

Say What?

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- ¹⁶ All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

- “He who has an ear, let him hear” – It is only said by Jesus in the Gospels and in the Book of Revelation.
- God’s Word and His words to us by The Holy Spirit will affect us in four ways: They will Convict, Confront, Correct, & Confirm.

God's Word Convicts

- Conviction is not condemnation.
- John 3:16-17 - ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world, because the world already stands condemned.
- John 3:18-19 - ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

- Conviction will state the wrongs committed but will always point to the Savior who died for our sins.
- Condemnation points to death and Hell; Conviction points us to the cross and life through Jesus Christ.

- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 - ⁹ Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

God's Word Confronts & Offends

- Most of the world does not want to be confronted over their sin; as God's Word confronts people, God's Word will offend people.
- John 3:20 - ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

- Jesus will never offend a Christian who is open to the move of the Spirit, that is, the true movement and voice of the Holy Spirit.
- Religious people do not like being confronted by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God – Matthew 15:12 -
¹² Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?”

- Unfortunately, we have outsourced the Holy Spirit's voice to pastors and preachers, worship leaders and so-called prophets and we have not desired or tried to learn the voice of the Holy Spirit.

- John 6:60-63 - ⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this*, said, “This is a hard saying; who can understand it?” ⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

- “Offend” in John 6:61 is skandalizo in the Greek which means to entrap or trip up; something that offends.
- In Isaiah 8:14 where Jesus is called a “rock of offense”, the word “offense” is mikshol in Hebrew and it means “an obstacle”.
- Jesus’ words can be an obstacle for Christians.

God's Word Corrects

- Conviction means the repentance of the sinner or backslider
- Correction means the ongoing discipleship process we all are undertaking until Jesus calls us home.

- 2 Timothy 3:16 - ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; (AMP)

- “Correction of error” – The error happens through ignorance, negligence or willfulness.
- This is what happens most of the time as the Pastor preaches and the Teacher teaches.

- Psalms 119:9 - How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.
- Many Christians do not go into God's Word for change and instruction.
- The Holy Spirit will often use the Pastor as the final prod to get us to move.

God's Word Confirms & Teaches Truth

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- 2 Corinthians 7:11 -. ¹¹ For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what* clearing of yourselves, *what* indignation, *what* fear, *what* vehement desire, *what* zeal, *what* vindication! In all *things* you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
- John 3:21 - ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

- Knowing God's will requires a discerning of God's/The Holy Spirit's voice and not a memorization of Scripture.
- Don't ask the Holy Spirit to speak if you have already determined what He should say.

- What has the Holy Spirit been saying to you today?
- This week?
- This year?