

## THRIVE: THRIVE BY BREATHING, PART 2

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### SUMMARY:

#### **Breathing: the Word In and Out**

The Bible is more than a how-to, self help book. Breathing God's Word is first about taking in a deep breath and inhaling all that He desires for us to take in. At the same time, His Word is not intended to just remain in us but that we would learn to exhale and breathe His words to those around us.

We're living in a culture that doesn't necessarily value God's Word. Instead values Moral Relativism - you deciding what is right and wrong based on your thoughts and feelings.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How do you deal with spiritual disorientation? Do you notice when you are becoming disoriented? What do you use to help you navigate?
2. Do you find yourself stepping off the path of following Jesus to blaze your own trail?
3. Are you a follower of Jesus or a borrower? Does scripture inform your values, or are your values informing scripture?
4. Are you believing all of scripture as your source of authority? Will you trust God's word as your authority? How can you thrive in His truth this week?

*John 6:67-69 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.*

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."*

***Prayer: Lord, Where else can we go? You, and only You, have the words of eternal life!***

### FULL NOTES:

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**Luke 11:28**

He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

**Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God is alive and active.

**1. Breathing the Word prevents disoriented spirituality****Psalm 119**

**vs.2** Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart

**vs. 5,6** Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame

**vs. 9** How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

**vs. 105** Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

This rearranging is called "Moral Relativism".

**Isaiah 5:20**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Many Jesus believers are borrowers more than they are followers.

Think of moral relativism as moral anarchy.

**Genesis 3:4,5**

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

**Genesis 3:6**

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

**1 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV)**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons

**2 Timothy 4:3 (NASB)** For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires

Do my values inform scripture or does the scriptures inform my values?

**2. Breathing the Word decreases the crime rate and spiritual homicides**

Lies are accomplices to murder. Spiritual homicide happens mostly through the crime of the lies we believe.

**John 8:44 (NLT)**

He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**John 8:31-32**

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”