

HOW TO have a living CONVERSATION with GOD

MONDAY	Luke 1:26-29 ~ <i>Gabriel's Greeting</i>
TUESDAY	Luke 1:30-35 ~ <i>Do Not Be Afraid</i>
WEDNESDAY	Luke 1:36-38 ~ <i>God's Word Doesn't Fail</i>
THURSDAY	Matthew 1:18-21 ~ <i>Joseph's Obedience</i>
FRIDAY	Psalms 25:3 ~ <i>True Hope</i>
SATURDAY	Joshua 1:9 ~ <i>Courage & God's Commands</i>

Steps to Having a Living Conversation with God

Step 1— Engaging the Truth

Start by inviting the Holy Spirit through prayer into your time in the Word. Acknowledge that you'll obey and ask him to guide you as you read. Read the verse three times through.

Step 2 - Exploring the Truth

After reading the passage consider: What is the main point of the passage? What do you like about the passage and why? Do you have a question about something? How could you explain the passage to a first grader? (This is a good way to make sure you've got it.)

Step 3 - Applying the Truth

This is where the rubber meets the road. Take a minute or two and be quiet and reflect on the passage and the discussion, asking God, "How am I to respond to all of this? What am I to do?" As we reflect, often God gives insight in one of three ways. He may remind us of:

1. A truth that we're to embrace about him or his ways or what he thinks of us.
2. Something to do or to stop doing.
3. Someone to love, to reach out to, or to forgive.

Step 4 - Prayer of Commitment

Commit to God in prayer to follow through on the direction he gave you. Obedience is his love language—let him know you love him!