



I. Intro

- A. God is asking you to take a step and you are waiting until you understand everything
- B. If you are not sure where you are going, do what you know to do
- C. The WORD of GOD is the incorruptible seed
- D. I need to get the SEED into my life
- E. There is NO substitute to spending time with GOD
- F. Everything falls apart without the WORD

II. The SOURCE of LIFE

- A. Every single answer to every single thing we face is right here in the pages of the WORD. It is true for individuals and true for groups of people (nations)
- B. Not only will you not have vision from the right source, you will seek guidance from all the wrong sources

III. Independence Day BONUS!

John Jay - Our very first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States:

“By conveying the Bible to people thus circumstanced, we certainly do them a most interesting kindness. We thereby enable them to learn that man was originally created and placed in a state of happiness, but, becoming disobedient, was subjected to the degradation and evils which he and his posterity have since experienced.

“The Bible will also inform them that our gracious Creator has provided for us a Redeemer, in whom all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; that this Redeemer has made atonement “for the sins of the whole world,” and thereby reconciling the Divine justice with the Divine mercy has opened a way for our redemption and salvation; and that these inestimable benefits are of the free gift and grace of God, not of our deserving, nor in our power to deserve.

“In forming and settling my belief relative to the doctrines of Christianity, I adopted no articles from creeds but such only as, on careful examination, I found to be confirmed by the Bible....At a party in Paris, once, the question fell on religious matters. In the course of it, one of them asked me if I believed in Christ? I answered that I did, and that I thanked God that I did.”

Happy Independence Day!

#We as believers right now should be focused on II Chronicles 7:14 in America.



IV. So what does it look like?

- A. A little bit of what it can look like
- B. I want to warn you, you won't be able to say, "I don't know what to do" anymore.
- C. Personally, I am not always great with METHODS, but I have come to know that I cannot live without the MATERIAL!

#1–Fear God and embrace His son Jesus as your savior, redeemer

#2–Determine in your everyday life, you will not live without the WORD

#3–Be creative about the methods and try different ways

- Listen to scripture
- Journal
- Use art to reflect what you are reading
- Use sticky notes
- Write out your verse
- Color code verses
- Get into or with a circle and do it together for a period of time

Psalm 103 – A gift for you! (Bookmark)

V. Some Water from our time of meditation and prayer (this is now seed in our hearts and in our bags)

- A. UNRELENTING FORGIVENESS is the number one biggest pop out from Psalm 103 for me especially as written in the passion translation (which I think all 3 of us now have printed and placed in our Bibles)
- B. Oh, how often I WASTE TIME FEELING GUILTY
- C. Our Father's FAITHFULNESS
- D. Just how OMNISCIENT our God is
- E. God's boundless, unconditional, patient, mercy and love towards me

Closing remark:

"On May 17, 1829, John Jay was drawing near death after a life of serving his country. As recorded by his son, Judge William Jay, John Jay was asked if he had any final words for his children, to which he responded: **'They have the Book.'**"