

THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE WORD



My hope for this 3-week series is that each of us will appreciate and experience to a greater degree our engagement with Scripture as...

a place where we consistently and expectantly meet with God

the Spirit's irreplaceable tool for deepening our understanding of God's ways and will

how we *abide in the word* and the word abides in us to transform us with power

Let's read the Bible conscious of God's presence with us.

Let's read without hurry... listening and pausing.

Let's ask honest questions.

Let's express our confusion freely.

Let's invite him to teach us.

Let's dig deeper when something stands out.

Let's thank him when understanding comes.

Let's thank him when conviction comes.

*Let's ask him to plant his truth deep within our hearts
and write it on our minds.*

Gospels

90 days

1 chapter a day

doable, yet significant

a good place to start

or add onto a current reading plan

doing it together = corporate synergy





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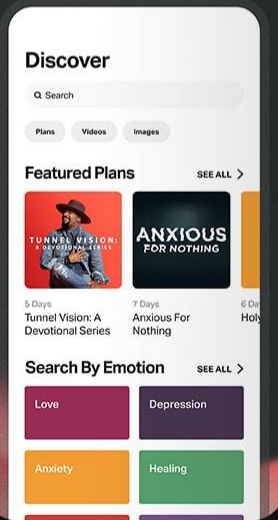
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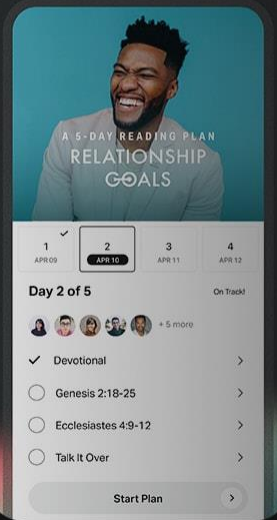
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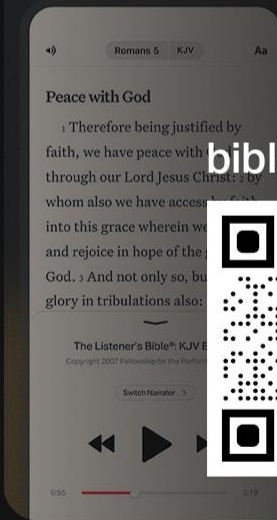
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*Often as we're reading Scripture,
the Holy Spirit reveals an area in our
belief system, character and/or behavior that
needs to change.*

*Sometimes as we're simply doing life,
we recognize something that needs to change.*

*However it comes, recognizing a need for change is a kairos
to engage with the Holy Spirit in Scripture
in a deeper, more intentional, more focused way.*

Gospels

DAY 5

I realize that I'm the kind of person who tends to have anger and contempt issues, evidenced by ongoing relational problems.

DAY 6

I realize that I'm the kind of person who has a gnawing need for other people to be really impressed by my spirituality.

DAY 7

I realize that I'm the kind of person who really hasn't taken Jesus' call to follow him in a lifestyle of obedience seriously.

Recognizing a need for change is an invitation to engage with the Holy Spirit in Scripture in a deeper, more intentional, more focused way.

“If you **abide** in my word, you are truly my disciples ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:31-32 ESV

meno

to stay/remain;
“to continue to be present”

parakupto
“denotes
to stoop to
look into”

James 1:25 MOUNCE

But the person who **looks intently** into the perfect law, **#1**

the law that provides liberty,

and **continues in it,** **#2**

not having become a forgetful hearer but **an active doer** **#3**

– he will be blessed in his doing.

parameno
“*abide* in a
close-working
relationship”

But **be doers**
of the word,
and not hearers
only, deceiving
yourselves.

James 1:22 ESV

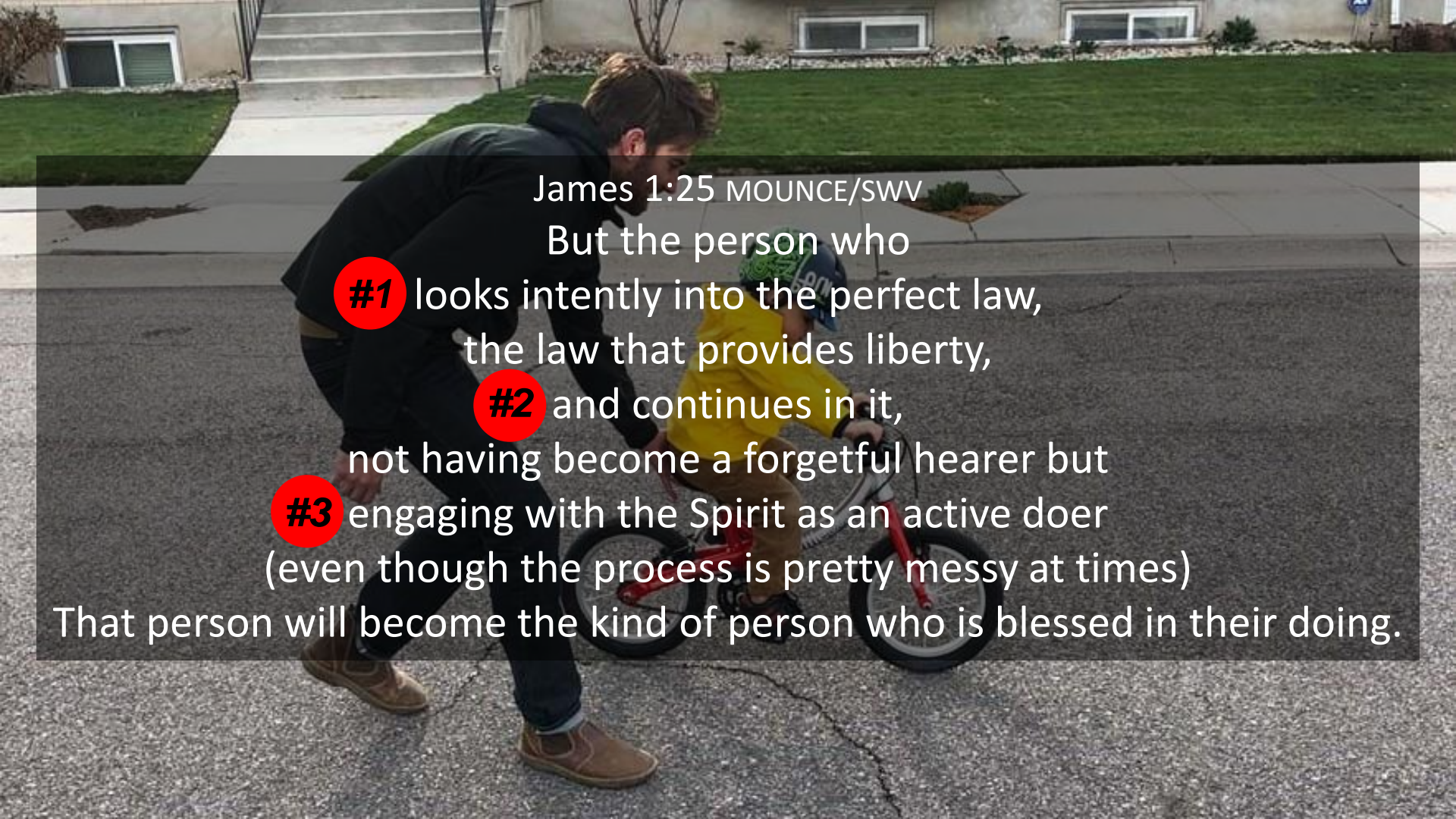
“The verb... needs
to be translated
as ‘become’... for it
is *becoming* rather
than *being* that
is at issue....”

Luke Timothy Johnson

Everyone who
comes to me and
hears my words and
does them, I will
show you what
he is like....

Luke 6:47 ESV





James 1:25 MOUNCE/SWV

But the person who

#1 looks intently into the perfect law,
the law that provides liberty,

#2 and continues in it,

not having become a forgetful hearer but

#3 engaging with the Spirit as an active doer
(even though the process is pretty messy at times)

That person will become the kind of person who is blessed in their doing.