***Refreshed in Christ from Head to Toe!***

**Teaching Notes: Week 4**

***A Walk of Faith* ~ A Journey with God**

1. **In the Beginning**: **John 1:1-14 New International Version (NIV)**

Vs. 1: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

*We cannot separate God from \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; to believe in God is to believe also in His Word.*

***4”****In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.”*

1. **The Word Became Flesh:** John 1:14
2. T**he Incarnation of the Word of Life:** 1 John 1:1-4

***What will you do with God’s Word?***

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**Yahweh, I Am ~**

 “Be still and know that I AM God.” Psalm 46:10

 “Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.”

Psalm 22:3

 **Maker of Heaven & Earth ~**

 “My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:2

 **Abba Father ~**

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.” Psalm 103:13-14

 **El Roi: Strong One Who Sees ~**

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight.” Hebrews 4:13

 **Jehovah Medadesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies You ~**

“I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10

 **Deliverer ~**

“Do not be afraid of them; the Lord your God himself will fight for you.”

Deuteronomy 3:22

 **Emmanuel ~ God With Us ~**

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

 **Lover of Your Soul ~**

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.” Psalm 143:8

**Shelter in the Storm ~**

“Yes, my soul, find the rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.” Psalm 62:5-8

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**“How Great Thou Art”**

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
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Personal Reflections and Points to Ponder

**Day 1**: Read Isaiah 55: 6-11. What realities can you glean about God?

What can you discern about the power of His Word?

How do these realities about God and His Word, impact you as you consider a lifelong walk with Him?

Close your time in prayerful reflection regarding His tender mercies and loving faithfulness.

**Day 2:** We noted in Day 1 of this week that God’s ways *are not* our ways. Today take a look at James 1:1-8 & Hebrews 5:7-8: Characteristically we prefer life to be *smooth sailing*, however these passages point out the beautiful benefits to believers who walk by faith; taking God at His Word, during times of trials. What are these benefits?

Does your focus need a faith adjustment regarding how you are perceiving trials you have, or are, experiencing? What attitudes needs to be laid aside, and what needs to be embraced?

Conclude your time today in prayer; consider writing out each trial you are facing; noting next to it a word of thanks to God for His desire to make you ‘*mature and complete’* in Him as you dwell in His Word.

**Day 3**: *I love* Jeremiah 17: 7-8. Read it and note your insights. Trust and Confidence in the Lord: how are these cultivated in our lives?

You may want to look up additional verses that identify these two attributes of a faith journey and see what stands out. *Enjoy* moments sitting with Him and simply taking to heart that He is trustworthy!

**Day 4**: Reflect upon the passages you looked up this week, and the reality of ho we walk in faith with. With these Truth’s in mind consider Psalm 119: 105. In what ways has God’s Word provided you guidance this week; as a lamp to your spiritual journey? Scripture.

**Day 5**: Conclude this week with focus on two passages: Psalm 27: 13-14: Words worth *personally* embracing; worthy of praise and thanksgiving. I hope they stir strength into your walk of faith. Wrap up by reading Proverbs 3: 5-6: personalize this passage by inserting “*I desire to*” at the beginning of this passage; and ‘*my’* where ‘*your*’ exists.

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