

EXPECTATION TAKEAWAY

Key Point

Expect to encounter Jesus, the Word made flesh, in your time with Him. He longs to speak to you.

- 1) Do you “hear” the sound of His voice? If so, did you hear early in your walk, or did that take time to develop? If not, how can your commitment of faith and believing God will show up set the stage for your heart to be receptive?

- 2) When you read something in Scripture that you don’t understand, do you immediately look at study notes or commentaries? How can this lead you to “expect” to hear from man instead of God, the Author?

- 3) Read Psalm 32:8 and John 14:25-26. Who promises to be your Teacher? _____

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As you read your Bible more, you will grow in understanding, and your faith will grow deeper.

- 4) Do you challenge yourself to go deeper with God in your reading or simply skim the surface? Do you allow the Spirit to interrupt your flow of reading so that you can hear what He is trying to teach you?

- 5) Has there been a specific verse that God has used to address a misstep on your part, when you *knew* the Word was pointing at you or your actions? Share your experience.

- 6) Can you recall a time when you stepped out in faith only to encounter what seemed like failure? Did you later discover how God used this to grow you or your faith? Explain below.

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Inner healing will take place through the Word.

- 7) Write Psalm 107:20 in the margin. Do you believe this verse and approach the Word with hope for healing? List an example of a verse or passage that has helped in your healing.

- 8) Has the enemy convinced you that your lingering wounds are now part of who you are? Have your wounds become your identity, or do you possibly cling to a victim mentality?

- 9) Read all of Isaiah 61. Write out the verses that most speak to your healing in the past and even your current need for healing. Dig deep here! You can claim these promises for your life.

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God will speak clearly and precisely, and questions will be answered.

- 10) An earthly dad's tone may differ depending on his child's unique needs at the time. What are some different ways your Father may need to address or respond to you as His child?

- 11) God is in every detail of your life, even those things you may consider minor. Has He given you clear direction in a matter or an emphatic no to a particular behavior or attitude in your life? Share below.

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Your mind will be transformed as you hide His Word in your heart.

- 12) What stories or people in the Bible has God most used to transform your mind or your life? Tell why.

- 13) What is the difference between drawing the essence of a verse into your mind and absorbing it into your understanding versus simply memorizing the words?

- 14) What situations have you experienced when a memorized verse came to mind to direct you or give you unexpected insight?
