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*Bible Journaling Class*

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Putting Faith  
*In Color*



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*With Shari Johnson*

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Night One!

## 5 Steps to Get You Started in Bible Journaling:

### 1. *Get lost in the message not the method.*

Everyone has different talents that God meant exclusively for you. Artistic ability may or may not be one of them, but that's not a reason not to journal. This is about meditating on the word of God. Psalm 77:12 ~ ***I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.*** David knew that God's word was his connection to God Himself and worthy of pondering it for a while. Think about many of the Psalms, very short, but so much to think about!

### 2. *Make it personal*

When you hear God speaking to you through scripture it puts you into God's story and it builds your faith. John 3:16, ***For God so loved Your name here.*** Countless other scriptures work just as well. Whether or not you actually make your name a part of the journal entry isn't as important as the realization that you really are a part of God's story.

### 3. *Make it passionate*

God makes us passionate beings for a reason. Within that passion is the very fabric of who you are and journaling about it can be an outlet for not only expression but direction in why God placed that passion within you in the beginning.

### 4. *Make it pertinent*

The Bible may be an old, old book, but it's a new, new message every day, and it's relevant not only to your life but those around you. One thing I've discovered from my own journaling and that of several that I follow on social media is the fact that, if it spoke to my heart when I journaled it, there's a great chance it's going to speak to someone else if I share it.

### 5. *Make it have purpose*

We serve a God who desires to be in a relationship with us and desires us to share that conversation with others ~ drawing them into the Kingdom of God. Journaling is for certain a fun, entertaining experience, but it's a ministry to ourselves and others, drawing us closer to the Creator.

## Sample Lettering





*Tonight's Journal entry...*

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## **The goal is not perfection**

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Perfection steals your joy  
Perfection causes comparison  
Perfection changes tarrying into toiling  
Perfection will cause you to give up.

I once ask a teacher friend “At what age children started to hate going to school?” and she so wisely said to me, “Right after their first bad teacher experience.” I recalled back to my “first bad teacher experience.” It was true. That’s life, isn’t it? We stop enjoying something when it’s no longer any fun. Learning is fun! Going through the process for completion or perfection is a chore. A relationship with our Savior is not a chore... He’s an adventure.

So that’s our journal entry for tonight. I’ve provided you one that requires only coloring or you can use your bible, or your paper to draw your own. You can also find the scripture that speaks to you and do word art.

- Alone or as a team... find your verse.
- Use your concordance for key words
- Design and share your thoughts on the scripture
- Was there a key word you focused on?
- When is perfectionism an issue for you?
- Do you also expect perfection of others?
- How will you apply this scripture to your life?

For by one offering he hath  
*perfected* for ever them  
that are sanctified.  
HEBREWS 10:14

