

**This is not a summer to \_\_\_\_\_ but a summer to \_\_\_\_\_!**

**We thrive with good R \_\_\_\_\_, N \_\_\_\_\_ & E \_\_\_\_\_!**

**When it comes to “Nutrition” for “Thriving” in Life what we do with God’s W \_\_\_\_\_ and P \_\_\_\_\_ in our daily lives matters big time!**

**John 15**

*5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.....”<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

**Revelation 10**<sup>9</sup> *So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’”<sup>10</sup> I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.*

**Hebrews 4**<sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

**Psalms 119**

*<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

*<sup>15</sup> I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.*

*<sup>16</sup> I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*

**The call is to I \_\_\_\_\_, M \_\_\_\_\_, E \_\_\_\_\_, D \_\_\_\_\_**

**H \_\_\_\_\_ for, R \_\_\_\_\_, S \_\_\_\_\_ to and so take in**

**this Word of God in such a way that it fuels God-centered, God-honoring lives of love, obedience, service, worship—fullness!**

**HEARING PROBLEMS?**

**Psalms 40**<sup>5</sup> *You have done many miraculous things, O LORD my God.*

*You have made many wonderful plans for us. No one compares to you!*

*I will tell others about your miracles, which are more than I can count.*

*<sup>6</sup>You were not pleased with sacrifices and offerings.*

*You have dug out two ears for me.*

*You did not ask for burnt offerings or sacrifices for sin.*

*<sup>7</sup>Then I said, “I have come! (It is written about me in the scroll of the book.)*

*<sup>8</sup>I am happy to do your will, O my God.”Your teachings are deep within me.*

**Problem #1—**

We can D \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God by reading it primarily for:

I \_\_\_\_\_ challenge, P \_\_\_\_\_ wise living, and/or

I \_\_\_\_\_ - words of encouragement, comfort and hope!

The problem is this leaves \_\_\_\_\_ in charge!

**Problem # 2**

We can ultra-p \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God so that it serves us

in the worship of \_\_\_\_\_! The center of life shifts from the Holy Trinity

(Father, Son, Holy Spirit) to a Replacement Trinity comprised of

Holy W \_\_\_\_\_, Holy N \_\_\_\_\_ and Holy F \_\_\_\_\_!

**How do I hear...really hear?**

**Four Essential Elements**

- **READ** the Word so as to H \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Voice!

**Joshua 1**<sup>8</sup> *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

**Colossians 3**<sup>16</sup> *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

**2 Timothy 3**<sup>14</sup> *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- **MEDITATE** on the Word so as to C \_\_\_\_\_ our way into participating in the God-reality revealed in the text. We see ourselves there!
- **PRAY** the Word so as to s \_\_\_\_\_ to the speaker—conversing, dialoguing arguing, questioning, responding, answering, seeking, seeking.....!
- **LIVE** the Word so as to b \_\_\_\_\_ the heard, chewed, prayed Word into the realities and rhythms of everyday ordinary life!  
**John 8**<sup>31</sup> *Jesus said, “If you live by what I say, you are truly my disciples. <sup>32</sup>You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*