

# Spiritual Journal (Bilingual)

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[0:00] First of all, I want to ask, if we are currently in the group, we are currently promoting a part of the content of the same episode to make the leaders of our own.

Any other people haven't gotten that question? Can you take a look at it? I want to ask everyone, if you have not received yet the daily devotional questions, that all the cell groups are using right now?

Are there any people who do not yet have the questions? So you all have them? If you don't have them yet, then there are English or Chinese copies?

I want to ask, first of all, through the talk, through the talk, and back to the same time, and back to the discussion of the group, and back to the discussion of the group, and then the discussion of the discussion, and back to the discussion of the discussion, and the discussion of the discussion, and the discussion of the soul groups.

The reason why we are pushing this daily devotional is because, firstly, it is to allow us to more deeply understand the Bible through listening to the sermon, personal reflection, and discussion within the soul groups.

[1 : 32] The second one is to allow us to make our spiritual habits. Secondly, it is to establish everyone's daily devotional habits.

We eat every day to allow our bodies to function. We eat every day to allow our bodies to function. ■■■■■■■■■■■■ Spiritual devotion is for the health of our spiritual life.

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So in the group, when we all do this together, we can bring together a different thing to help us. When everyone in the soul group is doing it together, they are able to remind and encourage each other to establish these habits.

That another good thing is, when we go back to the group to talk to the group, because you've already thought of these issues, you've brought your answers to the group, and you've brought your answers to the group.

[ 2 : 46 ] You've brought your answers to the group. You've brought your answers to the group. You've brought your answers to the group. Another advantage is that during our soul group discussion times, everyone will not only depend on the soul group leader to talk about the passage, but they'll have their own thoughts about it, and be able to have a better discussion.

Maybe some of you have received the questions, but when you look at them, you're not too sure how to go about answering them or reflect on them.

So today I'm not using the way to talk about it. I'm using my last week's own personal memory record to share with you. Let's show you how to explain how I think about these issues.

So today will not be a sermon format, but Ben will use his own daily devotional diary as an example for everyone to see. Maybe you don't have to write as much as he did, because everyone's reflection is different.

Let's see one day one day. What's the question on Monday? So let's go day by day. So what's the question on Monday? What's the question on Monday?

[ 4 : 21 ] So Monday's question is what information is the author conveying in this passage? That's a question on Monday's passage. So what is the passage trying to tell us superficially?

That I see in today's passage, we see that Jesus, He was raptured and was born after the service of God. So the first point is we can see that after Jesus got baptized, He began His ministry.

In the work he does, he has a call to the priest, a teaching, a guide, and a guide to heal people. So he says his works included, he called upon his disciples, he taught people, he excised demons, and he healed people.

In the passage it talks about how Jesus has a unique authority to do these works, unlike any other people.

In the passage it also says that impure spirits recognized him as the holy one from God, but people didn't.

[ 5 : 57 ] So how did people view him then? They viewed him as a powerful healer, and someone with great ability? That is my week of the first. It's not hard, right?

So that's been Sunday reflection. That's pretty easy. In the English, there are some very clear information. We will find out the superficial information from the passage.

Tuesday. What is the question? What is the question? If you lived in the passage that time, we will find out what the answer is. What is the reaction?

What is the reaction? What is the reaction? So what reaction would you have had to the passage if you lived in the author's time? So not now, but back then.

That I just think, if I was a normal Christian, what would you have had? Ben first thought, what would it be like if I was an ordinary Jewish person at that time?

[ 6 : 58 ] When I saw what Jesus was doing, I would become a bit curious, and I would even be a little bit excited.

If I or my family members were sick, I would definitely go and try and see if they can be healed.

And most importantly, because Jesus didn't accept any former payment. I would think, even if I wasn't sick, I would still go and see what the conversion was about.

Because back then there weren't any TVs or newspapers, so you can be quite bored. I think that's the reaction of a Jewish person.

That would probably be the normal reaction of a Jewish person. That would probably be the normal reaction of a Jewish person. That I'm thinking, if I was one of those people who were called the pastor, my feeling is this?

[ 8 : 17 ] And then Ben thought about what it would be like if he was one of the disciples. If I was one of the disciples, then I would think I would have a pretty good job.

Because back then Jewish people didn't eat pork. And they didn't eat beef often, and it was quite expensive.

So being a fisherman was actually a really good job.

Maybe even better than the doctor. But when Jesus suddenly appeared in front of me and said, come, follow me.

[9:37] And from the passage, we can see that I didn't think about what would happen if I quit this job, and what I would do in the future. And I didn't think about what would happen to my family, and my kids.

And I was filled with faith, and there was no fear in my heart. It was as if following Jesus was my last mission, and I had to do it.

And then, at that moment, they realized that everything in life was so inconsequential and so small in comparison.

So I followed him. You can see that. I was thinking about what would happen to him. So Ben began to think a bit more deeper on Tuesday. Wednesday, what did he think about?

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He also represents his future. I think us today are also pursuing the same three things.

Some people continually study hard so that they will have good skills. Some people put a lot of importance on family.

Some people put a lot of effort into their work. Some people put a lot of effort into their career. Some people wholeheartedly pursue their careers, working seven days a week.

[ 26 : 53 ] But the passage says that if you want to follow Jesus, then you have to leave all these things behind.

What does leaving these things behind me? What does leaving these things behind me? Does it mean we no longer need anything? I saw it.

I saw it. I saw it. It seems like it wasn't that way. After looking at it closely, I don't think it actually means that. Because in verse 29, it says that Jesus and the disciples went to Simon and Andrew's house and healed Simon's mother-in-law.

That's the case. That's the case. That's the case. That's the case. So from this verse, we can see that there's a conflict because in one sense, we need to leave behind your family.

But the verse says that Simon still has a family. So it seems that leaving behind mentioned here does not simply mean to throw everything away.

[ 28 : 21 ] But it actually means that to leave behind anything that is blocking you, from following Jesus.

When the fisherman's net became an obstacle to following Jesus, Simon and Andrew threw their nets away.

When the father Zebedee and the hired men became an obstacle to following Jesus.

When the father Zebedee and the hired men became an obstacle for James, they were left behind. Today, what is blocking you from God? Is it your pursuing of a career?

Is it your pursuing of a career? Or am I valuing my family more than God? Is it your arrogance?

[ 29 : 32 ] Or your laziness? What are the nets in your hands? What do we need to leave behind in our lives?

Saturday, last day. So Friday, we meditate on the passage and reflect on your life.

and see if there are any actions that you need to take or changes that you should make to respond to what God has shown you this week. So I made a panic for myself.

So Ben made some reflections? As a teacher, we work very difficult, very■■■, and very difficult.

So the job of a minister is very unscheduled, busy, and scattered? This kind of job often brings about two kinds of feelings.

[ 30 : 54 ] The first feeling is that if things go well, I will feel like I have a lot of ability, and I feel very good about myself, and sometimes I will even feel arrogant.

But more of a situation is the second thing. What's more often happens is that because in the teaching, there are many problems■■■ can't solve the problem and like doing it all over the time, and see the time, and see the amount of time, and see the amount of time, and see the amount of time, and see the amount of time.

Well, and the second kind of feeling, which occurs a lot more often, is that there is just a never-ending list of problems and things that I need to do, and my timetable is packed full, and it puts a lot of pressure on myself.

But today's passage has given me a big reminder.

Today's passage is exactly one day's work for Jesus. First, Jesus went to the sea of Galilee to call upon His disciples.

[ 32 : 08 ] Then He walked to the Jewish synagogue in Capernaum to teach. Then He went to the synagogue, and He also excised a demon. And at the synagogue, He also excised a demon.

Then He went to the synagogue, and He went to the synagogue, and then after coming out from the synagogue, He went to Simon's house to heal His mother-in-law.

Then there were many people who brought their sick, and demon possessed for Him to heal.

He was a busy day. So He was a busy day. After such a busy day, He should be exhausted.

You will have what reaction would you have? Maybe a lot of you would be like, I must sleep in longer tomorrow.

[ 33 : 17 ] Today's time is too late. I'm going to have to rest a day. I'm too tired today, and I'm going to rest tomorrow. But let's see, Jesus did what He did in the 35th. But what did Jesus do in verse 35?

The 35th tells us that very early the next morning, before the sun had come up, Jesus went to a solitary place, and prayed.

When I saw the whole day's work that Jesus had done, and then His reaction, I told myself, I should never complain again.

I must happily leave every day. I must happily leave every day. The more busy I work, the more I must be thankful and joyful.

Because I can continue to worship, because to be able to continue serving, means that God is continuing to use me.

[ 34 : 26 ] So in the past, I must tell myself, today I can be able to worship, that is the blessing. From now on, every morning, I will tell myself to be able to serve today is a blessing.

This is my week's reaction. So that's his Ben's one week reflections. I was telling you, this is not a book of a book.

It's for you to see me, how to do it. So as we said, this is not a sermon, but it's what Ben did for his week. Some people may find that his reflections may not be very logical.

It is Ben's own reflections and conversation with God. And these kinds of reflections can allow the passage into my life, and allow God's words and his teachings to change my thoughts and actions.

So today's one is just an example, and I believe that everyone has their own reflections, and does not, and do it in their own way.

[ 35 : 58 ] It doesn't have to be exactly like Ben's, but most importantly, you have to do it every day, and reflect every day.

Every day's Bible reading, reflection and prayer is a very important part of our spiritual growth.

So in the end, I encourage all the small groups, you to encourage your members, to do it every day, to do our spiritual work, so that we can do it every day.

So I encourage all the soul group leaders, to encourage their members, to do it every day, so that you can grow spiritually every day. Thank you for your support.

Thanks be to God. I'll be here Antes Era. Yeah. Yes.

[ 37 : 17 ] I hope you'll be there for an interesting moment.