

# Video Transcript

## Bible Journaling Through 12 Bible Eras:

### Introduction Part 1:

Welcome. It is lovely to have you here. Today, we're going to go over the introduction to the Bible Journaling through 12 Bible eras. This is part one of three part videos that you're going to be watching in this introduction. First, we're going to start with the why. *Start with the Why* is the name of the bestselling book that's out right now and you can see the video online. If you want to go to YouTube. It's called *Start with the Why* by Simon Sinek.

A second video will be on a Bible overview will have Bible 101. How do we get it? Is it true? How do we know, and how it's organized. Then, the third video, will be a course overview. What we're going to be studying, and why I'm using the steps that I'm using, and how it's going to help you. First, we're going to start this video with three sections: Why, Relationships, and Obstacles.

#### Why Do We Bible journal?

Well, I asked this on the Bible Journal Love facebook group, and I was just tickled with the answers I got. I told a friend of mine and I said, if all these ladies want to Bible journal just because they want to learn crafts, I'm going to have to revert to my sneaky days when I used to sneak spinach into muffins for my toddlers. I don't have to do that, because the ladies who answered the Bible journal poll, all were very good answers. Let me read a couple of them to you.

One lady said, "I want to know God more and get a better view of His attributes." Beautiful. God's attributes and knowing them, helps you get a good understanding of who God is, and a lot of people have a wrong view of God. Studying His attributes is an excellent way to learn more about him. We're going to be looking at all that through the Bible Eras. Someone else said, "Getting a better understanding of the Bible, to learn the Bible contextually, to learn understand ,and grow as a Christian." You can see that we have some seekers in our group.

Some ladies are really ready to get to know God better, to have a closer relationship with Him. I like to ask people to imagine and I'm going to ask you to imagine something with me. First, I have a confession to make. I have a secret fantasy. It's about laundry. I have been doing laundry for 50 years, literally 50 years. I've had nine children, and I've never seen the bottom of my laundry basket in 40 years, maybe twice. I just do a lot of laundry.

My fantasy is to have Jane Jetson's laundry room, she put in a laundry, it went in the machine, washed, dried, folded, ironed, starched, came out completely ready to go. What a great fantasy is that? Now, I want to ask you, do I have a fantasy? Have a little imagination with me. I want you to imagine that an angel comes to your door, knocks on the door and you answer it. You go in there the angel says, "You have

been chosen by God to come and stay with Him, a couple of hours every day or an hour every day." Can you imagine?

Try to imagine it. Just try to imagine. Angel is driving a missile Jetson's hot rod. You get in the hot rod and you whoosh off to heaven and sure enough, you get to heaven to this glorious city, and with streets of gold. Enter into the throne room of God. While you're there you sit at his feet and he's very excited to see you. He has especially fond of you. While you're there, he tells you these stories amazing stories of 6000 years of different things that he's done throughout history, to bring man into his presence so that he could join man with him again in a relationship.

You listen, and you ask questions, and listen some more. Then, it's time to go. You're so excited because you feel so special. The next day, the angel comes again knock, knock. You get into the little Jetson machine and whoosh off. You know where I'm going with this. We all have time every day to sit with the creator of the universe. We're not sitting with the book, we're sitting with God, the creator of the universe. He speaks to us through His word, and we speak to Him through prayer. You have the time to do this every single day. When God gave the people manna in the desert when they were wandering, that was part of the picture.

Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word of the mouth of God." We need His word. We wake up defaults every single day in our flesh in a sin nature of flesh. We need God's work to transform us and to change us. I don't know about to but I need it every single day. Now, we're going to talk about relationship. What is a relationship with God? We know that you want one. Well, you know what? God is in you. His spirit is in you, can't get much closer than that.

You want to know him better, and the way you do that it's Bible, time, prayer, and attitude. That's what we're talking about today. Our relationship with God involves trust, communication, faith, devotion. He wants us to be in union with Him, agreement, reverence. He wants to work through us. His love comes into us and pours out to other people. When you see that grandma looking at that grandchild with the most-- She just falls in love with this child. That means, that God put love in her her through to that baby.

We connect with God through prayer. Then, once we realize that we're adopted by Him and that we're part of His family, we are princesses. Our father God is King, King of the universe. When you hear the phrase, "Kingdom of heaven," which we hear a lot in the Bible is a huge amount written about the kingdom of heaven. Well, that's a Hebrew idiom. It just means you've heard it said, heaven help me or God help me. It's just another way because they didn't use God's name.

The kingdom of heaven is God's kingdom, and it's here now. It's not something that we're going to do when we die, it's here and now. There's a heaven up there. The kingdom of heaven is at hand. We live in it every day as princesses because we're part of God's family. Our part is also to be yielded to Him. He's the potter, we're the clay, and He transforms us from the inside out when we let him die into that flesh. We focus on Him and let Him shape us. I have some problems hearing sometimes.

I have to admit that I confess that I don't yield very well. I am in a hurry and God wants me to slow down. I forget that a lot. He reminds me again and I confess it, and repent, and get back with the program. I can't do it by my own, I have to do it with Him, allow him to work through me. When I do that, then I'm in union with Him and also right with the word. When I get out of step and go into my own sinful nature again, everything's mess.

Another thing you need to know is, we have to battle for this relationship. God tells us in the New Testament, "Put on the armor." That armor, every single piece of it, has to do with the word. Even faith because faith is what gets us into the word and recognizes that God is God. The sword of the spirit is symbolic of the word of God. Not only do we need the sword of the spirit to combat the enemy, we need the sword of the spirit to combat this flesh, to bring it down, to die to flesh, so we can rise up through God.

We were born with this flesh, and we have to live with it till the day we die. Thank God we get rid of it, and then we can go out and spend time with Him and our spiritual bodies. The belt of truth, the feet of peace, the breastplate of righteousness. Righteousness is part of the word too. We are all part of the word, the helmet of salvation. Here's where we're going to talk about, the problems, the obstacles. Business is huge. You know it and I know it. We live in this microwave generation everything's boom, boom, boom.

The kids have all kinds of lessons to go to. Churches open six times a week, and we're committed all over the place and just too busy sometime to stop and open the word. Then, false perception lies that an unexplained. Self-deceptions more lies and attitude again. This lady is very busy. I had to take out something out of her hand to put the Bible in her hand. I wanted you to have a visual nature of her working and looking at all the things that she has to do or list to do, her cooking cleaning. The Bible is the most important thing.

If we can do that every day Jesus got up a great while before for the day and went to his father in prayer. How much more so do we need to? We can get up early and spend some time with our father, copying some verses. If you copy a verse, you'll remember it 11 times more. Just time in His word, and you know what? We live in a time when more than ever in history, the Bible is available to us.

When we're standing in line at the checkout counter, we can be looking at the Bible on our smartphone. When we're in the car, we can use a Bluetooth to listen to the word on the radio. When we're going to bed, we can turn on Alexa echo, whatever you call it and listen to the Bible. When we're in the kitchen, we can take her laptop or our iPad in there and listen to the Bible. There's no excuses anymore. We have the word with us all the time.

The second obstacle is lies. Most Americans view God as a Greco Roman God, authoritarian God. This is from New York-- I'm sorry. USA today, religion survey and 91% that said they believed in God, they all said that they believed in God in one of these four things. The first one was authoritarian, and that's just really sad. They believe that not only is He mean, but He's waiting with a thunderbolt to get us for

doing something. That's just such a bad view of God. I had the same view, I didn't realize it until I thought about it.

I realized I was on a treadmill always trying to earn His love. It took me a lot of years to overcome that, and I've got some resources in the library if you have that problem too. What we need is a better view of God, and I'm going to tell you about that in a minute. Another obstacle that we have is lies from Satan. He whispers to us. Constantly, we're not good enough, we're not spiritual enough, we're not smart enough, we're not kind enough, we're not in church enough, we're not reading our Bible enough.

Let me just tell you right now, I don't want you to read the Bible if you're just reading it because you have to. I want you read it because you love the writer. I want you to read it because you want to know Him better. That's when it's going to be meaningful to you. Satan tells us his lies. When he tells us his lies, we need to learn to renew our mind. Guess what the answer to that is? Time in the word. When we're in the word, we saturate and immerse our mind. I'll give you an example of how Satan uses some things.

There's a television show-- There was a television show that I liked and eventually, they put in a gay character, and we were shown some things. I had to stop watching. If you keep watching something like that, that the world accepts people having sex before marriage and things like that, and I'm not being legalistic. I'm not going to tell you what to watch on TV. But what he does is he keeps indoctrinating you, that it's okay. That being gay is okay, sex before marriage is okay.

Before you know it, you have a distorted view of the way God wants you to live because you have more TV than you do with the Bible. What you do when you read the Bible is, you're fixing your mind, you're renewing your mind, to put it not focused on things above the things that He asked us to be, and living the way He tells us to live. It's not that if you don't live that way, He's going to get you with His lightning bolt. He gave you the instructions just the way you instruct your children because he loves us.

He wants us to have a good life, a good fulfilling life. You can't do that if you're breaking His laws. All of His laws have consequences when you break them, it's just that simple. There's a consequence to gravity, and there's a consequence to breaking God's laws. This is what I can't wait to share with you. What the real God is, our god. This is what I tell my children, "Our God has the character of the prodigal son's father." Let me tell you this story just in case you don't know it. I'll keep it real short. There was a man who was entitled, spoiled, and rotten. He went to his father, and he said, "Father, I don't want to wait for you to die for your inheritance. I want it now."

His father reluctantly gave it to him. This is a Jewish family and this was very, very wrong thing to do. He did with all entitlement children do. He goes out and parties. Gets women and gets drunk and spends all of his money. Before long, he has no more money. All of his friends leave him, and he ends up hungry. He goes to a farm where there's pigs. This is a Jewish boy. They're not even allowed to be around pigs because they were for trash only. They were never considered food.

He saw what the pigs were eating, and it looked appetizing to him because he was hungry. There he sits that the pig pen getting the farmers to let him eat some of the pig food or swapping work for food. He thinks, "My father's servants eat better than this. I can at least go home and eat better than this," he goes home. Now, however long it took him to get home, when he gets to the driveway to the road going down the path to his house, his father is looking for him. He's waiting and looking down the road.

When he sees him, and when he sees him, he sprints, he flies up that driveway, and he grabs his son, and he hugs, and kisses him. The son hasn't even said a word yet. He's loving and forgiving. The son hasn't even said he was sorry yet. The father's hugging him and kissing him. "Let us have a party, kill the fattened calf! My son was lost and he's home. My son is home." He was thrilled.

That's our father. God has wrath, but not the kind of wrath with the lightning bolt, not to get people. Our God's wrath is against sin and against things that separate us from Him. He gets mad at anything that takes us away from Him because He loves us more than we can even imagine loving our own children. That's how much He loves us. That's the Father.

I tell my children, "If you don't ever remember anything else I've told you the whole time going off about the Bible, I want you to remember one thing. There is nothing you can do, nothing to make God love you more or less."

I have a passion for people to know this because I didn't believe it. I didn't know it myself for many, many many years. I walked in the religion legalism. Being free from it and having a real relationship with God, is the best thing that's ever happened to me. It put me on the right path of a fulfilling life, a happy life, a joyful life. I've had problems, I still have problems, but I have my Father here to comfort me telling those problems.

I know if He allowed something that there was a reason for it. I can walk with Him, walk in union with Him, and be in agreement with Him every day. I can wake up every morning. What would you have me do today? What would you have me say? Who would you want me talk to? Lead me, and guide me, and teach me. That's what it's all about. I put some resources in the resource section that will help you. There's some books by [Wayne Jacobson](#), and [Baxter Kruger](#) and, [CS Lewis](#).

If you have any problems in these areas, the [Healing the Wounded Heart](#) is about healing from sexual abuse in the past. When you have broken and damaged things that don't get fixed, they reign on your parade and your spiritual parade later on. You want to get those things out of the way and fix your life by renewing your mind, walking with Him. That's the path you need to take. You just keep on keeping on.

We've covered: We start with the why. We want a Bible journal because we want a relationship with God. A relationship with God is the most fulfilling thing anyone can have here on earth. Those obstacles are business and lies, and I've covered all that. Later on, the next video part two, is going to be a Bible overview. We're going to look at what the Bible is about, where it came from, how do we know it's true? All the

different divisions. It's basically Bible 101 for those that aren't used to it. Then, I go into how to answer.

Maybe, you don't think that you need the next video because you already know how many books are in the Bible et cetera, et cetera. Do you know this, if somebody came and asked you, "How do you know the Bible is real?" Do you know what you would say? Do you have an answer for that? If you don't, see the next video because I'm going to give you the answers to give to them and tell you where to get a whole lot more. Then, the third part, we're going to go over the course overview. We'll go into a lot of detail about what we're going to be covering for the next few weeks. That's it for now. I'm praying for each and every one of you. Please pray for me and I will see you in the Facebook group. Bye, bye.

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