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Report on A Voice in the Wilderness: New Chapter

Praise God for this new chapter! Its kinda hard to write a report on a book that you don't have right in front of you to go back at certain parts that really helped me. I'll try my best at what I remember. One of the things that stuck out at me the most was when God told him to go to Dr. Carver he did it no matter what obstacles were in his way. It seems a lot of the time when God asks people to do something, they'll do it until something gets in their way. With Rev. Helm so many people told him seeing Dr. Carver wasn't going to happen. If we just persevere and keep going, God will bless us when we obey what He has told us to do. If Rev. Helm had given into what these certain people had said and went back home, he would have probably never had a chance to go back and give Dr. Carver the message. Praise the Lord for his obedience. That's what I got out of this new chapter. Hopefully you understand everything I tried to explain. – Nick

The Power of the Word

by Jacob Litchfield

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? ~ 2 Cor. 13:5

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. ~ Ps.119:9

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. ~ Ps. 119:11.

Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble. ~ Ps. 119:165

I have been greatly encouraged in the last year to spend more time in God's word. I guess I viewed the Bible as important, but it has now become my life source! The above verses have proven true for me in a very real way! David Street, one of the professors here at KMBC, suggested that we should use the notebook method of examining ourselves with Scripture. As you read through the Bible, take note of things that stir you, things that you want God to do in your life, and things that you see need to change. I find it helpful to write it in a prayer form, asking Jesus to do whatever it is that jumps out at me.

I have found that in order for me to keep the victory, I need to keep an attitude of humility at all times! As I took on the challenge to read God's word in this way, I was absolutely amazed at the results. The verses that I started with here became a reality. Praise the Lord! Having this time with God in the mornings has put me in a position for God to do several things in me.

The **first** is that it puts me a position of trust and humility that is so important for not trying to do things on my own.

Second, I have had victory over sin; I found myself resting in the victory and letting God fight my battles for me. My job is to trust him, resist Satan and flee temptation, not fight it. (2 Tim. 2:22; Ja. 4:7)

Third, I have gained a greater knowledge of His word and His character.

Fourth, I have tapped into the blessing of Psalm 1, where God promised that the one who meditates on God's word will prosper in whatever he does. Whether it is my work, homework, or even sports, I have found His blessing resting on my life! Praise God!

It is so hard for me to believe how little "good Christians" know about God's word! I was just thinking the other day how God expected the Israelites to know and follow ALL of His commands. Why not us? There are several standards regarding media and other topics that, up till just recently, I didn't know why I believed them based on Scripture. I asked the Lord to teach me through His word, and he began showing me scriptures about things that I didn't know the Bible so clearly addressed. I believe that one of the big reasons that we don't have revival is that we are not examining ourselves with Scripture. And sometimes it seems that we don't care if we don't know God's word inside and out. What's wrong with us??? This is THE Christian's book to live by! God expected the Israelites to follow all of His commands and there were blessings untold for doing so. If we don't know about some command we will not be held accountable, but if we begin following it, we can better reflect the image of Christ. Check out Deut. 5:29. We are in the last days! It is so important that we as young people are not deceived or discouraged because we don't have a firm grounding in the word of God! God wants us to be copies of Him, but if we get our cues even from good men we will fall short of the "glory of God." How many times have you read the Bible all the way through? How many times have you read your favorite novel, biography, or autobiography through? The Voice in the Wilderness and Rees Howells Intercessor are good books, but if we are spending more time with these men than we are with Jesus (the Word) something is wrong with us. The Bible is God-breathed. I found that if I read five pages daily, it will take me through once a year, and twenty pages daily – 4 times a year. I challenge you to be a lover of His Word! Read it through several times a year if you can – it is worth the time spent!

New Chapter Report: Amanda Slatten

In this chapter what really seemed applicable to me was a quote (of sorts) by George Mueller saying how he “sought to get his heart into a state where it had no will of its own in regard to the particular matter he was praying over.” There are many big decisions coming up for me and I found this section to be encouraging – that I am not just totally wasting my time when I am waiting for God to show me the path to take, that He has His plans for me and they are better than any plans I could make, and that when I do have decisions to make He will be there to help me and show me what to do. It has been very encouraging as well to have other godly people in my life, to whose advice I can listen to and who’s experiences I can learn from. I believe God has really been working on my learning to trust His will for my life and to be patient in waiting for Him, as well as having joy even during very difficult times in my life. The portion about how joy comes from obedience is something I have really been considering a lot recently, may God use it to help me!

College Report – February 2009

Christina Bailey

When I graduated from high school two years ago, I made up my mind that I would not just choose a college and go to it; I was going to wait for God’s leading.

It has been a challenging road! I have had to give up my own agenda, expectations, and desire to be in control. For two whole years, I did not know what I was supposed to do with myself. I avoided answering kind, inquiring people. I fought in my own mind to know how to find God’s will. I daily had to trust my future to my God. I was not idle, though. I did my best to develop my own character and learn housekeeping skills. I continued studying music and college-level subjects. I kept myself very busy with helping Mom and Dad at home, pursuing my studies, growing in my faith, working on my projects, and being involved in the community youth orchestra and choir.

In December of 2007, I spent some time thinking over what college I would want to go to and in which area I would choose to major. I decided Ohio University, majoring in Music Education. This felt so right, why hadn’t I thought of it before? Finally, I knew what to do! Since we had just missed the entry deadlines for 2008, I would go in August 2009.

“Hold on a minute!” I told myself, “Even if it seems right, you cannot go unless God says to. Remember, you have been waiting all this time for God’s perfect will. Don’t mess it up now by taking a step too soon.”

Therefore, I set my mind to seek God’s will in the next six months, until we began the paperwork for enrollment. The next months passed without a word from heaven. I could not feel the peace of God at going or staying. I was in the same despaired place as before. My heart cried to God, “I cannot go without Your lead, but I cannot stay and do nothing!”

In the beginning of fall of 2008, I was advised by a man of God to spend more time in prayer. As I spent more time praying, God worked more on my heart. As the days passed, the pressure grew. Time was running out. The fork in the path was before me; I must decide. To the left was college, a logical option; it seemed like the right way, why not take it? Or, to the right was an empty, unknown path; if God wanted this path, where would it lead?

As time went by, I became more and more uneasy with the thought of going to college. I could not be comfortable with the thought of getting into debt and being exposed to the dangerous situations that are often found at a university.

In the late fall, I found myself in a conversation with a friend about doing college at home. At home, I could continue learning homemaking skills, study on my own, save my money, continue my projects, and be safe from the dangers at college. I began seeing how this option would fit me perfectly. My dream is to be a wife and homeschooling mother. Studying at home would be perfect.

Against my desire to embrace this new delightful option, I chose to pray for God’s approval first. After a few months of being quiet in my spirit and waiting and praying, I continued to feel at peace about it. I felt God’s peace.

Therefore, I am pursuing an associate degree at home by taking CLEPs and earning college credit. I am continuing to be involved in the New River Youth Symphony and Chorus; I am developing my musical talent by practicing trumpet, cello, piano, and voice; I am helping my parents with whatever work needs to be done; and I am spending my free time drawing and sketching and quilting. I am confident this is where I am supposed to be. Praise the Lord!

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.” ~ John 14:27

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Preparing for Revival

1. Every sinful thing must be put away.
2. Every doubtful indulgence must be sacrificed for the sake of holiness.
3. There must be prompt obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
4. There must be public confession of Christ before everyone (p. 32).

Lamicela, P. (2009, January/February/March). Youth Bible School 2008. *The Heartbeat of the Remnant*, 15.1, 32. Quote: Evan Roberts.

Upcoming Weekend: April 3-5, Fayetteville, WV
~ Plan on \$30 a piece for food and lodging. Let us know if finances are a problem.