

# LOF 2 - SUCCESS THROUGH MEDITATION (THE DIVINE ORDER OF FAITH)

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## 1. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO MEDITATE THE WORD OF GOD DAILY.

- **Joshua 1 :8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**
  - **Meditate**
    - *to reflect, to mutter, to ponder*
    - *to make a quiet sound such as quiet reading.,*
    - *to contemplate a text as one repeats the words.*
    - *To quietly repeat the word in a soft, droning sound, while utterly abandoning any outside distractions.*
  - Your eyes and ears are the two gateway for two things to come in. WORLD VS WORD.
    - Don't just read it, you only activate one gateway.
    - BUT WHEN YOU READ AND MEDITATE - YOU ARE EATING/CHEWING IT/ABSORBING ALL THE NUTRITIONS FROM THE WORD AND GET IT DEEP IN YOUR SOUL.
    - Because you're not just READING, but you're also HEARING YOUR OWN VOICE.
  - The Hebrew word for meditate, "Hagah" means to **dwell upon the Scriptures**.
    - WHEN YOU DWELL IN SOMETHING, YOU'RE NOT SKIM READING IT.
    - 'OH I ONLY HAVE 7 MINS, I NEED TO BE FAST'
    - THE WORD SAYS MEDITATE MY WORD DAY AND NIGHT, WHICH MEANS DWELL.
  - WHEN YOU RECEIVE A PROMISE OF GOD
  - **'AND I WILL CAUSE THE GYPTIANS TO LOOK FAVOURABLY ON YOU. THEY WILL GIVE YOU GIFTS WHEN YOU GO SO YOU WILL NOT LEAVE EMPTY HANDED'**
    - WHEN I RESIGNED FROM A HIGH PROFILE JOB AND BECAME A FULL TIME PASTOR, I REMEMBER GOD GAVE ME THAT WORD!
    - OH GAWD, WHEN I RECEIVE A PROMISE LIKE THAT! I DEVOUR IT, I MEDITATE IT, I SHOUT IT LOUD!
    - YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, THE MOMENT I MET MY PREVIOUS BOSS, I TOLD HIM BOSS I WANT TO RESIGN FROM MY CURRENT POSITION.
    - WHERE ARE YOU GOING? IM GOING TO ANSWER THE CALL OF GOD IN MY LIFE AND I WANT TO BECOME A FULL TIME PASTOR.
  - HE SAID 'YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!'
  - IN MY HEART I SAID 'I'M NOT GOING TO DIE, MY GOD WILL CAUSE THE EGYPTIANS (YOU) TO LOOK FAVOURABLE UPON ME, YOU WILL GIVE ME GIFTS WHEN I GO AND I WILL NOT GO EMPTY HANDED! IN JESUS NAME'
- YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED
- HE SAID 'ROY, YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND TO ME, YOU ALWAYS GOT MY BACK, SO LET ME TELL YOU WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN! YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD THE CHURCH, AND I'M GOING TO KEEP YOU IN MY PAYROLL FOR 6 MONTHS!!!!'
- SO FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS I WAS A KINGDOM BUILDER WITH A SALARY OF A PROPERTY DEVELOPER! HALELUYA!
- **CREATE WITH IT!**
  - GOD USES HIS WORD NOT JUST TO COMMUNICATE.
  - IN FACT **THE PRIMARY GOAL** OF HIS WORD WAS TO CREATE!!!!
  - HIS WORDS ARE HIS **VEHICLE** OF CREATION, LET THERE BE LIGHT....BOOOM!!!
  - SO WE HAVE BEEN UNDER-UTILISING HIS WORD FOR QUITE SOMETIMES.
  - DON'T JUST COMMUNICATE, RELEASE THE WORD AND START CREATING HIS HEAVEN ON YOUR EARTH.
- The Word we meditate is the Word we become and do - this brings success.
- **THE ENEMY WILL DO ANYTHING TO STEAL THE WORD.**
  - HE WANTS TO MAKE US A GENERATION WHO READ THE WORD BUT NEVER EXPERIENCE THE TRUE POWER OF HIS WORD.
  - HE WANTS TO MAKE US THE GENERATION WHO WALK ONLY ON INFORMATION, BUT WE WILL NOT BE WALKING ON INFORMATION ONLY, WE WILL WALK ON A REVELATION.
- THAT'S WHY
- DON'T JUST SKIM THROUGH IT, MEDITATE IT.
- DON'T JUST READ IT QUICKLY, SPEAK IT.
- DON'T JUST READ IT SOMETIMES, MAKE A COMMITMENT TO MEDITATE THE WORD DAY AND NIGHT.

## 2. IF WE CAN SEE IT ON THE INSIDE, WE CAN HAVE IT ON THE OUTSIDE.

- Meditation is not a weird Eastern religious thing, it is God's strategy to **DEVELOP YOUR internal eye of faith**
- **IF WE CAN SEE THE INVISIBLE, WE CAN HAVE THE IMPOSSIBLE.**
- **What you meditate Can either Bless You or Hurt Us**
- **Genesis 11 :4-6 And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. 6 And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them."**
- The blueprint in the men of Babel's imagination caused the impossible to become possible.
- **Genesis 30:37-40 Now Jacob took for himself rods of green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in them, and exposed the white which was in the rods. 38 And the rods which he had peeled, he set before the flocks in the gutters, in the watering troughs where the flocks came to drink, so that they should conceive when they came to drink. 39 So the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth streaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 Then Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the streaked and all the brown in the flock of Laban; but he put his own flocks by themselves and did not put them with Laban's flock.**
- By putting certain colors/patterns near his flocks, Jacob kept his vision before him every day, and his faith literally resulted in his animals bearing offspring that resembled those colors/patterns!
- WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN MEDITATING LATELY?
  - ARE YOU MEDITATING THE WORST CASE SCENARIO OR ARE YOU MEDITATING THE POSSIBILITIES THAT YOU CAN HAVE WITH GOD IN YOUR LIFE?
  - ARE YOU ALWAYS MEDITATING THE NEGATIVE THINGS, OR ARE YOU MEDITATING THE PROMISES OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE?
  - **WHAT YOU'RE MEDITATING DAY AND NIGHT, IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN CALLING TO EXIST.**
  - IM MEDITATING 1,000 SOULS TO BE SAVED AND DISCIPLED THROUGH OUR CHURCH IN SYDNEY. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I'M MEDITATING DAY AND NIGHT, THAT'S WHY GOD HAS BEEN OPENING DOORS (WE'VE GROWN FROM 117 - 400+ EVERY WEEKEND, WITH BLACKTOWN WE WILL BE 600 SOON, CONNECT GROUP FROM 16 TO 30 CONNECT GROUP, OUR LIFESTYLE OF FREEDOM FROM 14 PEOPLE WHEN WE FIRST OPENED IT LAST YEAR, TILL NOW WE HAVE 180 PEOPLE BEING DISCIPLED WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT)
  - WHAT WE ARE MEDITATING, IS WHAT WE ARE CALLING TO EXIST.
  - CHANGE WHAT YOU'RE MEDITATING, WE NEED TO START MEDITATING HIS WORD, HIS PROMISES, **For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.**

## 3. HOW? HOW DO YOU PLANT THE WORD IN YOUR HEART THROUGH MEDITATION?

- **Psalms 1: 1-3 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.**
- **Meditation also means to speak silently to oneself.**
  - **Matthew 9:21 For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."**
  - THAT WOMEN **SPOKE** TO HERSELF.
  - THAT WOMEN SPOKE HERSELF OUT OF FEAR.
  - THAT WOMEN SPOKE HERSELF OUT OF DOUBT.
  - THAT WOMEN SPOKE HERSELF OUT OF DEFEAT.
  - "NO BODY WANTS TO TALK TO ME, I'LL TALK TO MYSELF OUT OF DEFEAT!"
  - YOU KNOW MOST OFTEN THAN NOT, YOUR FRIENDS AREN'T THERE TO GET YOU UP, YOUR LOF COACHES ARE NOT THERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU.
  - BUT YOU GOT TO LEARN HOW TO SPEAK YOURSELVES OUT OF FEAR.
  - SPEAK YOURSELVES OUT OF BONDAGE.
  - SPEAK YOURSELVES OUT OF ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION.
  - **IF ONLY I TOUCH HIS PRESEEEENCE, I WILL BE WHOLE AGAIN, MY FAMILY WILL BE WHOLE AGAIN, MY MARRIAGE WILL BE WHOLE AGAIN.**
  - CMON SOMEBODY HEEEEELP A PREACHER OUT!!!!
  - AND ALL OF THE SUDDEN HER FAITH ROSE UP.
  - NO BODY HELPED HER, HER FAMILY LEFT HER.
  - NO BODY ENCOURAGED HER, HER FRIENDS LEFT HER.
  - **EVEN JESUS WAS WALKING ON THE OTHER DIRECTION.**
  - BUT BECAUSE SHE SPOKE TO HERSELF, HER FAITH ROSE UP, THAT FAITH **PULLS** POWER OUT OF JESUS.
  - TOUCH YOUR NEIGHBOUR SAY 'NEIGHBOUR, YOU BETTER START TALKING TO YOURSELVES'
- **Speak it out loud to yourself.**
  - **Psalms 77:12 I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.**
  - **Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.**
  - MANY TIMES IN OUR LIFE, WE NEED TO LEARN TO SPEAK LOUDER THAN THE VOICE OF FEAR, DOUBT.
  - AS A PARENTS OF 3 KIDS, I GOT TO ADMIT WHOEVER SHOUT THE LOUDEST GETS OUR ATTENTION.
  - BUT ITS OFTEN TRUE WITH OUR LIFE.
  - WE OFTEN ALLOW FEAR SHOUT LOUDER THAN OUR HIS WORDS.
  - DOUBT SHOUT LOUDER THAN HIS WORDS.
  - LACK SHOUT LOUDER THAN HIS WORDS.
  - BUT TODAY, WE LEARN TO MEDITATE.
  - MEDITATE IS AN ACT TO SILENT DISTRACTION AROUND US AND ZOOM IN TO HIS WORD.
  - LOF STUDENTS, WE LOVE YOU DEARLY.
  - YOU ARE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS.
  - LETS MAKE A COMMITMENT TO MEDITATE HIS WORD DAY AND NIGHT STARTING TODAY.
  - LETS PRAY.