



# **Belonging to Him (Part 2)**

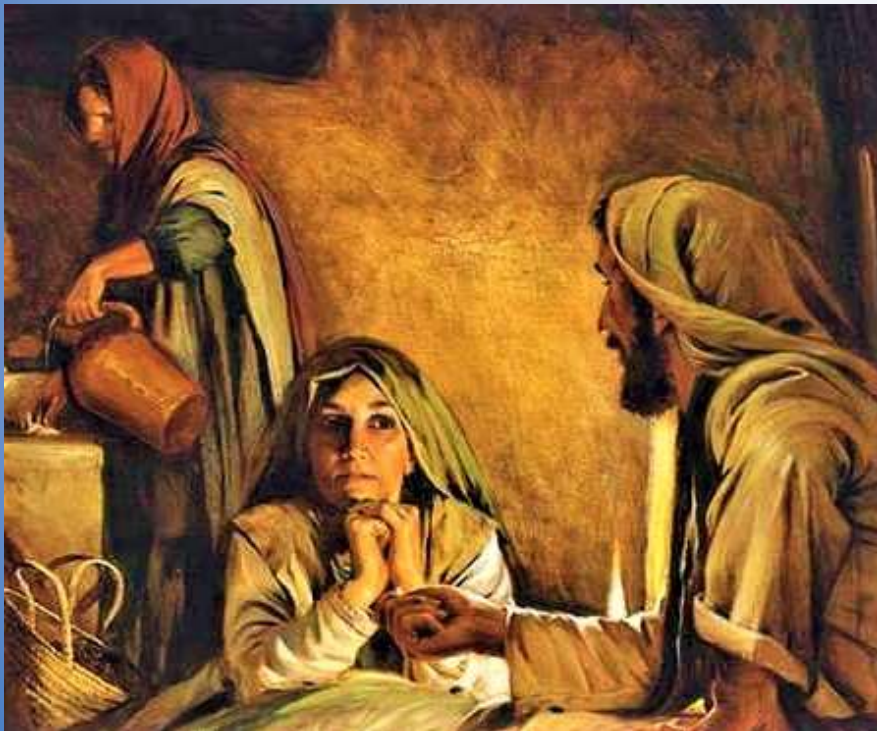
**Practical Lessons in  
Divine Intimacy**

A man in a dark t-shirt is sitting on a grassy hill at sunset. He is holding an open book in his lap and reaching his right hand up towards the sky. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some clouds. The text "My Relationship to His Word" is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, serif font with a blue outline.

# My Relationship to His Word

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## One Thing Is Necessary

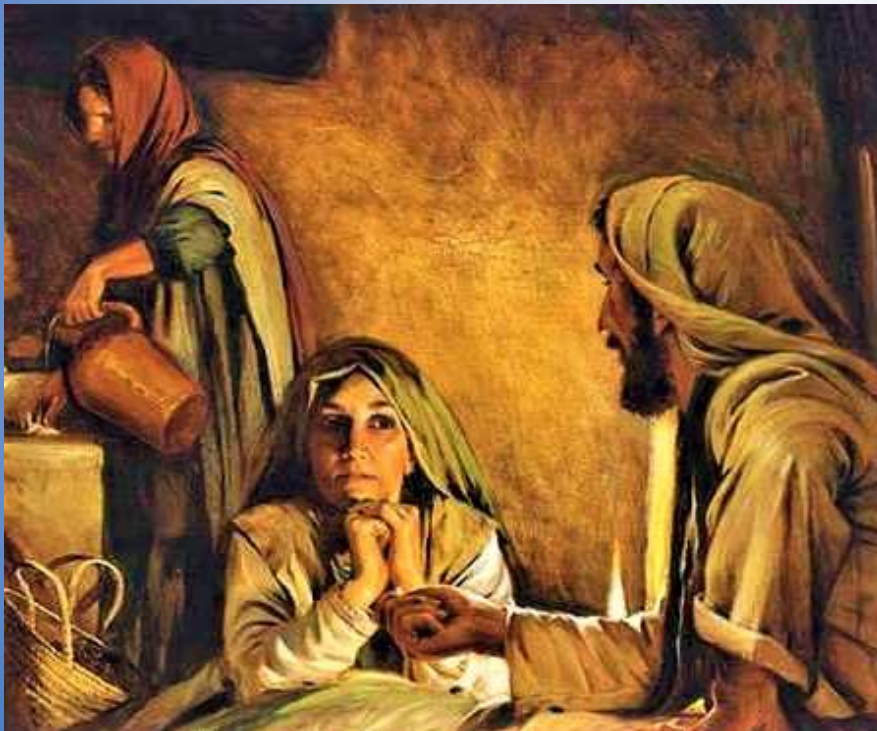


*“[Martha] had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.*

*But Martha was distracted with much serving.” (Luke 10:39-40)*

# My Relationship to His Word

## One Thing Is Necessary



*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.”  
(Luke 10:41-42)*

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## One Thing Is Necessary



*“Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:41-42)*

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## One Thing Is Necessary

*“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.” (John 8:31)*

*“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23)*

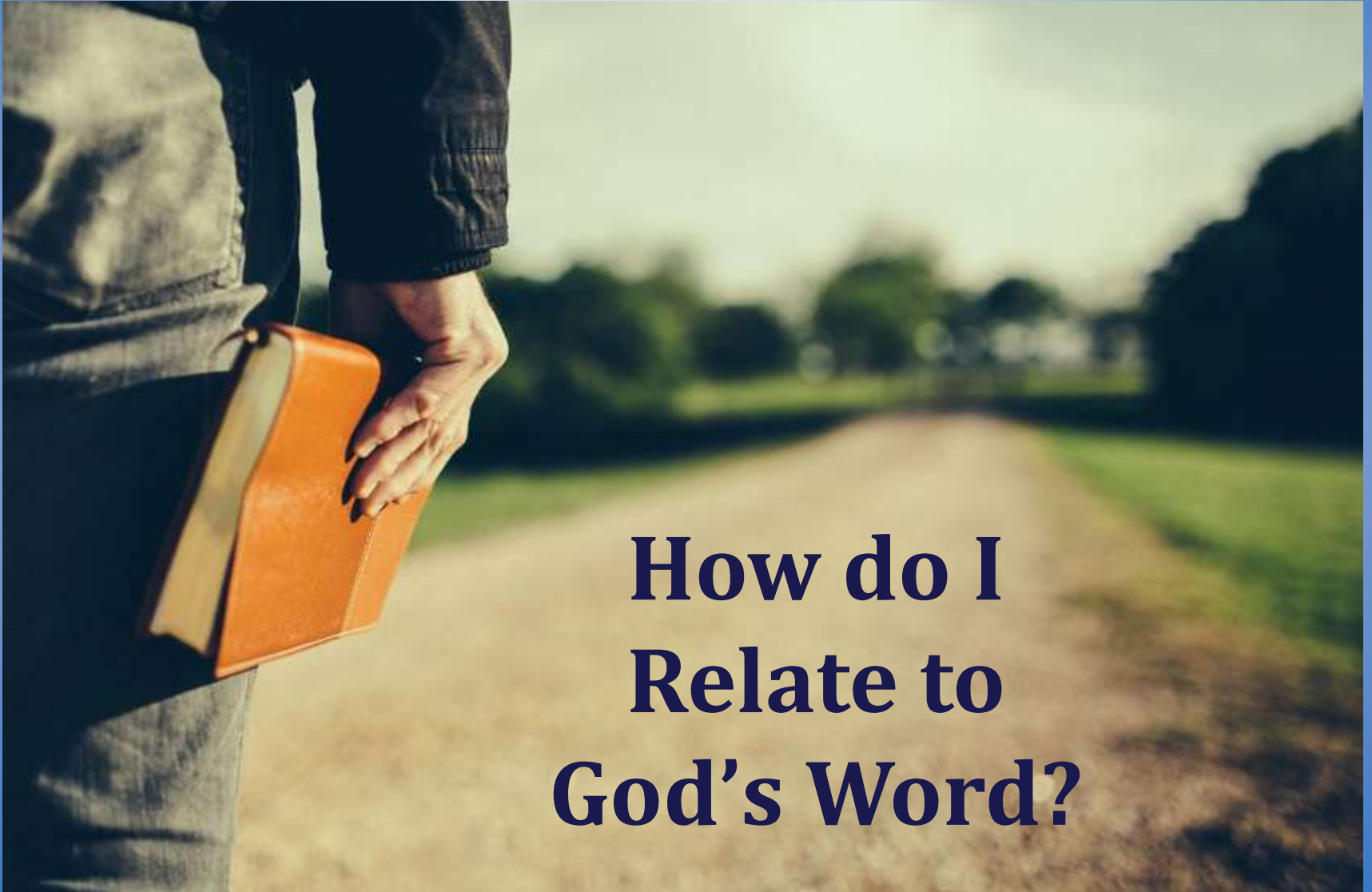
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## We Can Still Sit At Jesus' Feet Today

*“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)*

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

# My Relationship to His Word



**How do I  
Relate to  
God's Word?**



# My Relationship to His Word

## How Do I Relate to His Word?

- Is it just a text book?
- Is it just a rule book?
- Is it just a great story?
- Is it just required reading?

**Do I in any way relate to God's Word as I would relate to a real person?**

**Do I approach the Word with the belief that I'm encountering God in personal relationship?**

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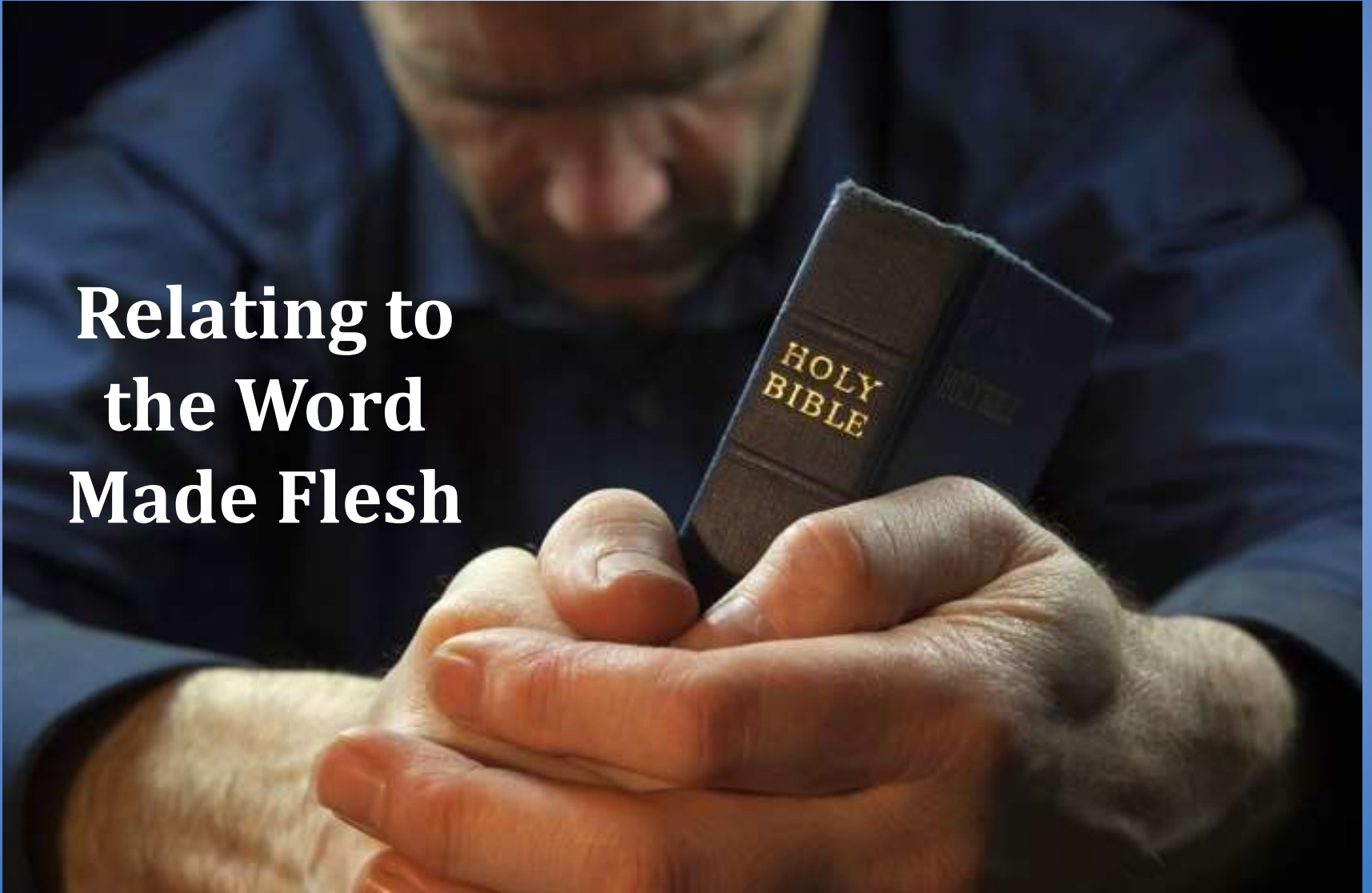
## How Do I Relate to His Word?

*“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”*  
*(John 1:14)*

*“The Word of God is living and active...”*  
*(Hebrews 4:12)*

# My Relationship to His Word

**Relating to  
the Word  
Made Flesh**



# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Love/Affection**

*“I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.”*

*(Jeremiah 31:3)*

*“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” (Psalm 119:97)*

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Trust**

*“God is not man, that he should lie...Has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? (Numbers 23:19)*

*“Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.” (John 5:24)*

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- Time

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked...but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.” (Psalm 1:1-3)*

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Mutual Understanding:**
  - **Understanding God**
    - **Who God reveals himself to be.**
    - **The *context* of God's self-revelation.**
      - **Language, History, culture, geography, etc.**
    - **The plots, subplots, and purpose of his story.**

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Mutual Understanding:**
  - **Understanding Myself**
    - **Who I am apart from God.**
    - **Who I am with God (in Christ).**
    - **Who I am to the people of Scripture.**



# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Communication**
  - **How well do I listen?**
    - **Am I a Mary of a Martha?**
    - **Are there “filters” that affect the way I hear what God is trying to tell me?**

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Communication**
  - **How well do I communicate?**
    - **Do I speak to God in response to what he's telling me in his Word?**
      - **Biblical meditation, prayer, journaling.**

# My Relationship to His Word

## Apply the Traits of Healthy Personal Relationship to God's Word

- **Faithfulness**

*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” (Luke 21:33)*

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”  
(2 Timothy 2:15)*

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