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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

How many times have you read the Bible and the Holy Spirit touched your heart and mind with a specific verse which met your need? It brought life to you; it became a living word within you.

This does not always happen while we are reading and studying the Word; nevertheless, we take the Word into our hearts. This is feasting on the Living Word. It becomes life within us for the Holy Spirit to use when we need it.

Plumbline: John 6.53

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psa 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psa 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Many do not feast upon the Word of the Lord, the written Word or the Living Word, Jesus Christ. We ask people daily, "Are you reading the Holy Bible? Are you feasting upon the Word of the Lord." You would be surprised at how many say, No – I read it as I can; I am very busy with work and . . .

How many of you fast daily, do not eat because you are too busy? I am talking about fasting every meal because you are too busy. If someone fasts too long, they are no longer hungry – and they die from starvation.

Need I explain this further? Let me state it clearly, though you and I understand what I am saying. If we are not feasting upon the Word of the Lord daily, we will no longer be walking in *The Way* of the Lord. We will not know the voice of the Lord (John 10.4-5). We will not discern between the voice of the Lord Jesus and the enemy UNLESS we are hearing the Lord by reading His Word.

Most of us do not have a degree in medicine and, therefore, do not understand how the cells in our bodies break down the food we eat to nourish us. I, for one, do not let that stop me from eating. And, my lack of understanding and/or knowledge in this discipline does not stop the food from nourishing my body.

Feasting upon the Word of the Lord, reading a couple of verses over and over daily before ever leaving the house will nourish you. His Word is the Bread of Life for you. It is not optional; you cannot survive without it. We do not have to understand (John 5.37-40) all the Scriptures, nor can we. This is about feasting upon the Lord Jesus and abiding in Him that we may discern His voice and His way in our lives.

Throughout the day, find a few minutes to read a Scripture and feast on it until you can find an opportunity to feast on another. At night, don't depend on praying while lying in bed. No matter how tired you are, a few minutes alone on your knees will refresh you. Soon your hunger will increase – and your strength in the Lord, also.

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "...give us this day our daily bread." God will provide our Bread day by day, but we must come to His table to eat.

How sweet the presence of Jesus! How nourishing is His Word!

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.