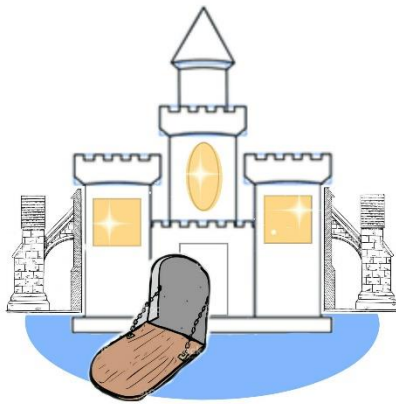




Week 6, Lesson 1: Divine Whispers

I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the LORD says (Habakkuk 2:1a).



Now that you have foundational support on your castle with a buttress (gotta love odd words) you're going to stand at your post on the watchtower of your castle. The view from the tower gives clear vision for miles away and provides further protection from the enemy and assurance of safety. The vantage point from above can alert you of potential threats and help you create a plan to defend your castle.

The Holy Spirit is your battle adviser. He sees your future from a long way off. If you listen, He'll give you a report and a plan of attack. Like a sovereign spy, He'll whisper divine secrets to you, plans to protect you and give you a hope for the future. But what if you don't hear the plan? What if you don't even know there is a plan? Sadly, many don't. They view their future from the distorted perspective of circumstantial evidence and stay trapped in a dungeon of defeat and despair.

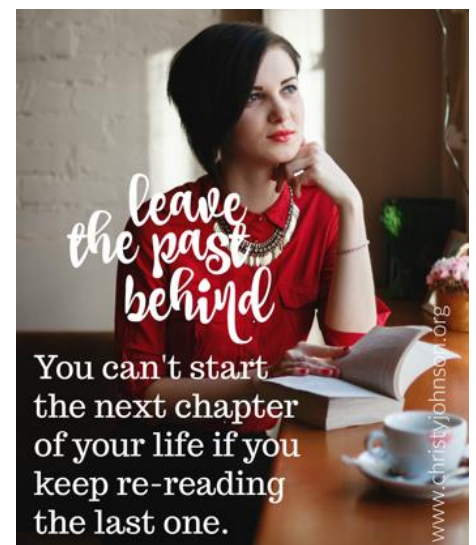
Don't Get Stuck on a Timeline

God sees the end from the beginning. If you're still breathing, He is not finished with you yet! Your story has a beautiful ending, but your adversary, the devil, wants to keep you stuck in the middle. Trapped in despair in the valley of the shadow of death. Don't let him pin you down. Your issues will continue to be a handicap if you refuse to take responsibility. You can't get over them until you go through them.

That's why you need a word from God.

If you feel stuck, it's time to climb up on your guard post! And guess what? If you heard His voice yesterday, it's time to climb back up as well. You need His direction daily. If you only look at your circumstances and problems, you will only see part of the picture.

In order to get the victory, you have to be able to see beyond the present reality and ask God to show you what He is doing in the midst of your problem. He makes beautiful things out of nothing. But if you stay focused on the nothing and not what He's trying to create in you, you're going to end up discouraged, depressed, angry and rejected.



BUT...when you see things through the lens of God's eyes you'll end up encouraged, full of joy, free of bitterness and accepted!

God can speak in so many ways. How do you most often sense Him speaking to you? (Check all that apply)

- Through dreams
- Through visions
- Through worship
- Through nature
- Through signs
- Through miracles and wonders
- Through circumstances
- Through His word
- Through sermons
- Through prophetic words
- Through confirmations
- Other _____

Often times, when God speaks, it's a mystery. A puzzle. You may not understand everything. YET.

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay (Habakkuk 2:3).

When does Habakkuk say the revelation is for?

- The past
- The present
- The future or an appointed time

What should you do with the revelation in the meantime?

- Try to make it happen on your own
- Write it off as a pizza dream
- Wait for it

Wait: to watch, to look out, to spy, keep watch, to observe.

When we wait before the Lord, there is an inner witness that senses his voice. Romans 8:16 says that His spirit testifies with our spirit. John 16:13 says that He guides us into all truth and will tell you what is yet to come.

How does God guide you into truth?

Why do you think God wants to tell you what is yet to come?

The gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-38) records the account of how the angel of the Lord told Mary she was going to have a baby. She was also promised that “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.”

Why do you think the Lord spoke to her about things to come?

After Jesus was born, angels appeared to shepherds to proclaim that the savior was born. The shepherds spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child (Luke 2:17). What does [verse 19](#) say Mary did?

How long do you think she had to treasure His word in her heart?

It would have been impossible for Mary to comprehend God’s entire plan. If the angel told her the whole story from the get go, she would have been consumed with sorrow. Knowing that her child was to be a sacrificial lamb, a baby born to die for the sins of the world, would have been traumatic without the gradual unfolding of God’s mystery and the benefit of God’s kingdom perspective. She had to treasure the promise long beyond her pregnancy and birth and even past Jesus’ death on the cross. The word from the angel was for a lifetime.

The same is true for you. God gives a glimpse of his plan for your future. If you don’t understand it all, it’s probably because He has only revealed it in part. Jesus said in John 16:12, “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.”

What word from the Lord do you need to hide in your heart, to ponder and treasure?

If you’re careful to listen and wait, God prepares you by giving you His word in advance for a reason. His divine whispers often don’t make sense until the veil is lifted. But one thing is certain—His word to you is your promised treasure. Ponder it. Wait for it. It will fuel your ability to endure and give you strength to fight and persevere. What you’ve treasured and preserved in your heart grows more precious as it ages. Don’t stop believing. Stand guard at your post. His word will come to pass.