

# THE TAKE AWAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

## **Message Summary:**

In this week's message, Pastor John Carter continued to teach us how to walk by faith. One of the most powerful ways to walk by faith is to store up the Word of God inside your heart. The Word of God will not benefit you until it gets out of your harddrive, off of your device and into your heart. Faith must step out on the Word of God. It is the Word that enables you to walk by faith. You must learn to step out by faith on the Word of God, and you have to keep your eyes on the Word when life tries to distract you. Your faith life will never exceed your appreciation and love for the Word of God. You must learn how to treasure the Word of God. It is not just a book. It is the actual words of God. It is God talking to you, and that means it is alive and powerful. It is more essential to you than the food that you eat, than your dream or goals, than anything else in your life. It is the Word that **is in you** that will change your life. The Word of God must live inside of you (dwell in you richly) and fuel your faith. And it will when you truly believe that it is God talking to you. When the Word of God lives in you richly, it will naturally influence your own words and worship. Over time, the more Word that is stored up inside of you, the more you will sound like your Father when you talk.

## **Key Scriptures:**

- **[Colossians 3:16 NKJV]** 16 Let the word of Christ **dwell in you** richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- **[Proverbs 7:1-3 NKJV]** 1 My son, keep my words, And **treasure my commands within you**. 2 Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. 3 Bind them on your fingers; **Write them on the tablet of your heart**.
- **[Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV]** 20 My son, **give attention to my words**; Incline your ear to my sayings. 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes; **Keep them in the midst of your heart**; 22 For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you store the Word in your heart (write it on your heart)?
2. Why is it important to recognize that the Bible is God speaking to you?
3. What scriptures are you standing on in this season of your life?

## **Life Application:**

This week as you study the key scriptures, consider what Pastor John said, "One verse inside of your heart is more beneficial to you than a thousand verses in your Bible." It is only the Word that lives inside of you that benefits you. You have to write the word of God on the tablet of your heart (Proverbs 7:3). What scriptures do you need to download into your heart in this season? Learning how to remember the Word of God is the greatest skill you can teach yourself. So this week, find the scriptures you need to download and write them out. Write them on index cards and carry them with you. Put them on sticky notes and put them up around your home. Write out the full scripture with the reference and speak the word out loud to yourself. Practice, practice, practice – speak the Word, memorize the Word, meditate on the Word and watch what God does in your mind, in your heart and in your faith life as you fill yourself to overflowing with His Words.