John 14.21-26 –Words to Teens 3Communing with God in His Word

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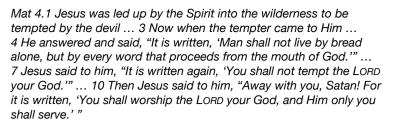
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* The Scriptures are God's words to us. In prayer, God wants	
to from us. In the Scriptures, God wants to	
to us. In both, he wants to develop us as his	
and	
* When we really want to know someone, we naturally want to	
spend with them and with them.	
It's the same with God, for the key relationship he made us for	
is with	
wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; 24 But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD. * One of the things that hinders us from coming to God in the	
Scriptures is the idea that language is an	
way to communicate which is God.	
* In addition, postmodernism has taught us that language has	
no objective, but only what the listener or	
reader assigns to it. Post mod. has also taught us that there is	
no objective or,	
for all our thoughts and sense perceptions are just brain	
This is the black box that	
has put us in.	

* **Richard Rorty**, perhaps the best known post mod. philosopher, summed it up this way:

"The very idea that the world or the self has an intrinsic nature — one which the physicist or the poet may have glimpsed [(in other words, the very idea of objective reality or knowledge)] — is a remnant of the idea that the world is a divine creation, the work of someone who had something in mind, who Himself spoke some language in which He described His own project." (Richard Rorty, Contingency, Irony, and Solidarity (Cambridge University Press, 1989) 21).

That is exactly what	is.
Gen 1.3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and th	nere was light
Gen 1.26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Out to Our likeness"	r image, according
Gen 2.16 And the LORD God commanded the mai tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tre of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day the shall surely die	ee of the knowledge
Gen 2.18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.	
Gen 1.28 Then God blessed them, and God said to and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dom living thing that moves on the earth."	
Gen 3.15 "And I will put enmity between you [the swoman, and between your seed and her Seed; He head, and you shall bruise His heel."	
Heb 1.1 God, who at various times and in various we past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all the whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the beglory and the express image of His person, and up by the word of His power, when He had by Himsel sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,	last days spoken to things, through orightness of His holding all things
* What is Jesus' relationship to prayer and So	cripture?
Luke 5.15 great multitudes came together to he healed by Him 16 So He Himself often withdrew wilderness and prayed.	

Luke 2.46 ... they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, ... listening ... and asking ... questions. 47 And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.



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24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words;

John 10.35 ... "the Scripture cannot be broken"

and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

Mat 27.46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ... "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (quoting Psalm 22.1)

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Luke 24.13 Now behold, two of them were traveling ... to ... Emmaus ... 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him ... 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village ... 29 they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." ... 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" (cf. Jer 15.16 "Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart)

* Two takeaways:

-1) 1 Pet 2.2 "like newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby"

-2) James 4.8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

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