

**FOLLOW ME – PART 6 – “SCRIPTURE”**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

- We have been in a series titled Follow Me, talking about spiritual disciplines or practices.
- If you want to grow in your faith, see change, experience transformation, you are going to have to practice some things that you may not have practiced before.
- We have covered Sabbath, Prayer, Fasting, and Solitude. Today we will talk about Scriptures, God’s Word.

**I. HOW DO YOU APPROACH GOD’S WORD?**

- Skeptic
  - The Bible becomes a book you argue with rather than a book you agree with.
- Situational Searcher
  - The Bible becomes not a book to read but an encyclopedia to find exact answers.
- Sacred Displayer
  - The Bible is a book you display in your house not a book that lives in your heart.

**II. THE WORK OF THE WORD IN ME**

1. Gives Me Wisdom
  - Matthew 7:24 NLT, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.”

2. Guides Me
  - Psalm 119:105 NLT, “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”
3. Corrects and Trains Me
  - 2 Timothy 3:16–17 NLT, “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”
4. Keeps Me From Sin
  - Psalm 119:11 NLT, “I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
5. Is My Defense
  - Ephesians 6:17 NLT, “Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”
  - Matthew 4:1-10

**III. THE WORD’S ULTIMATE GOAL**

- Goal: Information and Obedience through the Holy Spirit = Transformation
  - Decide on a time and place where you will read Scripture.
  - Start reading a book of the Bible.
  - Pray for wisdom before you begin.
  - Read one chapter. Ask the Holy Spirit, “How can I apply this to my life right now?”
  - Memorize verses that apply to your current situation.