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THE DYNAMIC WORD OF GOD

THE SINGLE VERSE THAT CHANGED MY LIFE



PASTOR KAYLEE HANKS

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:1-5).

HOW HAS THE WORD OF God changed your life? How has it dissolved the darkness in your life?

The Word of God began to make sense to me for the first time when I was in high school. I can't place the moment, but I remember it becoming real for the first time. Then I became

hungry for it and wanted to understand more. A lot of the Word didn't make sense to me, so I dug through the Bible, looking for those rare treasures that illuminated light in the dark, those passages that were beginning to make sense and hold real weight and meaning in my young life. The more I dug through the Word, the more it made sense; the more I dig through it today, still, the more I find. About 15 years later, I am still on the same journey through making sense of the Word of God. In 15 more years, I'll still be on the same journey, and 15 years after that. The beauty of the Word of God it is "alive." This means that the Holy Spirit always has something new to show you, new "a-ha!" moments, new breakthroughs and revelations

JOSH WITH AXTON AND CALEB, LIGHTING THE BAPTIZER CANDLE



of who God is and how good He is. That's also the beauty of God. I will never know all of who God is, but He still makes Himself knowable. And who I know Him to be so far already blows my mind. "But wait! There's more!" There's always more because God is not static or passive. He is dynamic and

active. His Word is written in the same way.

You may be familiar with the term, "life verse." Sometimes people pick a verse from the Bible that really resonates with them, one that they strive for or define their life by. Some may hang onto a single verse

their entire life; others may have different ones depending on the season. Some may have a combination of both. While there are many passages from the Bible that I love, there has always been one verse for me that has helped set the course of my life.

When I was a Junior in high school, Romans 12:1 became my life verse: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - This is your true and proper worship.*

I didn't know much when I was in high school. I didn't really know who God was. I didn't really have any frame of reference for His love. I didn't understand the gospel or salvation. I didn't know how to love people well. But I knew that Jesus was different. The Bible was making sense. Church was a safe place. And I was called to ministry, whatever that was supposed to mean. It all was enough for God to make sense of what a living sacrifice meant; it meant that I would dedicate my life to Him and find out what this really is all about.



PASTOR SAM, BELLA, RACHEL, & PASTOR VICTORIA

Throughout the years, this verse has never "gotten old," so to speak. It continues to be fiercely relevant because the Lord continues to show me new things about it and highlight different aspects of it. In high school, I focused on the living sacrifices part because it was at that time, I was finding meaning and purpose through Jesus for my life. In college, I focused on the true and proper worship part because I was growing into a worship leader at my church and understanding the implications of living my life

as worship to God. It wasn't about the music in the words; it's about my heart and how my heart gets put into action. Now, I am shifting towards the holy and pleasing part, especially in this new year.

As a child of God, I am called to live a life that is holy, or set apart. It's not a call to be perfect. It's not a call to be better than anyone else. It's a call to live my life different than the world does. It's a call to live according to the Word of God (even the really hard parts). It's a call to get healthy

and stay healthy in my heart, mind, and emotions. It means living more intentionally so that I am steady and steadfast, not just blown away by winds of people around me or tossed around by the waves of the culture I live in. It's a call to be honest and vulnerable with Jesus and to allow Him to take away the things that get in the way of our relationship, the things that do not support how He has called me as a leader, the things that negatively impact how I view myself and others.

The Word of God, as a whole, has changed me so much and has provided so many answers and solutions. I have grown by making sense of the words of Jesus. I have sharpened what I believe because of the words of Paul. I have pinpointed and prayed through the negative patterns of my life as I have read through the same

patterns of the Israelites in the Old Testament. So much change and transformation has happened in me, and it has made me passionate for change in others.

At the church, we joke about how much of a nerd I am because I love to research, study, and make resources. But the truth is that I deeply love making the Word of God make sense to people. I love creating avenues of understanding and clarity of God's truth. If we know the truth, it will set us free (John 8:32), and this freedom is unparalleled. It is the real deal. High school me had no idea, and she wouldn't believe who I am today. Who I am today is the result of hanging on to that verse for the last 15 years and allowing the Lord to transform me through it. ■

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Celebrate Recovery	2	3 Ladies Book Club
					Winter Camp	
4 Church	5	6 Mens' Bible Study	7 TRIBE New Family Fellowship	8 Celebrate Recovery	9	10 Ladies Paint & Brunch Potluck
11 Church Super Bowl Party	12	13 Mens' Bible Study	14 TRIBE	15 Celebrate Recovery	16	17
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25 Church	26	27 Mens' Bible Study	28 TRIBE	29 Celebrate Recovery		

Save the Date: Family Camp, June 19 - 23, 2024

Winter Camp: February 2-4, Jr. High & High School
For more details, see Pastor Victoria Flaherty.

Ladies Book Club: Saturday, February 3, 11 AM at Kaffe 101 in Coos Bay. We are reading *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murry McBride* by Joe Siple.
For more details, see Kimberly Moore

Ladies Paint & Brunch Potluck: Saturday, February 10, 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share for brunch!
For more details, see Marcy Papp

Super Bowl Party: Sunday, February 11, 3 PM in the sanctuary. Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert!
For more details, see Pastor Kaylee Hanks.

Church Service: Every Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Mens' Bible Study: Every Tuesday Morning at 6:30 AM in the Sanctuary.
For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.

TRIBE: Jr. High and High School Group, every Wednesday Evening from 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
For more details, see Pastor Victoria Flaherty.

Celebrate Recovery: Every Thursday Evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
For more details, see Bill Howell.



WINTER CAMP 24

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
FEBRUARY 2-4



PASTOR VICTORIA
FLAHERTY

Winter camp is quickly approaching, and I am beyond excited for our students! Camp is a great opportunity to experience the Living God with other students while having fun and building relationship with those peers. I think that is what is so appealing about camps (winter or summer). Whenever we are able to get outside of our day-to-day lives and intentionally seek God (like our current fast), our focus on Him allows us to see Him better. It's not that He



TRIBE STUDENTS, PRESTON, HANNAH, ELIZABETH, AND BELLA, ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

wasn't there. It's not that He wasn't speaking. But our focus changes what we experience.

What we've been experiencing at TRIBE has been a blessing to be a part of. As we are teaching and encouraging an environment of Spirit-filled behavior, we are hearing our students share stories of God moving in their lives. Answered prayers, healing, dreams from God, encouraging and building each other up, etc. We know without a doubt

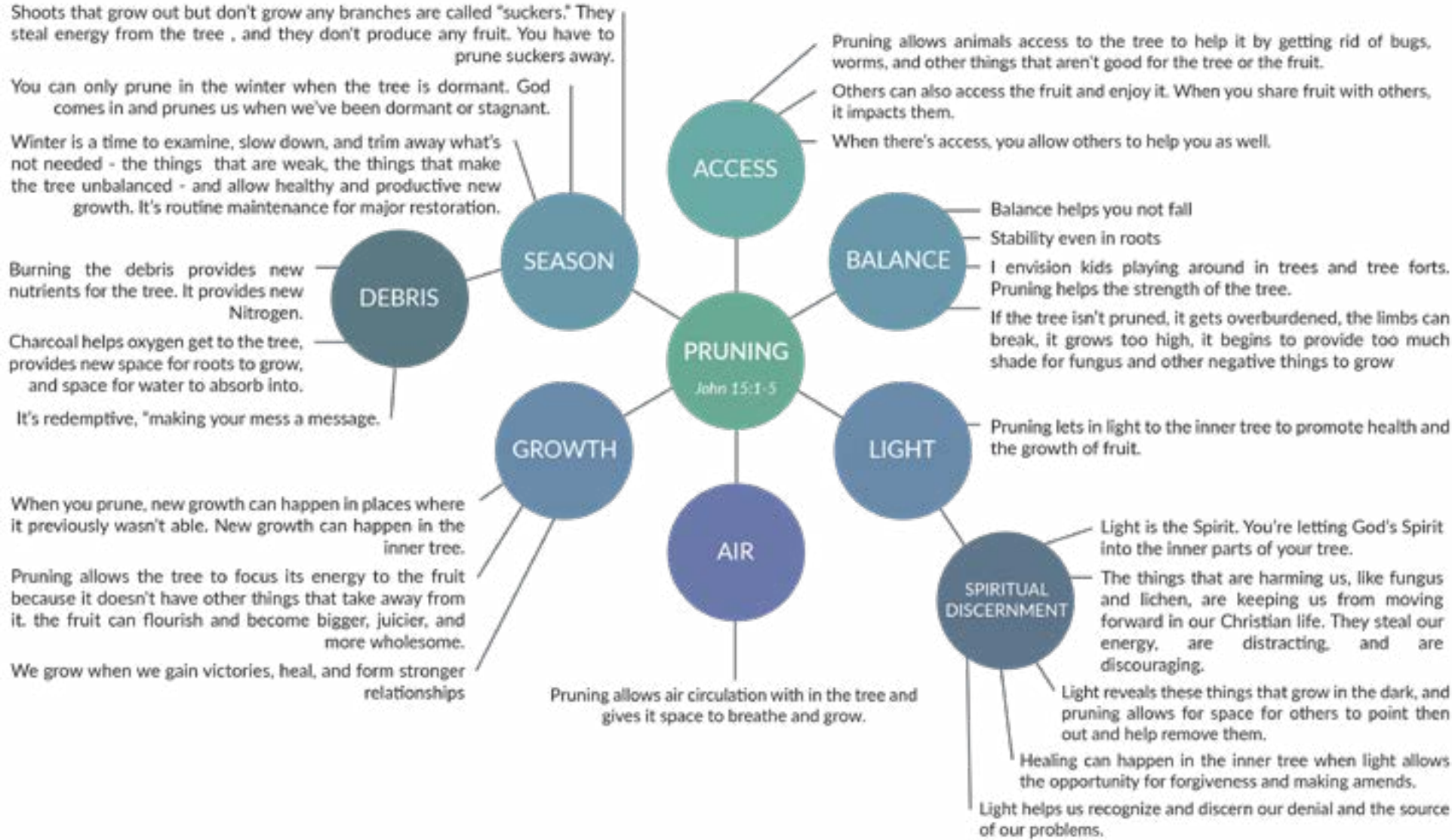
that this is the work of the Holy Spirit moving in our teens and drawing them into relationship with Him. I am fully confident that what our students experience at camp will affirm to them God's love and devotion to each and every one of them, expanding upon what they are experiencing in Coquille.

With camp just weeks away, I want to ask that you pray alongside me and our other leaders for our students. Please

pray for wisdom, discernment, love, and joy for the leaders at camp. Please pray for expectancy, clarity, and unity amongst the students. Please pray that all hearts would be softened to hear what God is speaking and readiness to obey what it is He says. Please pray for repentance, "for the kingdom of God is at hand". Thank you for all the ways you support our youth (at Coquille Foursquare and in the community). ■

THE KALEIDOSCOPE

JOHN 15: A VISUAL ASSOCIATION MAP
BILL HOWELL



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:1-5

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DOORKEEPER



BRANDON LAKE

“To him the Doorkeeper opens, the sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name and he leads them out. When he puts forth all his own he goes ahead of them and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.” John 10:3-4

THE SCRIPTURE ABOVE IS A parable found in the Bible: we are the sheep, Christ is the good Shepherd, and knowing His voice is the key to life. My imagination has brought me to a thought of “What if the doorkeeper was the Holy Spirit of God and we are the best of friends?”

I imagine that I am standing near a modern building.

This building has a door worth admiring; the door’s wood is magnificent oak with brass fittings and sculpted ornaments. In front of this building is a Doorman who I have not yet become acquainted with, and we start up a conversation, getting to know one another through the history of the building, and discussion of the details in the door. The more I speak with the Doorman, the more excited I am in the exchange of new details that I have observed on my own. What started as the doorman guiding me with an explanation of the door transformed into my longing for what lays beyond.

This is similar to my greater me, turns into me conversations with Christ. seeking *God’s* desires and demands for my life. The apostle Paul explains such a communication with the Lord becoming a continued



DEBBIE, RONI & JEAN



prayer: *“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is Gods will for you in Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

My desires for selfish fulfillment are replaced by the desire to speak with purposeful intent and listen closely to reflect on all that God is teaching me. For me, standing close enough to the Doorman, allows me to observe the intricacies and wonder in the

wooden carvings. Likewise, standing with Christ makes it possible to hear even the slightest whisper from God in heaven, leading us to a closer relationship with Christ. With such intimacy, I am able to converse with the Maker of our universe. The more we talk with Christ through prayer, and the more we read His Word, the more equipped we are to share Him with others openly. God created this world around us and beckons us to be his messengers.

◀ PASTOR SAM, MANIKA, PASTOR VICTORIA & KIDS WORSHIPPING WITH HAND MOTIONS

▼ PASTOR KAYLEE, SHELLEY, RONI, AND LOVENA, NEW YEARS EVE

This brings us further into the scripture. Philippians 4:6-7 says: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”* Understanding this verse reminds us that we can petition God, over and

over again, with repeated prayers to our Lord, putting our thoughts, concerns, and worries before Him. He encourages us to petition for wisdom and supernatural understanding in any situation we find ourselves. How great that the God of the universe welcomes us to kneel before His feet and bring our prayers as offerings to Him! ■



STAY IN THE LOOP

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE...



PASTOR SAM FLAHERTY

NO ONE CAN COMPARE TO the gracious loving manner in which God so generously gives to all of us! He gave his most valuable treasure, His one and only Son so that we might have real life. A fulfilling and eternal life with Him.

God's love story to us between Genesis to Revelation is riddled with real examples of our broken humanity. Stories of rejecting God's love, disregarding His wise instructions and pursuing our own interests, wealth, gods and so on. Equally, there are amazing examples of God's patience, covenant promises and Heroes of the Faith who orient themselves towards God.

Scripture clearly encourages those who confess that Jesus is the Son of the Living God, to devote all of our hearts to Him. In so doing we humbly submit to a refining process of becoming Christ-Like. We are to be imitators of Christ. So, just as God is beyond generous to us we are called to imitate His example so that we can reap the future blessing in His Kingdom that has no limits.

Over the years Lovena and I have learned so many lessons in regards to being imitators of a generous God. How about just a few? First, we reap what we sow and ultimately we will be rewarded for our generosity. Second, our giving must come through a conscious decision where we cheerfully give to



◀ BILL, PASTOR VICTORIA & KELSEY LEADING WORSHIP

▼ MATT PRACTICING GUITAR AT WORSHIP PRACTICE



THE ROSS & FLAHERTY FAMILY ►
DEDICATING BABY THEO

DEREK WITH ZAYA AND ZANE LIGHTING ▼
THE SAVIOR CANDLE



God and people in need. God looks at our motivation for giving and rewards those who give with a pure, loving heart. When we give to others, God will replenish our resources so we will be able to continue our giving in the future. Finally, God blesses compassionate, people who generously share and give their abundance. Ultimately, everyone has something to give and the size of our gift or wealth is not the issue. The fundamental point

with giving is our attitude; God blesses those who spontaneously and cheerfully give from their heart and who give faithfully.

As a general rule Lovena and I have always started giving 10% of our income to our church (“Prophetic Community”) because we have always believed that the local church is where we can be on mission together - making disciples that impact our community

and the world. Also, we believe that everything that we have is given to us generously from God. So we give in others ways out of that abundance. Time and time again we have seen God’s goodness in our lives. I have many more stories!!

In February I will be updating you all on our Coquille Foursquare mission, vision and finances coming out of 2023. We have been dipping into our reserves over the last

several months; yet, God has been so good to us!! So many water baptisms, salvations, healings and more! We are so excited for 2024 and for what God is doing in our lives together. If you call Coquille Foursquare your church home and don’t currently give, seek the Lord on the matter and respond. Thank you all for your friendship and the part you play in Prophetic Community!! ■

VALENTINE'S WORD SEARCH

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