

3 Words of *Encouragement*

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Be Consistent

In your walk with Jesus

- **Faithful, steadfast**, loyal
- You can accomplish more through consistent devotion a little at a time, than you can through spiritual bingeing in big chunks.

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Be Consistent

- Spiritual health is in your **walk** not just your powerful encounters.
 - If your powerful encounters don't turn into a consistent walk, you will soon be back to your old ways.
- Book: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction (by Eugene Peterson)

Daily practices

Weekly practices

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Be Consistent

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren,
be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your labor is not in
vain in the Lord.

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The Promise

*If you stay consistent (faithful)
this coming year, there will be
significant transformation in your
life by year's end.*

2

Be There

Exodus 24:12

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and **be there**; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

2

Be There

Idea

To be present, be with
NT = abide

Opposite

To be distracted,
mind somewhere else



2

Be There

Work on your **focus**

- make yourself **be still**, silent

Work on your **listening**

- listening to the Holy Spirit
- listening to folks around you
- **practice** listening (ask)

3

Psalm 25

1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me
not be ashamed; Let not my
enemies triumph over me.
3 Indeed, let no one who waits on
You be ashamed; Let those be
ashamed who deal treacherously
without cause.

Psalm 25

4 **Show me** Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths.

5 **Lead me** in Your truth and
teach me, for You are the God
of my salvation; On You I wait
all the day.

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Psalm 25

6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

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Psalm 25

Show me.....Your ways

- Eyes to see
- spiritual insight, revelation
- help me see what I cannot see
on my own

**The Prophets – Seers
Jesus could see**

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Psalm 103:7

He made known His ways to
Moses, His acts to the
children of Israel.

- know God's ways, will & heart

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Show me

Show = yada = to know, to experience

Experiential knowledge gained
through encounter.

- Involves mind, heart, will, body – all.
- It's the kind of knowing that leads to a strong relationship.

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Psalm 25

Teach me....Your paths

- Teach = instruct, make skillful
- Paths = how to live, how to act, how to live a life pleasing to the LORD
- Give knowledge, understanding & wisdom on how to live

A humble attitude

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Psalm 25

Teach me....Your paths

- “renewing of your mind” (Rom 12:2)
- Make Jesus your Teacher
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help

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Psalm 25

Lead me....in Your truth

- Lead = request to be guided
 - to have a personal guided tour
 - Walk with me. Never alone!
 - Truth = God's way of seeing & doing things

Another humble attitude

Be Consistent

Be There

Show me, Teach me, Lead me