

GETTING THE **MOST** FROM GOD'S WORD

American Bible Society recommends two Bible reading methods designed to help you get the most from God's Word. Used by millions around the world, they are time-tested ways to engage Scripture as part of a life-long journey of growing intimacy with God.

The LORD says, "My word is like the snow and the rain that come down from the sky to water the earth. They make the crops grow and provide seed for planting and food to eat. So also will be the word that I speak — it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do."

— *Isaiah 55.1a, 10, 11*

Suggested steps to help you dive deeper and live in your strengths:

- 1 Utilize one of two Bible reading methods as you work through your talents.
- 2 Read reflectively your top five signature talent themes.
- 3 Begin to live out your God-given strengths, and share your discoveries with others you are journeying with, your small group, and your faith community.

THE PR3 METHOD (PRAY, READ, REFLECT, RESPOND)

PRAY with focus and openness to see what God has for you.

Pray for God's guidance and blessing.

READ the selected section of Scripture slowly and carefully.

Take note of intriguing words and phrases. Read them a second time and meditate on what they are communicating to you.

REFLECT on what strikes you as you read.

What does this passage of Scripture teach you about God's values?

How does the passage serve to deepen your understanding of God's Word and your relationship to God?

RESPOND to the passage.

Speak to God directly about what's on your mind and in your heart. Open your mind and heart to what God's Word is communicating to you, and look for ways to live out what you've uncovered.

S SCRIPTURE

Slowly and carefully read through the passage. Imagine what the people in the passage were experiencing. Write down a verse that stands out to you.

O OBSERVATION

Write down your observations about the passage. Summarize the passage and think about what God has to say to you.

A APPLICATION

Write down how the passage applies to your daily life. How can you respond in the way Jesus taught?

P PRAYER

Write down an honest and heartfelt prayer. Remember that God always listens and already knows your needs.

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