

DRAWING FROM THE WELLSPRING

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Key Scriptures:

James 4:6

1 Peter 5:5-6

Proverbs 3:34

Questions:

1. Why is humility so key to drawing from the wellspring?
2. What does humility look like for you?
3. What does humility look like for God?
(helpful hint *Psalm 51:16-17 Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice.* (MSG).

And the Amplified Bible: *My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.*

4. Discuss what ways you have experienced brokenness before God and how this has changed and is changing your way of living. What does it look like?

Action: Wait on the LORD, Hear from Him and Pray for each other to receive His Word IN your heart.

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Practical Exercise:

Select **ONE** of the following passages of scripture below and spend some time mediating and marinating on it. Ask your self what is the core truth the writer of the passage is communicating and wanting the reader to know and understand. Write down your conclusions.

The next thing to do is take each verse at a time and ask questions of each verse, writing down any insights, thoughts and ideas you receive. Allow yourself to ponder any other verses that come to mind which might relate to the verse you are looking at, and write all these thoughts down.

There will be a picture that will be starting to form of all the thoughts and ideas the Holy Spirit is speaking to you about.

Things to look for:

The main theme or core truth that the writer wants us to know.

Who is the writer speaking to?

Are there absolute statements being made? Look for the words “so that” as there will be a very definitive outcome that is associated with this.

The context to which the writer is speaking.

Look before and after the passages to gain greater understanding of the context, and how the passages fit into the bigger picture.

John 15:1-11

Ephesians 3:14-19

Deuteronomy 8:1-20

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

We will look to get 2 people up each night over the coming weeks to share what they received from doing this exercise.