

## **Meditate on God**

† **Joshua 1:8** *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.*

This command from the LORD is always appropriate. Because of your sinful nature, the struggles will be with you until you get to heaven. The LORD knows that to be the case, and he also knows that being in close contact with him is the only true comfort and solution. From the God who loves, the strong encouragement to Joshua and the people of Israel was for them to meditate on the Word of God, day and night. Always talk about it. Make it the center of your attention. Be in the WORD.

Talking was the primary mode of communication in Joshua's day. Without extensive use of written communication, and certainly without the electronics we take for granted, talking was central to passing on information. Today, talking is still the most effective mode of communication. Having the Word of God on your lips gives witness, to yourself and those around you, of the hope and joy of salvation in Jesus. It should be noted that speaking aloud, even if no one else is around, works to calm, comfort, and assure yourself of what you know and believe.

That close connection to God has its full meaning in Christ. The Anointed One of God has sanctified the communication between God and humans. Without Jesus' sacrifice for your sins, you can have no connection to the Father. To foster that connection, which you need so desperately, study the Word.

† **John 5:39** *You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,*

Unlike the Jewish leaders, to whom these words from John 5:39 were addressed, Christians do not only study the Scriptures, but also believe that they are about Jesus. The Holy Spirit has used the words of Scripture to deepen understanding and to strengthen faith and trust in Jesus. Live in him, with him, for him.

***Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.***