

GROWTH

1. Glorify God
2. Love Others
3. Walk by the Spirit

SETTING THE SCENE

“I have not departed from the commands
of His lips; I have treasured them more
than my daily food.”

-Job 23:12

SETTING THE SCENE

“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.”

-Deuteronomy 8:3

SETTING THE SCENE

“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

-Matthew 4:4

SETTING THE SCENE

“When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart’s delight,
for I bear Your Name,
O LORD God Almighty.”

-Jeremiah 15:16

SETTING THE SCENE

“Then the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me once more: ‘Go take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.’ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the scroll...

-Revelation 10:8-10

SETTING THE SCENE

“He said to me, ‘Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’ I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”

-Revelation 10:8-10

SETTING THE SCENE

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.’ / “I am the bread of life.

Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died...”

-John 6:35, 48-51

SETTING THE SCENE

“But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

-John 6:35, 48-51

THE CALLING:

1. Stand Up & Listen
Ezekiel 1:28-2:2

THE CALLING:

Ezekiel 2:2,

Ezekiel 3:14,

Ezekiel 8:3,

Ezekiel 11:1,

Ezekiel 11:24,

Ezekiel 37:1,

Ezekiel 43:5

THE CALLING:

“The important thing is Ezekiel **STOOD**
obediently before the Lord
and **LISTENED** to His Word.”

THE CALLING:

2. Prepare to Go and Speak:

Ezekiel 2:3-5

THE CALLING:

Rebellious: Opposition to someone
motivated by pride

“Goy”: A word reserved for the gentiles

THE CALLING:

“Whether the people listened and obeyed or it went in one ear and out the other, Ezekiel had to be faithful to the command.”

THE CALLING:

“We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world. I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children.”

-1 Corinthians 4:12-14

THE CALLING:

“All I want after I’m gone is for people to say that I preached the Word of God the best I knew how to.”

THE CALLING:

3. Don't Be Afraid:
Ezekiel 2:6-7

THE CALLING:

“Who are you that you should be afraid of
a man who will die, and the son of a man
who will be made like grass?”

-Isaiah 41:12 NKJV

THE CALLING:

“Ezekiel was commanded to proclaim the Word boldly, no matter how his listeners responded.”

THE CALLING:

4. Feed on the Word:
Ezekiel 2:8-3:3

THE CALLING:

“God’s people must speak
from within their hearts
(The Word that is planted there),
or their message won’t be authentic.”

THE CALLING:

“The ONLY motivation that never fails is
doing all for the Glory of God.”

THE CALLING:

5. Go and Speak:
Ezekiel 3:4-15

THE CALLING:

“What people today need more than anything is to hear the Word of God.”

PROCESS FOR SPEAKING FORTH A LIVING WORD

“My Heart was hot within me; while I was
musing, the fire burned. Then I spoke with
my tongue:”

-Psalm 39:3 NKJV

PROCESS FOR SPEAKING FORTH A LIVING WORD

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| 1. My Heart burned | 1. Stand up and listen |
| 2. Muse, think on it | 2. Prepare to go and speak |
| | 3. Don't be afraid |
| 3. It Burned | 4. Feed on the Word |
| 4. Then speak it | 5. Go and Speak |

REFLECTION QUESTION

- What am I listening to?
- What am I speaking forth?

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Be intentional to find every way
possible to glorify God and
to speak God's Word.