN our Devotional Time

Is one of **The Most POWERFUL Ways** - we can **Pray**

If we will learn to

Pray to MEET God – **Before** our Devotional Time

Pray THRU-OUT our Devotional Time – **In Communion** with God

Pray to FINALIZE our Devotional Time with God →

Then - **Over time** - We **will develop** One of The

Most Important Fundamentals for the Christian life →

Which is - **Aligning** Our **HEARTS** - with the **Heart** of God

& **Aligning** Our **WILL** with the **Will** of God . . .

1 John 5:14–15 (ESV)

14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

One of the Most Powerful things in the Christian Life

Is **KNOWING** that **you** are **ASKING for God's Will**

& **KNOWING** that **He** will **Bring HIS WILL to PASS** in you life

All we have to do – is **Know HOW**

WE can get into **ALIGNMENT** with **God's Will**

& **Learning** to **Approach** the Word of God

The way we've been **studying** in this series

WILL DO THAT for you

So – I want to go thru the Daily Devotion Journal
One more time with you (for 5th week) →

SHOWING YOU what I mean by
“WRAPPING (Saturating) this entire time - in Prayer”

But FIRST – Let me give you some Encouragement
about this whole Process – From George Mueller

George Mueller is known as one of the
Mightiest Men of Prayer - In the last 200 years

He Financed the Care for over 10,000 orphans in total
all thru Prayer & Faith Alone

& his “SECRET” combination of Using God’s Word in His Prayer
Is a lesson that’s been taught a Million times (I’m sure)

Here is a quote from one of his books describing
his approach to such powerful prayer

George Mueller

Now ... after having asked in a few words the Lord’s blessing upon His precious word, I begin to meditate on the word of God, searching, as it were, into every verse, to get blessing out of it.... The result I have found to be almost invariably is this; that after a very few minutes my soul has been led to confession, or to thanksgiving, or to intercession, or to supplication; so that, though I did not, as it were, give myself to prayer, but to meditation, yet it turned almost immediately more or less into prayer. When thus I have been for awhile . . . I go on to the next words or verse, turning all, as I go on, into prayer for myself or others, as the Word may lead to it.

Possibly the **Mightiest Man of Prayer** of the **1800's**
Is **describing** (in essence) - **what we** are **teaching** in this **series**

That's because he **helped me develop** the **DDJ years ago**

Ok – Now . . . Let's **go thru the DDJ One** More **time** (& *last time*)

1ST – You **PRAY** to **prepare yourself**

You Pray to **shut** everything **else** out – to **Get alone** w/ **God**

You Pray to **make** your **heart Ready** to **HEAR from God**

& **more important** – to **RECEIVE** what **God is saying** to you

THEN – As you **MEDITATE** on the scripture – **you're in** that **time**
of **PRAYER-Communion** with God - **in His Word**

You're reading the Word **slowly** – You're **Mulling** it over →

& **you** are actually **COMMUNICATING** with God in **PRAYER**
according to what you're **reading**

You're hearing from Him in His **Word**

& you're **Working thru it** in **PRAYER**

& **THAT** is where your **Paraphrase** of the Scripture **comes from**

AS you **writing out** this **Scripture** in your **own Words**

It is the outcome of your **Meditative Communion**
With God - IN PRAYER

THEN – Your **APPLICATION** is your **Inward Acknowledgement**

of **what God** is **Specifically Pointing At** in your **life** . . .

In-Line with **this Scripture** - & **For THIS Time** in your **life**

& this **Inward Acknowledgement**

is **accomplished** (Acknowledged) **IN PRAYER**

As you Interact with God – **According** to this **Scripture**

To **HEAR** what **HE** is saying to **YOU** – **Personally** – In it

THEN – Your **RESPONSE** is a **Commitment to God** – **In PRAYER**

of **what** you are **going** to **actually DO** →

about what The **Holy Spirit** has **IMPRESSED on you**

In-Line with this **Scripture** - & **AT this time** in your **life**

Do you see how this **Entire time** with God

is **IMMERSED** in an **Attitude of PRAYER**

So – it's **only fitting** that we

CLOSE this time with the Lord – **WITH PRAYER**

& **THAT** is the **LAST STEP** on our **Daily Devotion Journal**

The **Journal Page** simply says **PRAY:**

Write your prayer to God in response to this scripture

& **this prayer** can take **MANY Different Directions**

But it NEEDS to be “**IN RESPONSE**”

to **what** you’ve **just gone thru** with the Lord, **in His Word**

This **FINAL Prayer** is the **wrap-up** of your

Communion with the Lord during this **Devotion Time**

You’ve HEARD from the **Lord**

In Your **MEDIATION** on **His Word**

You’ve **APPLIED** what the **Holy Spirit** has **Impressed on you**

To **your life** – **Personally** & **Specifically**

You’ve committed to a **RESPONSE** of Action

In **OBEDIENCE** to What **God** has **Shown** you

Now – **What do you say** to God about **all that?**

WHAT is **in your HEART** at this **end** of this **Devotion Time**

That you **need to pour out** to God **in PRAYER?**

Maybe Your **INITIAL Prayer** would be

“Lord, SAVE ME!” - as **Peter** prayed in **MAT 14:30**

Or **Maybe**, **“Holy Spirit Come Alongside me & HELP me”**

As **Jesus Promised** the **Holy Spirit** would in **JOHN 14:16**

Maybe it’s, **“Lord, Transform me by the Renewing of my Mind with this truth you’ve given me today”** – As **ROMANS 12:2** calls us to

That is **ALL GOOD** - & That is **ALL according to Scripture**

But – the **Very BEST way** we can **Pray**
to **Finish** this **Life Changing Devotion Time** with **God**

Is to **WRITE OUT** a Prayer – that is **Kind of a SUMMARY**
of **What** we've **experienced** – **during** this **time with God**

So – **Let's take a Look**
at one more Completed **Daily Devotion Journal**

& **instead** of **focusing** on **ONE Section**
I'd like to move a little FASTER thru it →

So **you can see** how the **entire process REINFORCES**
the **THEME** of the **Scripture** - & **How it APPLIES** to my Life

& **Today** - I'd like to **start** with **reading the Scripture**
then reading thru My DDJ on the Scripture

& **I hope** you can **SENSE** the "**COMMUNION with God**"
in PRAYER - that **permeates** the **entire Devotion**

God is **GENUINELY Speaking** something **Crucial to me** here
Something that I **Genuinely Needed** to hear – **ON** that **Day**

The Scripture is **Psalm 29** - & the **reason** I **picked Psalm 29**
is **because** that day was **the 29th** of the **month**

So – **Let's start** with the **Scripture** (follow me thru it)

Psalm 29 (NLT) → →

Psalm 29 (NLT) 1 Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings; honor the Lord for his glory and strength. 2 Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.

The God of glory thunders. The Lord thunders over the mighty sea. 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. 5 The voice of the Lord splits the mighty cedars; the Lord shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He makes Lebanon's mountains skip like a calf; he makes Mount Hermon leap like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the Lord strikes with bolts of lightning. 8 The voice of the Lord makes the barren wilderness quake; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the Lord twists mighty oaks and strips the forests bare. In his Temple everyone shouts, "Glory!" 10 The Lord rules over the floodwaters. The Lord reigns as king forever. 11 The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with peace.

Powerful Psalm, right?

Ok – Here is my MEDITATION

[VIDEO – IMAGE = **01**-Psa29-DDJ]

& Here is my APPLICATION

[VIDEO – IMAGE = **02**-Psa29-DDJ]

& Here is my RESPONSE

[VIDEO – IMAGE = **03**-Psa29-DDJ]

& Here is my Closing PRAYER

[VIDEO – IMAGE = **04**-Psa29-DDJ]

Now – **Here's the POINT**

Do you think that **Psalm** was **SPEAKING**
to something **Personal** & **Specific** in **my life** on **that Day?**
(*you better believe it was*)

& Do you think God **GAVE ME** something **that day**
to **RENEW My Mind** - & thereby **cont** to **TRANSFORM My Life?**
(*you better believe he did*)

& Can you see how **much BETTER** this is
than me just **Rattling off** my **Laundry List**
of **Prayer requests** to God **that morning?**

This **kind of time** with **God**
Done on a **Regular Basis**

Will **Radically Change** the **way I Think**, & **the way I Live**

NOT because I'm **Demanding** - **MY WILL** be **done in Heaven**
But **because** I'm **Praying** - **GOD'S WILL** be **done on Earth**

**God's Word REVEALS GOD to Me
& it REVEALS God's WILL to Me**

**& Knowing - WHO God IS
& Knowing - WHAT God's Will IS →**

Will Radically change my life !!

**& STARTING – COVERING - & ENDING
this Devotional Communion time with the Lord
by PRAYING In-Line with God's Word →**

**Will FORCE God's Will
into your HEART & into your MIND**

**& Ultimately you will REMOVE yourself
from the Throne of your life - & You'll PUT Jesus Christ There**

**& Your SELF-Will – Will be replaced
With God's Good & Perfect Will . . .**

& your Life will be Transformed

As Romans 12:2 says (NLT)

2 . . . let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

THAT – is Life Transformation!

So – **NEXT WEEK** – In our **LAST Msg** in this **Series**

We're going to **talk** about **HOW to FIND** the **Scripture**
That you will **use** in your **DDJ's**

We'll talk about the **POWER of FOCUSING Your Devotion Time**
On the SAME TOPIC for **30 days** in a ROW

& **We'll talk** a little **bit** about **how**
To Approach Scripture

SO THAT you'll **know you're**
"IN THE SAME LANE" – (in the **'SAME GENERAL AREA'**)

As **God's Originally Intended MEANING** of the text

So – **STAY with me**

& **LEARN how** to have **POWERFUL** – **Life Changing**
Devotional Time with the Lord

Let's Pray

Communion