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Huddle

There is a lot of noise out there. I know, it's so distracting. Sometimes it gets so loud it's hard to think straight. I feel like my life is under a constant bombardment of noisy messages from the world. **What are they saying?** Do this. Go there. You will be happy if you have this or try that. You can't possibly be happy without this or that. If I listened to all these voices I would have no direction in life at all. I'd be running around in circles and wanting to pull out my hair in frustration. **How do you know that's true?** I've lived it. I've made the mistake of falling under the influence of the world. At times I have felt like I've been running on a treadmill that leads to nowhere. **Do you want to get off?** Yes, I do. How can I?

I want you to imagine that you are in a very large stadium. The crowd is roaring so loud your ears are beginning to hurt. Down on the field there is a football game being played. You are on the team and in the game. What do you need to do to learn what the next play will be? I would need to huddle up, lean in, and listen very carefully for the next play to be called. **Would there be any other way to learn the play?** I'm not sure what you mean. **Would the crowd ever be able to shout out the next play? Would the opposing team give you the correct signal? Would you be able to guess what you were supposed to do next?** No, the only way that I would know what to do next is by leaning in and listening very carefully. **That's exactly right.** How does this help me?

The stadium is like the world. The crowd noise is every thought, opinion and suggestion the world has to offer. The game is life and you are a player in it. The plays that are called in the huddle are what you are to do next. You will only know what to do next as you lean in and listen very carefully. I am the signal caller. You are on my team. You are my follower. Leaning in and listening is called prayer. The playbook is my word. Now, I get it. Do you? Tell me what you understand.

As your follower, it is my role to know your word and lean into you in prayer. As I study your word and come to you in prayer, you will guide my life. **Yes, you do understand. Is this what you will do?** Yes Lord, I will.

Father, in the midst of the noise of this world I will huddle up and lean in to you in prayer to listen to your instructions. I will study and know your word to allow it to guide my life. I will follow where you lead and do what you ask. Amen

Identity *Teach Me, O Lord, To Follow*

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NIV Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Teach Me Your Decrees*

Teach me your decrees, O LORD; I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding and I will obey your instructions; I will put them into practice with all my heart. Make me walk along the path of your commands, for that is where my happiness is found. Give me an eagerness for your laws rather than a love for money! Turn my eyes from worthless things, and give me life through your word.

NLT Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Teach Me, O Lord, The Way*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it. Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

NRSV Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Teach Me, O Lord, The Way*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it to the end [steadfastly]. Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with my whole heart. Make me go in the path of Your commandments, for in them do I delight. Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness (robbery, sensuality, unworthy riches). Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry); and restore me to vigorous life and health in Your ways.

AMP Psalm 119:33-37

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Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law And keep it with all my heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies And not to dishonest gain. Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, And revive me in Your ways.

NASB Psalm 119:33-37

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ESV Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Teach Me, O Lord, The Way*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it. Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, And revive me in Your way.

NKJV Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *God, Teach Me Lessons For Living*

GOD, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course. Give me insight so I can do what you tell me—my whole life one long, obedient response. Guide me down the road of your commandments; I love traveling this freeway! Give me a bent for your words of wisdom, and not for piling up loot. Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets, invigorate me on the pilgrim way.

MSG Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Just Tell Me What To Do And I Will Do It*

Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey. Make me walk along the right paths, for I know how delightful they really are. Help me to prefer obedience to making money! Turn me away from wanting any other plan than yours. Revive my heart toward you.

TLB Psalm 119:33-37

Identity *Teach Me, Your Demands*

LORD, teach me your demands, and I will keep them until the end. Help me understand, so I can keep your teachings, obeying them with all my heart. Lead me in the path of your commands, because that makes me happy. Make me want to keep your rules instead of wishing for riches. Keep me from looking at worthless things. Let me live by your word.

NCV Psalm 119:33-37

Teach Me, O Lord, To Follow

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Identity – Psalm 119:33-37

In Context: Read Psalm 119

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Father, in the midst of the noise of this world I will huddle up and lean in to you in prayer to listen to your instructions. I will study and know your word to allow it to guide my life. I will follow where you lead and do what you ask. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What has the Lord been teaching you from His word?

How has your understanding of God's word grown as you have listened to and followed Him?

When has it been difficult to follow God and obey Him with all your heart?

When has the Lord asked you to follow Him even though you did not know where you were going?

What has God asked you to let go of and set aside in order to follow Him?

How has keeping your eyes and ears on the Lord and His word kept you from pursuing worthless things?

How has God preserved and protected your life by His word?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Listen and follow all that the Lord says to you in prayer and through His word.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will guide your life and speak to you, in prayer and through His word, as you follow Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are leaning in to the Lord to listen and follow Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you pray to the Lord and listen to all that He has to say to you through His word.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will lean in and pray to you so that I can hear and obey all that you are saying to me through your word.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?
