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40 DAYS IN THE WORD

LESSON 6

TITLE: DEPEND ON GOD. RELY ON GOD'S POWER.

Our last weeks have been an introduction to:

Learning

Living

Loving the WORD

It's a lifetime journey, not a semester of your life.

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

How to continue in the Word:

Make a decision to do it.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 Living Bible If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

Make a declaration.

Make yourself accountable. Tell your friends and family what you're doing.

Make determination. You're not going to allow anything to knock you off course.

Double-up. Partner with someone. Make yourself accountable to someone else. Connect with them.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Good News Translation 9 Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. 10 If one of them falls down, the other can help him up.

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Principles of Bible interpretation:

Faith and the Holy Ghost are necessary for proper interpretation.

The Holy Ghost is the author explaining to you what you're reading.

The Bible is its own best commentary. The Bible interprets itself.

Read the Old Testament with the New Testament in mind and read the New Testament with the Old Testament in mind.

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Always interpret unclear passages in the light of clear passages.

Find the back story of the writer to which he's explaining or writing.

Don't form a doctrine based solely on one verse.

You cannot turn a story into a doctrine.

It's a story to relate the principle. It teaches a lesson.

Don't interpret scripture based on personal experiences, instead, interpret personal experiences based on scripture.

The point of the Bible is not to shape it to fit your experiences or circumstances,

You shape your experiences to fit the bible