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Revelation

That is exactly what I need. **What's that?** I need revelation from you. I need to hear from you. **You know what to do if you want to hear from me.** Yes, I do. **Tell me what you know.** I know that I will find you when I seek you with all my heart. I know that you will draw near to me as I draw near to you. I know that you will speak to me as I meet with you in your word. I know that I will hear from you as I stop and take time to quiet myself before you so I can listen to you. I know that you will generously give me your wisdom when I ask you for it. I also know that I am unlikely to hear from you as I race through life. I am certain that the noise and busyness of life will make it very difficult for me to hear from you. **So, what will you do? Will you seek me with all your heart? Will you stop to hear from me? Will you turn your heart and mind toward me? Will you allow my word to speak into your life? Will you accept the wisdom that I want to generously give you?** Yes Lord, I will.

What has my word done for you as you have received it into your heart and mind and life? Your word has guarded me. Your word has guided me. Your word has given me wisdom. Your word has kept me on track. Your word has kept me from going where I should not go. Your word has prevented me from doing what I should not do. Your word has brought my heart and mind and life into alignment with your will. Your word has helped me to do what is pleasing in your sight. **Yes, my word has and will continue to do all these things for you.**

But, you are a little desperate right now. You are in a bind. You are under attack. You are on the verge of becoming discouraged and depressed and downcast. Is this all true? Yes Lord, this is all true. **Then this is a good opportunity for you to come to rely on me. Seek me with all your heart. Meet with me in my word. Receive the wisdom I want to give to you. Stop and listen carefully to me. Hear and receive and put into practice all that I will show you. Do what is pleasing in my sight. Keep on living the life that I have called you to live. Have faith. Will you place all your hope and faith and trust in me? Will you allow my word to guard and guide you?** Yes Lord, I will. **That is very good.**

Lord, thank you for your word. Speak to me as I meet with you in your word. Show me what you want me to see. Help me to hear all you want to say to me. Guard and guide my life according to your word as I follow and obey you. Amen

Blessing *No Revelation*

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NIV Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Prophetic Vision*

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ESV Psalm 29:18

Blessing *Not Accept Divine Guidance*

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

NLT Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Revelation*

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NKJV Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Prophecy*

Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint, but happy are those who keep the law.

NRSV Psalm 29:18

Blessing *Can't See What God Is Doing*

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

MSG Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Vision*

Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man]—blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.

AMP Psalm 29:18

Blessing *Ignorance Of God*

Where there is ignorance of God, crime runs wild; but what a wonderful thing it is for a nation to know and keep his laws.

TLB Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Vision*

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

NASB Psalm 29:18

Blessing *No Word From God*

Where there is no word from God, people are uncontrolled, but those who obey what they have been taught are happy.

NCV Psalm 29:18

No Revelation

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Blessing – Proverbs 29:18

In Context: *Read Proverbs 29*

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?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?)

(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When do you meet with God in His word so that you can hear from Him?

How has God’s word guided the direction and course of your life?

How has God’s word provided boundaries that have guarded and protected your life?

How has God’s word given you strength to obey Him instead of casting off all restraint?

How has God’s word shown you the purposes and plans He has for your life?

How has your life been blessed as you have obeyed God and lived according to His word?

How is God’s word changing your heart and transforming your mind?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Meet with God in His word so you can hear all that He wants to say to you and see all that He wants to show you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God will reveal His purposes and plans for your life when you meet with Him in His word.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how your life has been guarded and guided by God’s word.

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 allow God's word to bring your life into alignment with His will.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will allow your word to bring my life into alignment with your will.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use your word to bring my life into alignment with your will?
