

IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

Part 2 - Hearing for Yourself

A BIG QUESTION WE MUST ANSWER

- Who do we say Jesus is (*Matthew 16:15-17 NKJV*)
 1. Peter had the right answer - The Christ, the Son of the Living God
 2. This answer needs to be personal
- A great progression example (*John 4:39-42 NKJV*)
 1. The woman at the well told them about Jesus
 2. But they did not stop there
 3. This is where we want to go (*2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV*)

A GREAT WAY TO HEAR FOR YOURSELF - SOAP JOURNALING

- S: Scripture
 1. Take a scripture that captured your attention during your reading
 2. Write it down - unless you are capturing a longer passage
- O: Observation
 1. What does that scripture say to you
 2. This is purely what you see in this scripture
 3. Write that information down - does not have to be long or grammatically accurate
- A: Application
 1. How can you apply this scripture to your life
 2. Sometimes you may have to admit you are needing extra help making the application
 3. Again, this is not a win/lose, good/bad proposition - it's personal
- P: Prayer
 1. Write down a short prayer related to this scripture
 2. Could be a plea for help in this area or forgiveness for not complying
 3. Could be a prayer of thanksgiving for what God has done for you
- The value of SOAP journaling (*Mark 4:24-25 NASB*)
 1. Help you discern what the Lord is saying to you
 2. Help you clarify your thought processes
 3. Help you remember what the Lord has highlighted
 4. Help you see a pattern of what God was saying
 5. Becomes a valuable book as the years go by - to see God's hand in your life

WHEN IT BECOMES PERSONAL, IT BECOMES POWERFUL IN YOUR LIFE

(John 4:46-50 NKJV)

- The nobleman had a problem
 1. He came to Jesus and asked
 2. Jesus corrected him - unless you see / feel, you won't believe
 3. The man kept asking
 4. Jesus spoke to him that his son would live