

68: THE CONVERSATIONS THAT BUILD STRONG MEN

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In Week 14: Scripture & Prayer Together

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“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” — *Colossians 3:16*

One of the things rarely talked about is how easy it is for Christian conversations to drift away from Scripture. We share opinions, compare experiences, and offer advice that may sound helpful, but God’s Word often becomes something we mention rather than the foundation we stand on. Before long, we are relying more on what we think than on what God has already said.

Paul writes, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Colossians 3:16). Scripture was never meant to be an occasional reference or a verse we pull out when the conversation gets difficult. It is meant to shape the way we think, guide the way we speak, and influence

the way we encourage another man. When God's Word truly lives in us, it naturally becomes part of our conversations because it has already become part of our lives.

Every trail eventually reaches a place where opinions are no longer enough. The terrain becomes uncertain, the next step isn't obvious, and someone has to pull out the map. God's Word is that map. It keeps two men from wandering into what feels right and leads them back to what is true. Conversations grounded in Scripture don't revolve around proving a point or having the best answer. They help both men keep walking in the right direction. Over time, those kinds of conversations produce something far deeper than good discussion—they produce men whose lives are anchored in God's truth rather than carried along by changing opinions.

APPLICATION

Every conversation is shaping someone. The question is whether it is being shaped by God's truth or by human wisdom. When disciples regularly open the Bible together, they stop relying on personal experience as the highest authority. They begin asking, "What does God say?" That simple shift changes the direction of every discussion.

Letting Scripture shape conversation doesn't mean quoting verses to end every debate. It means allowing God's Word to guide the tone, direction, and purpose of what is said. Sometimes it brings encouragement. Sometimes it brings correction. Other times it simply reminds both men that God's promises are more dependable than their emotions.

This takes intention. Left to ourselves, we naturally drift toward talking about work, family, hobbies, or problems without ever inviting God's perspective into the conversation. Yet the strongest disciples make room for Scripture because they know lasting change comes from God's voice, not their own.

The next time you meet with another believer, don't leave the Bible closed on the table. Read a passage. Ask what it reveals about God. Discuss how it confronts your own heart. Then encourage one another to live it out. Over time, those conversations become more than good discussions. They become mile markers of spiritual growth, keeping both men on the trail Christ has marked before them.

LIVE IT OUT

This week, intentionally open God's Word before discussing life's challenges with another man. Let Scripture guide the conversation instead of personal opinion. Ask what God is saying, what He is changing, and how you will obey together. Strong disciples stay on the trail by following the map, not their instincts.

PRAY THIS...

"Lord, help me to follow Your lead, not my instincts."

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