

■ Read the Bible every day

Starting January 1st, 2010, I am encouraging the CFC family to read and journal Scripture using a devotional format aimed at hearing from God daily and responding to his leading.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received and writing down your thoughts helps do this. While journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, **you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your Connect Group or mentors.** Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you.

As we read God's words, we begin to see how God responds to things. Doing daily devotions re-patterns the way we think and transforms the spirit of the mind. Then when we face similar situations as Jesus did, we begin to respond in the same way.

As you do your daily reading, make use of the following devotional format:

SCRIPTURE - *open your Bible to the chapter found under today's date and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.*

OBSERVATION - *What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.*

Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

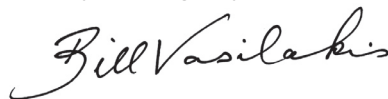
APPLICATION - *personalise what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.*

PRAYER - *This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.*

When Should I Journal?

It is a good idea to set aside time each day and find a quiet place where you won't be distracted. It's not important when you do your devotions, but that you make it a very important part of your day.

If this seems a little overwhelming, take it slow and keep it simple. The important thing is to show up for your daily appointment, because God is always waiting for you!



Pastor Bill Vasilakis

■ Daily Reading plan for 2010

Your personal Bible reading schedule for this year includes Old and New Testament portions of scripture. When reading the Bible look for:

- 1) Lessons to be learned
- 2) Examples to be followed
- 3) Promises to be enjoyed
- 4) Jesus to be revealed

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