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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD

R : READ

Select a passage of Scripture and begin to read the passage humbly, prayerfully, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you direction. Underline the verses that seem important and that God is using to speak to you.

O: OBSERVE

This step requires exploration. We have to learn to look and observe. Sometimes things we find in the passage may seem similar to our culture, but those things mean something different in the context of the passage. Ask yourself:

- Who wrote this passage?
- What is happening in the text?
- What is the problem?
- Why is the author writing this?

A: APPLY

After making observations from the passage, apply the text to your life. Ask yourself:

- What do I need to believe, confess, and/or do?
- What are the things in my life that need to change in light of this truth?

D: DEPEND

You cannot obey God in your own strength, but only when you depend on Him. So pray through the passage and your application. Ask God to change your heart and to change your life, based on the time you've spent in God's Word.

