

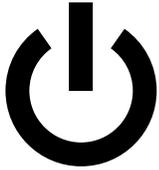


Speaker: Louie Giglio

Key Verses: Luke 4:18; 2 Tim. 3:14-17

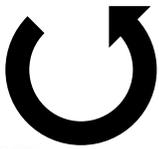
Title: Resolved to Know Jesus in the Pages of His Word

Summary: God breathes life into us by His miraculous Word.



Power Up: *Take a moment to prepare*

Louie opens by referring to Jesus' ability to give sight to the blind, turning *information* about Him into *revelation* of Him. How well do you see Jesus?



Replay: *Take some time to watch*

Note Louie does not immediately jump into his talk, but slowly develops the theme of spiritual sight. His three points are: **1)** The Bible isn't ink on a page; it's God's breath on a page; **2)** All Scripture is about Jesus; **3)** God's Word is a life-line from heaven for our journey on earth.



Comment: *Take some time to talk*

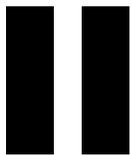
How does Louie differentiate between information and revelation?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does this say about God's Word?

Louie warns, "Our culture tells us [God's Word] is irrelevant, a relic, a concoction of men, restrictive, limiting." **How do you typically respond to these claims? How should we test Scripture against them?**

What are examples where the New Testament sheds light on the Old Testament in showing the powerful work of Jesus? What are negative consequences when we turn Bible stories into moral tales about us?

"Wake up to awe and wonder at the power of God's word," Louie implores. **What's your time in His Word like? How has Jesus revealed Himself to you in His Word? What rivals this time? When did you last see Him?**



Pause: *Take a moment to pray.*

Thank God for reaching down to us through His Word. Thank God for the truth He reveals to us about Him, humanity, sin, and salvation. Ask God for a spirit of wisdom and revelation so we can know Him better.



Take Action: *Make it personal.*

Get serious about knowing Jesus better through His Word. Pick a consistent time (early morning; before bed), place free from distractions, and Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). Read daily, asking Jesus to open your eyes. When He does, tell a friend or family member, "I can see!"

Bonus Features: Additional Notes and Quotes from Louie Giglio

Highlights from Louie's Life

- Lives in Atlanta with wife Shelley
- 22 years of Passion conferences; leads Passion City Church.
- Wrote *The Comeback, Goliath Must Fall, I Am Not but I Know I AM, The Air I Breathe.*
- Suffered (and God raised him from) anxiety disorder.
- Connected to Momentum through Randall Zerwas; 14-year old Christian with cancer

Met Randall Zerwas at hospital room with several Passion musicians to sing and pray. Said: "Randall we want to pray for you. We're all here in faith, in the name of Jesus, we believe in the name of a big God. We're going to seek heaven on your behalf. How would you like us to pray for you?" Randall replied, "Pray that through my situation a lot of people will see Jesus."

"It doesn't matter how old you are. That is something that has been sold to you. You can have an impact in this world right now. As a 12-year old... Or you can get in the slipstream of the teen gen and act like everyone and think like everyone else and delay your impact... If you're alive, breathing, you can hear, and can read the Scripture, understand big picture, you can start making a real impact on this world right in this moment."

Reflections on Jesus' Nazareth Sermon in Luke 4:12-30

- Jesus started his ministry at 30.
- Pulled curtain back: I'm son of God on planet earth. Doing miracles. I didn't come to do a miracle show. It just proves what I say.
- Reads Isaiah 61:1-4 – release to captives, sight to blind, freedom for oppressed

"There are moments in time where God works in such a way that what we thought we knew comes into view in a brand new way."

"Someone in Knoxville, TN is going to get sight today...Seeing changes the way that we live."

"Christ is the only one who can bring good news to poor, relief to captive, sight to blind, and free the oppressed...Preachers, teachers, messages cannot give sight. Only God can."

Reflections on Prayer in Eph. 1:17-18

"Sometimes information turns into revelation: it's like you hear it for the first time! ... What we know to be true is illuminated in such a way it becomes compelling to us."

"You can stack information to the roof. We could fill up the auditorium with information about Jesus. Do you have revelation that's turned your information into a doorway to know Jesus better? If we're going to be gamechangers, it's not how much information we have about Jesus, but how much we know Jesus."

"We come to know Jesus through the pages of His word. It is the primary way we get information and revelation."

Reflections on the Word of God:

“We have to know the miracle we hold in our hands. **It’s not ink on a page; it’s God’s breath on a page.** It’s not a book, one of many books, it’s God’s revelation of Himself, breathed out through His Spirit through men and women on pages we hold today.” (cf. 2 Timothy 3:14-16)

“Never be casual with the Word of God. It is a miracle in our hands.”

“Our culture tells us [God’s Word] is irrelevant, a relic, concoction of men, restrictive, limiting. Test the theory by sinking your life into the Word. It proves itself...The way you test this Word is you try this Word, when you try it you will find it’s power working in you.”

Louie shows two pages (John 1 and Psalm 34) from an old Bible that spent 173 days on Space Station. Orbited earth 2678 times, traveling 73 million miles. He says:

“This went into space.” [People applaud.] “A normal and natural reaction. The better reaction is someone who says, ‘I can see.’ [The Bible orbiting the earth is] not as awesome as God’s Word came to my hands from the throne of heaven.

“If we don’t see the miracle of God sending his word to us, we won’t be resolved.”

“It’s 66-books, but it’s one story about one name: **All Scripture is about Jesus...** Every story and every page God wants to give a revelation of Jesus...” [In the beginning Jesus, cf. Genesis 1 cf. Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17]

“The Trinity nominated Jesus on their behalf to create the heavens and earth.”

NOTE: The NT helps us understand the role of Jesus in the OT.

“God’s not looking at you and asking you to be great and take down the giants in your life. He’s asking you to see Jesus in the story and battles of your life...I don’t have to rise up and take down anxiety and depression...Jesus is the giant slayer in my life.” **Isaiah 50:7**

“No giant is too big for us to live in freedom. Anxiety and depression are killers and are powerful. But they are not bigger than Jesus...If you need help, get help. Your help isn’t in a bottle, a pill. Your help is Jesus. Worship

“I am resolved to keep looking higher to Jesus as the pressures rise higher.”

“To be resolved to read Jesus in his word, you have to have an awakening. Wake up to awe and wonder at the power of his word.”

God’s Word is the life-line from heaven for our journey on earth.

“God is alive. He sees you. He’s extending to you a life-life from heaven.”

[Picture of Louie with air tank, holding the Word, kneeling.] “News flash to the darkness: I’m still breathing.”

“The enemy wants to drown you (define, depress, deceive, take you out), but God has given you a miracle in your hands.”