

OUR DAILY CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD . . . KMI 2016 Workshop

My topic was "Quiet Time" . . . but "Daily Conversations" seems more relational. (Psa 46:10 vs Ex 33:11, 34:2)
Diane's Q.T. in the Dallas Nav home 1956

Let's begin with some stories that illustrate "conversation" principles:

Daddy, what did you bring me? 1939

Uncle Jim . . . what are you doing? 1955

Rodney sitting by me in Walgreens 1967

Jeri with 13 year old girl at Sullivant Retreat Center . . . *MS White we've been talking about me!*

Keith Miller, "Honey, don't bother daddy, he learning how to love the people downtown!"

Two passages that are crucial to meaningful and effective conversation:

Proverb 8:34 listening intently to the source of "wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:30)

Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.

My Utmost for His Highest . . . **February 12, 13** "listening"

Seven Questions for meditation: (1) What? (2) Who? (3) Where? (4) When? (5) Why? (purpose)

(6) Wherefore? (effect, result) (7) How?

Psalm 45:1 spoken to the King from an overflowing heart and a fluent tongue and with music!

*My heart is overflowing with a beautiful thought! I will write a lovely poem to the King,
for I am as full of words as the speediest writer pouring out his story. (LB)*

(A Wedding Song of the Sons of Korah) ... "My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and
goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words: (MESSAGE)

Includes: (1) thanksgiving (2) praise (3) confession (4) intercession and (5) personal petition

My personal history regarding some "conversations with God" . . .

1. Jesse Leon White and Stanley Leon Davis . . . led family devotions at night
"MORNING INTRUSION" . . . how the early Christians had devotions . . . Acts 3:1
2. January 1, 1950 set aside 20 minutes for time with God
3. Seeing John Ingolf in Kokernot Hall . . . early morning walking and praying over his Bible
4. Car accident in 1956 . . . prayed in a cornfield
5. Lakewood Hotel 1957 . . . three options for a future career
6. Wedding night April 2, 1961 read, took communion and prayed (note our reading plan)
7. Catholic Church Q.T. - when two nuns prayed kneeling behind us ☺
8. Early Nav home evening devotions . . . some expressed this was the most meaningful thing!
9. Mount of Olives early morning (outside Jerusalem), 1965 Haiti Hashem, a Muslim boy walked by
10. Hotel in Cairo 1967 . . . Psalm 23
11. Jeri and I praying together Oct 5, 1990 8:38 AM . . . Jimmy's accident in Las Vegas NV

Jim White . . . KMI 2016 Workshop . . . Friday, February 19th from 3:00 to 4:15 PM

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR JIM AND JERI WHITE

1189 Chapters. . . Old Testament 808 ~ New Testament 381

(Reading time 70 hours and 40 minutes @ 12 minutes per day)

<i>Genesis</i>	Matthew	Psalm 121-150
<i>Exodus</i>	Mark	<i>Song of Solomon</i>
<i>Leviticus</i>	Psalm 1-30	Proverb 25-31
<i>Numbers</i>	Proverb 1-6	<i>Isaiah</i>
<i>Deuteronomy</i>	Luke	Philippians
<i>Joshua</i>	John	<i>Jeremiah</i>
<i>Judges</i>	Psalm 31-60	Colossians
<i>Ruth</i>	Proverb 7-12	<i>Lamentation</i>
<i>I Samuel</i>	Acts	I Thessalonians
<i>II Samuel</i>	Romans	<i>Ezekiel</i>
<i>I Kings</i>	Psalm 61-90	II Thessalonians
<i>II Kings</i>	Proverb 13-18	<i>Daniel</i>
<i>I Chronicles</i>	I Corinthians	I Timothy
<i>II Chronicles</i>	II Corinthians	<i>Hosea</i>
<i>Ezra</i>	Psalm 91-120	II Timothy
<i>Nehemiah</i>	Proverb 19-24	<i>Joel</i>
<i>Esther</i>	Galatians	Titus
<i>Job</i>	Ephesians	<i>Amos</i>
<i>Ecclesiastes</i>		Philemon
		<i>Obadiah</i>
		Hebrews
		<i>Jonah</i>
		James
		<i>Micah</i>
		I Peter
		<i>Nahum</i>
		II Peter
		<i>Habakkuk</i>
		I John
		<i>Zephaniah</i>
		II John
		<i>Haggai</i>
		III John
		<i>Zechariah</i>
		Jude
		<i>Malachi</i>
		Revelation

MORNING INTRUSION!

My husband was intruding on my time with God, and I didn't like it. For 10 years I had risen early each morning to read the Bible and pray. Since my husband, Don, preferred to sleep in, the timing was perfect. Before Don got up, before the phone started ringing, before my busy day started, I could focus exclusively on God. I memorized Scripture verses. I prayed for friends who would be waking up to a day filled with grief or sickness. I seldom began a day without asking God to take away my will and replace it with His.

I savored my quiet, uninterrupted time with God until one morning I looked up and saw Don walking into the room. With his eyes barely opened, he announced that he wanted to join my early morning practice. I tried to hide my shock and disappointment. *This has to be a whim, I thought. It won't last.*

The next morning, we took a trial run. I told Don what I usually did during this time. He gave me a thumbs-up, stretched out on the couch and promptly fell asleep before I had even finished reading the Scriptures. I hoped Don would tell me that this wasn't going to work. At the same time, I felt guilty about my unwilling attitude. I knew there were other wives who would love to share a time like this with their husbands.

After the first few mornings, Don avoided the couch. But even while he was sitting in a chair, he sometimes fell asleep when it was my turn to pray. Since Don had so much trouble staying awake, we decided to eat breakfast first. After the meal, Don was alert and ready to participate.

What I thought would last only a few days has now continued for more than 30 years. Don and I begin our time together by reading the Bible. Sometimes we use devotional books, but most of the time we simply read and discuss Scripture. We tell each other about our plans for the day. We discuss the needs of our friends, church and nation, noting the requests in a prayer notebook. When prayers are answered, we write TYL (Thank You, Lord) by the recorded names.

We spend a lot of time praying for God's protection for our daughters and their families. We often use a prayer based on Colossians 1:9-10: "Lord, we ask You to help our children and their families to understand what You want them to do. We ask You to make them wise about spiritual things. We ask that the way they live will always please and honor You so they will be doing good, kind things for others, while they are learning to know You better and better. We also pray that they will be filled with Your mighty, glorious strength so they will keep on going no matter what happens – always full of the joy of the Lord."

Sometimes my husband surprises me by telling God how much he loves me. I hear his genuine concern for me – a concern that doesn't always come out in other ways. Some mornings, as Don is praying, I am overwhelmed at the depth of his love for me. Silently, I ask God to make me worthy of such love.

Together, we have unearthed one of the most overlooked secrets for a strong marriage – going into God's presence together to pray and read His Word.

In hindsight, I now see that it was God, not Don, who intruded into my quiet mornings so many years ago. Our all-wise Father knew these times together would not only draw us closer to Him, but would also help us grow more in love with each other.