**Training God’s Way**

**Matthew 7:24-29**

**Daily Time With Truth**

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1: John 8:31-32**

Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, “When you continue to embrace all that I teach, you prove that you are my true followers. For if you embrace the truth, it will release true freedom into your lives.”

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**Day 2:** **2 Timothy 2:2 (AMP)**

The things [the doctrine, the precepts, the admonitions, the sum of my ministry] which you have heard me teach in the presence of many witnesses, entrust [as a treasure] to reliable *and* faithful men who will also be capable *and* qualified to teach others.

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**Day 3:** **Luke 9:23 (TPT)**

Jesus said to all of his followers, “If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must disown your life completely, embrace my ‘cross’ as your own, and surrender to my ways. For if you choose self-sacrifice, giving up your lives for my glory, you will discover true life.

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**Day 4: Matthew 4:19-20 (TPT)**

Jesus called out to them and said, “Come and follow me, and I will transform you into men who catch people for God.”  Immediately they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Jesus.

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**Day 5: Romans 12:1-2 (TPT)**

Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart.

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**Discussion**

1. How are you currently preparing for the storms of life that will inevitably come?

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1. What is the biggest storm you have ever experienced in your life? What kept you afloat? What wisdom did God impart to you through that experience?

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1. What do you think of when you hear the word “discipleship”? How did Pastor Bob define *discipleship*?

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1. Read Luke 4:3-13. How did Jesus handle temptations and how can we apply that to our lives?

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1. Pastor Bob said, “When you open your Bible, the goal is to get the words off the page and into your heart all the while shaping the way you live.” What methods or habits have you developed that have been most effective for you to accomplish this? How does God’s Word come alive for you?

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1. How did you first encounter discipleship as a new Christian? Have you ever come alongside a baby Christian to encourage their faith? Share your experiences.

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1. How important is your Bible to you? How well do you think you would journey through the storms of life without it? How can you prepare for future trials making the best use of the wide availability of Bibles (in every translation) including commentaries and even all the various Bible apps? What is your plan?

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1. Pastor Bob said, “You’ve already made the decision whether or not you will survive.” What will you do starting today to get better prepared for whatever might come your way in the future so you can react like Jesus, naturally without even having to think about it?

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