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BUILDING MY LIFE ON THE BIBLE (40 Days In The Word Kickoff)

SCRIPTURES: James 1:19-25 [

Welcome to the kick off for 40 Days in the Word. We start with the topic: "BUILDING MY LIFE ON THE BIBLE." This is important to you as you lead – whether a Company, a department, a family or leading yourself...because only changed leaders can lead effectively; otherwise...

- Unbroken leaders will lead out of their own ego.
- Presumptuous leaders will do things God never told them to do.
- Only Christlikeness can overcome the fallen world system.

My goal is that we will **love** the Word, **learn** the Word and **live** out the Word as never before. The message series will cover:

- Inspiration – Why can I trust the Bible?
- Foundation – What's the purpose of the Bible?
- Illumination – You will be taught how to see what God wants you to see out of the Bible.
- Interpretation - How do I know what it means?
- Integration - How do I integrate God's Word into my life (Work, family, finances)
- Application - How can I use God's Word effectively (Making decisions, defeating temptations, helping others)

How do I build my life on the Bible? The answer is to look at the way God wired or shaped you. Everything you experience in life comes through one of five senses. God wants you to encounter Him through His Word with every one of your senses. We're going to look at this in James 1:19-25.

1. Receive it with my **ears** (verse 19 "be quick to listen accept the Word.")

The word "accept" (*decomai*) literally means "to welcome the stranger." If we're going to get God's Word in our lives we got to start with an attitude of "Lord, my heart is wide open to you!"

For good reception, this passage teaches we got to have 4 attitudes. Write down these 4 attitudes:

- a. I must be quiet - "*Be quick to listen and slow to speak.*"
- b. I got to be calm - "*... and slow to become angry.*"
- c. I need to be clean - "*... get rid of all moral filth and the evil.*" The word "filth" (*riparian*) means "earwax." Are there some emotional, spiritual, mental and ethical earwax blocking you from hearing from Jesus?

How do I take out this garbage from my life you ask? The word of God calls it CONFESSON. Confession (*homologeō*) simply means “to speak the same.” Confession means “LORD, I agree with you.”

- d. I need is to be humble - “*and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.*”
2. Read it with my **eyes** (verse 25 “looks intently into the perfect law...”)
3. Research it with my **hands** and my **mouth**.
Researching is Bible study – writing it down and talking about it with somebody. (Acts 17:11)
4. Review and remember with my **mind**.
“Mediate” (Joshua 1:8)
5. Respond to it with my **actions** (verse 22 “do what it says.”)
You only believe the parts of the Bible you do.

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