

Personal Tools for Planting Seed in Soil (Eating God's Word in Your Body)

1. Make a daily habit of planting the Seed of God's Word in your soil. Read or listen to a passage of God's Word daily, with the goal to hear a word from God to obey. (*You may choose a passage that is related to your personal need or experience. You may choose a story from the 52/104 Chronological Bible Stories list on a daily or weekly basis. You may choose to work systematically through a book of the Bible.*)
 - a. Read or listen to passage multiple times.
 - b. Ask the passage the four discovery questions from *7 Steps*.
 - c. Meditate on the passage, practice silence to hear, and write out the thoughts that come in your journal.
 - d. Ask God's Spirit, "What do You want to show me to obey personally and share with others?" Practice silence to hear.
 - e. Write the practical responses that come to you in your journal. Hear and do.
2. Make a habit to learn Scripture passages by heart and regularly review so you do not forget.
 - a. Choose Bible passages or stories that speak into experiences or difficulties that you are facing personally.
 - b. Use Bible stories from the list of *52/104 Chronological Bible Stories*.
 - c. Choose Bible passages and stories you want to share with others.

Group Tools for Planting Seed in Soil (Eating God's Word in Your Body)

1. Practice having regular Bible storytelling and engagement groups using *7 Steps of Storytelling & Dialogue* with your family and/or friends.
2. Have Bible storytelling and engagement groups that listen to or read the Scripture passage or story for step 3 of the *7 Steps*, instead of telling it from memory.
3. Use the *7 Steps of Storytelling & Dialogue* to engage your children's groups or Sunday School classes with God's Word.
4. How can you choose the Bible story for your group or class?
 - a. Work chronologically through the list of *52/104 Chronological Bible Stories*.
 - b. Choose a Bible story or passage that speaks to the group's needs or difficulties.
 - c. Choose a Bible story or passage that you love.

Clay Pot Abiding Practice (Sample Practice)

- 6:35 AM: Daily prayer; ask God to speak through His Word (5 minutes)
- 6:40 AM: Read story #1 from 104 Stories 2 times; (repeat same story for 7 days so I can tell Sunday to my Sunday School class) (after 7 days take story #2 from 52 Stories, etc.) (5 minutes)
- 6:45 AM: Retell the story to myself (3 minutes)
- 6:48 AM: Ask, what do I love about this story? What is difficult about it? What do I learn about people? What do I learn about God? Journal my observations. (10 minutes)
- 6:58 AM: Silent prayer and meditation, "What is God showing me to do and who can I share this story with?" Journal what comes to me in the silence. (5 minutes)
- 7:03 AM: Pray for God to help you keep His Word. Pray "Our Father." (2 minutes)
- 7:05 AM: Praise and thank God as I begin my day already with my daily bread!
- Sunday: Learn and share weekly story from 104 Stories with Sunday School class using 7 Steps.
- Wednesday: Share weekly story from 104 Stories with my wife and children using 7 Steps.
- Each Day: Where can I feel Jesus within my body? Where am I experiencing the fruit of the Spirit?

