

Listen Up!

HEAR HIS WORD

Journal through the New Testament

Reading the Bible is helpful but studying the Bible is life-changing. The Bible is not merely a good book, it is God's book. I am so grateful that you have chosen to take the journal and really HEAR His Word. May God stretch you, grow you, and bless you as you work your way through the New Testament.

- Pastor Chuck Herring

"So faith comes by HEARing, and HEARing through the word of Christ"
- Romans 10:17

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Has your quiet time been so quiet you haven't heard from God? The **HEAR HIS WORD Journal** is intentionally designed to turn your quiet time into a special time with God.

For the **WORD** of the LORD is upright... – Psalms 33:4

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every **WORD** that comes from the mouth of God.” – Matthew 4:4

So Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the **WORD** of Christ. Romans 10:17

Let the **WORD** of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom... – Colossians 3:16

For the **WORD** of God is living and active... – Hebrews 4:12

HEAR is an acronym that stands for:

Highlight
Explain
Apply
Respond

Three to five sentences, in each of these four sections, are sufficient to turn your quiet time into a meaningful time with God.



Highlight

After reading the passage of Scripture, **HIGHLIGHT** each verse that speaks to you by copying it under the letter “H”. Write out the following:

- The name of the book
- The passage of Scripture
- The chapter and verse numbers that especially speak to you
- A title to describe the passage



Explain

EXPLAIN what the text means. By asking some simple questions, with the help of God’s Spirit, you can understand the meaning of a passage or verse. The next chapter will teach you in detail how to understand the meaning of a passage. Until then, here are a few questions to get you started:

- Why was this written?
- To whom was it originally written?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book?
- What is He intending to communicate through this text?



Apply

APPLY—This application is the heart of the process. Everything you have done so far culminates under this heading. As you have done before, answer a series of questions to uncover the significance of these verses to you personally. Questions like:

- Is there an **ATTRIBUTE** of God to praise Him for?
- Is there a **SIN** to confess or avoid?
- Is there a **PROMISE** to claim?
- Is there an **EXAMPLE** to imitate?
- Is there a **COMMAND** to obey?
- Is there a **TRUTH** to follow?

These questions bridge the gap between the ancient world and your world today. They provide a way for God to speak to you from the specific passage or verse. Answer these questions under the “A.” Challenge yourself to write between two and five sentences about how the text applies to your life.

Respond

Your **response** to the passage may take on many forms. You may write a call to action. You may describe how you will be different because of what God has said to you through His Word. You may indicate what you are going to do because of what you have learned. You may respond by writing out a prayer to God.

Sample HEAR entry:

Read: Philippians 4:10-13

Date: 11-30-18

H (Highlight)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13

E (Explain)

Paul was telling the church at Philippi that he has discovered the secret of contentment. No matter the situation in Paul’s life, he realized that Christ was all he needed, and Christ was the one who strengthened him to persevere through difficult times.

A (Apply)

In my life, I will experience many ups and downs. My contentment is not found in circumstances. Rather, it is based on my relationship with Jesus Christ. Only Jesus gives me the strength I need to be content in every circumstance of life.

R (Respond)

Lord Jesus, please help me as I strive to be content in You. Through Your strength, I can make it through any situation I must face.

DAY 1

Matthew 1



HIGHLIGHT the verse or verses that jump off the page to you.



EXPLAIN the meaning of the text.



APPLY the text to your life.



RESPOND to God's Word.
