

A living Declaration
Joshua 24:14-15



Having undertaken, for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honor of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern Parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

The Mayflower Compact (1620)

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their safety and happiness."

Declaration of Independence

"For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Declaration of Independence

Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace, but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!

Patrick Henry – March 20, 1775

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.


First Amendment to the Constitution
of the United States.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Martin Luther King, Jr. August 28, 1963



¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."



Joshua 24:15

¹⁶ So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;
¹⁷ for the LORD our God *is* He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. **We also will serve the LORD, for He *is* our God."**

Joshua 24:16-18 (NKJV)



**We will serve the LORD,
For He is our God!**

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“Choose for yourselves”

Joshua 24:15



**Behold, now is the accepted time;
behold, now is the day of salvation.**

2 Corinthians 6:2



**“As for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.”**

Joshua 24:15

“They played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not walk in the ways of the LORD.”



Judges 2:17

Lip Service

A verbal declaration of devotion
to the LORD is not enough.

It must be a LIVING DECLARATION.



for where your Treasure is

there will your Heart be also

Matthew 6:21

What are some of those competing interests for our time and treasures?
What are some things that keep us from living out Joshua's declaration?

Choose you this day
whom you will serve ...but
as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

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#1

**One, we are going to have
to be a people of the WORD.**

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”




2 Timothy 2:15

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.

For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”


Joshua 1:8

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#2

**We must become
better listeners.**

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said to Him, "*Are You* for us or for our adversaries?"



Joshua 5:13

14 So He said, "No, but *as* Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" 15 Then the Commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand *is* holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:14-15

**“Go lie down; and it shall be, if the LORD
speaks to you, you must say,**



SPEAK, LORD.
YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING
I SAMUEL 3:9



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#3

**We must let the Holy Spirit
not merely live in us,
but through us!**



BUT THE
HELPER,
THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WHOM THE FATHER
WILL SEND IN
MY NAME,
HE WILL TEACH
YOU ALL THINGS,
AND BRING TO YOUR
REMEMBRANCE
ALL THAT
I SAID TO YOU.

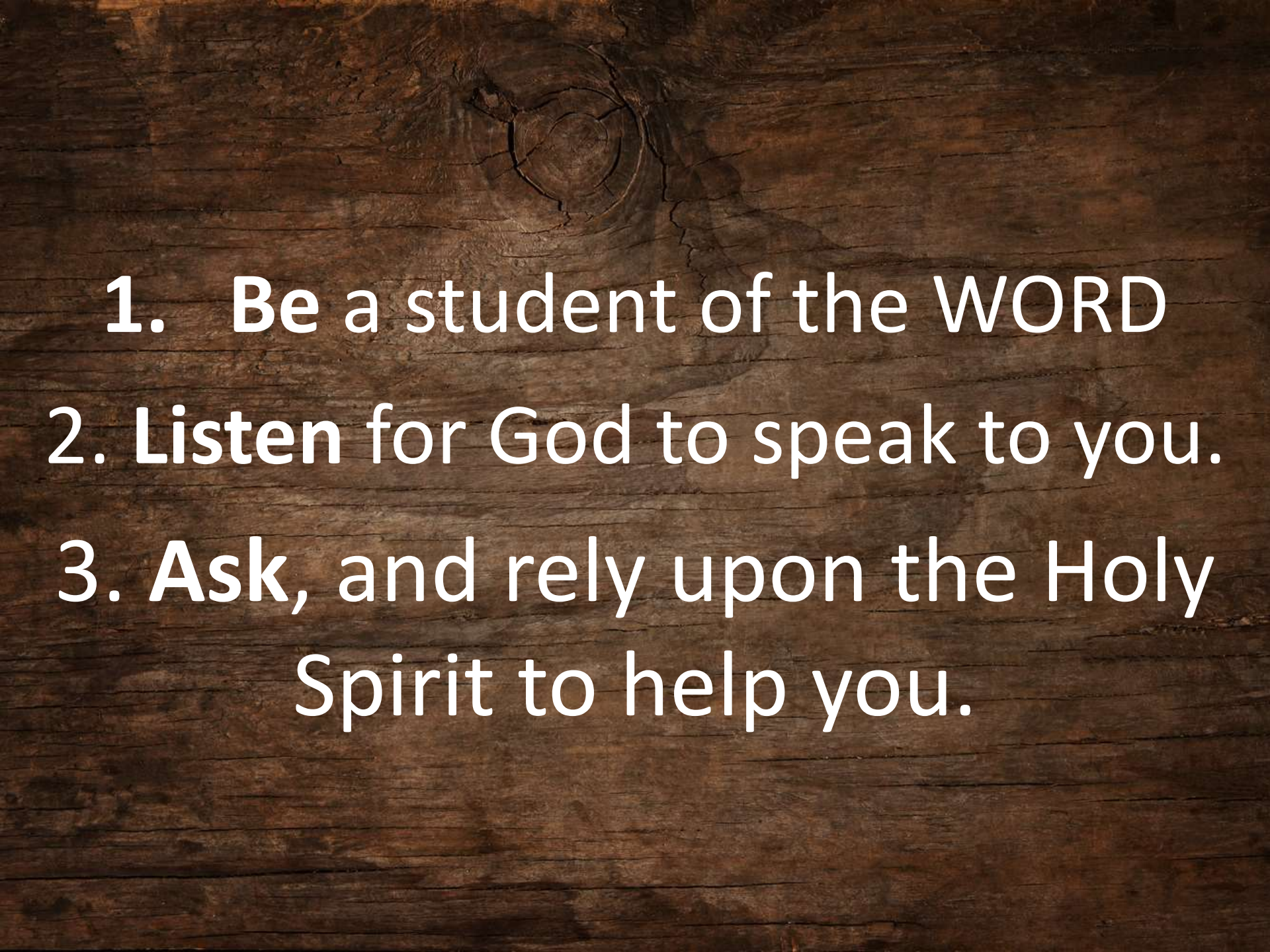
JOHN 14:26

When He Comes

Holy Spirit

He will guide you into in all

Truth

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1. **Be** a student of the **WORD**
 2. **Listen** for God to speak to you.
 3. **Ask**, and rely upon the Holy Spirit to help you.

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**“As for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD.”**

Joshua 24:15