



IN: A GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL FORMATION!

DOUG REED // OCTOBER 20, 2019

MEMORY VERSE: "For the word of God is living and active..." - Hebrews 4:12a NIV'84

IN God's Word

IN: A Guide to Spiritual Formation!

A guide to being with Jesus in order to more abundantly be Jesus.

Spiritual Formation: Where Christ Jesus is formed IN us. We transformed INTO His likeness.

Colossians 1:27 NIV'84

Philippians 2:1-2a NRSV

Spiritual Formation = WITH Christ & IN Christ

What is spiritual formation?

Regular practices motivated by God affection for us and our returning affection for God that place us where God can transform our souls.

Isaiah 64:8 NASB

Prayer: "God-You are the Potter. I the clay. Completely transform me. Form Christ IN me."

IN: A Guide to Spiritual Formation!

God, by His Holy Spirit, uses His Word, our life experiences & spiritual disciplines to form Christ IN us!

IN God's Word!

Hebrews 4:12a NIV'84

Martin Luther, "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

The word of God is living and active.

Psalms 19:7-9,11 NIV'84

The word of God is living and active.

God, by His Holy Spirit, uses His Word, our life experiences & spiritual disciplines to form Christ IN us!

"Come and sit here, right next to Me!" – God

Stop, be still and sit WITH God, IN His Presence. IN His Word. Why?

Why? To listen and learn how to live WITH, IN & FOR Christ Jesus. So HE will be formed IN us!

The word of God is living and active.

"Word of God speak; would you pour down like rain. Washing my eyes to see; Your Majesty. To be still and know that You're IN this place. Please let ye stay and rest IN Your holiness. Word of God speak." – Mercy Me

"Come and sit here, right next to Me. Let's spend some time IN My word." – God

Psalms 1:1-3,6a NIV'84

Psalms 3:3-5,8a NIV'84

Psalm 7:10 NIV'84

Psalm 9:9 NIV'84

Psalm 10:17 NIV'84

Psalm 16:8 NIV'84

Psalm 18:30,32 NIV'84

Psalm 29:11 NIV'84

Psalm 31:2b,24 NIV'84

Psalm 119:11,105 NIV'84

"When we meditate with such a psalm we become aware that our task is not so much to master the text of scripture as to be mastered by the Source of that text." – Marjorie J. Thompson

Are we sitting time aside daily to spend IN God's Word? Asking, "Word of God speak?"

God, by His Holy Spirit, uses His Word, our life experiences & spiritual disciplines to form Christ IN us!

Spiritual Formation: Where Christ Jesus is formed IN us. We transformed INTO His likeness.

Stop, be still and sit WITH God, IN His Presence. IN His Word. Will we?

Spiritual Formation: Regular practices motivated by God affection for us and our returning affection for God that place us where God can transform our souls.

Isaiah 64:8 NASB

Invitation Challenge Prayer: "God, I commit to spending time in Your word daily. God–You are the Potter. I the clay. I surrender my head, heart, hands & habits to You alone. Completely transform me. Form Christ IN me."

Bible Help Websites: bibleproject.com; biblegateway.com; blueletterbible.org; youversion.com

REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share our understanding of what the message was about?
2. How can we apply and integrate this message into our life?
3. What is our favorite scripture verse and why? How does it speak to us?
4. Read Hebrews 4:12 & Psalm 19:7-11. What is being communicated to us about God's Word?
5. Are we taking time to stop, be still and sit WITH God, IN His Presence. IN His Word? If not, what must change?
6. Read back through the listed Psalms. What words and phrases are living & active to us? Why?

FIND UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CENTRAL APP OR IN THE BULLETIN