Pitch Your Tent

Journey with the Patriarchs

Sup with Me Series

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Inspiration Behind
"Pitch Your Tent – Journey with the Patriarchs"

In 2018, as I was reading through Romans, I came under conviction as I read:

> Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah? - Rom 11:2

Paul, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, held the believers accountable for their knowledge of the Old Testament!

Of course I knew the passage about Elijah, but I realized that there were many parts of the Old Testament that I did not know well, or even at all. I felt inspired to study the Old Testament in a new and meaningful way - I wanted to do more than just read.

During that same time, a pastor friend mentioned how he had journaled for years, something I had never done. Writing was not part of my Bible routine. A few days later I was lying in bed thinking about how I could journal in a way that I would enjoy. I wanted to stick to the Word, rather than write about thoughts and feelings. Suddenly, it just dropped into my spirit what to do. It was so clear and precise, that I have no doubt that the Lord spoke to me very directly. This is what I received:

> Read a chapter and write:
>
> 1. Main Characters
> 2. Two Sentence Summary
> 3. Favorite Verse
> 4. Funny Verse*
> 5. Two or Three More 'Notable Verses'
> 6. Time and Geography

* I added "Funny Verse" doing it the first day: there's always something peculiar going on in the OT!

The very next day I started with First Samuel Chapter One. I was after life of David and what a blessing it has been! I understood and retained so much more. Studying the geography brought the Scripture to life in ways unimagined. Who knew that David was crowned king over Judah in Hebron, where Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Leah lay buried in the Cave of Machpelah? And who knew that walls Herod the Great built around the cave still stand 100% intact today, the best preserved of all of Herod's building projects… and that you can visit it on YouTube?

After completing First and Second Samuel, I realized this method will work well for any OT history book, hence the name "Pitch Your Tent – Journey with the Patriarchs".

How To Do It

1. Grab your Bible
   Paper or Electronic Bible works fine – I worked off my phone

2. Pick one of the History Books:

   Genesis: Pitch your Tent - Journey with the Patriarchs

   Exodus: In Moses' Sandals

   Numbers: Onward from Mt Sinai

   Joshua: Strap your Sword

   Judges: Triumph & Tragedy

   Ruth: Your God will be my God

   I Samuel: Saul Crowned - Watch out David!

   II Samuel: After the Heart of God with King David

   Kings & Chronicles: From Solomon to Ahab & Beyond

   Ezra: Rebuilding the Temple

   Nehemiah: Restorer of Broken Walls

   Esther: Woman of Destiny

3. Read the chapter, keeping in mind that you have to come up with a two-sentence summary of the whole chapter. This already makes you pay more attention.

4. Main Characters:
   This is self-explanatory – It could even be a group such as "All Israel"

5. Two-Sentence Summary
   Long and complicated chapters need well-crafted sentences – only 2! Keeping to two sentences is part of the challenge. Well-chosen words and phrases show that you really grasped the chapter. Sometimes I had to read the chapter 2 or 3 times to form the two sentences in my mind. And this is exactly the point: grabbing hold of the Scriptures. No longer in the one ear and out the other. This is how you trap the chapter between the ears so that it can percolate down to your heart.

6. Favorite Verse
   This is whatever verse you liked best. It is completely subjective to what you liked that day. On a different day, you might like another verse. In very serious chapters, I called it "Pivotal Verse". "Favorite" can hardly be an adjective in a chapter of sin & judgment!

7. Funny Verse
   There always seems to be something strange or funny. In more serious chapters, I called it “Peculiar Verse”.

8. Two or three more notable verses
   Think of these as filling out your bouquet of verses. There’s just so much good stuff! Look for beautiful language too.

9. Time & Geography
   Honestly, I had no idea how long before Christ David lived. Was it Bronze Age or Iron Age? When and what even were the Bronze & Iron Age?

   Pick one or two place names and research online. What else happened there in the Bible? Is it known and what does it look like today? How far from Jerusalem? Look at a map.
   Here are a few resources to help you:

   - “Satellite Bible Atlas” on YouTube. The episodes are numbered – watch them in order and you will gain a tremendously useful understanding of the land and climate of Israel. You need a “grid” of the land before researching individual places.

   - Search the place name online: The internet is very well developed concerning anything in the Bible. Just about every place in the Bible has a Wikipedia, and many other sources too.

   - Watch YouTube: Same here - there are many YouTubers bringing Bible sites to life. Check out “Sergio & Rhoda”, or any of the other tour guides/scholars. Each has their own style, but all very informative. Never having been to Israel at the time I did Samuel, I was so blessed. The virtual visits became so real!

   - “Bible Map” by Plough Boy is a very useful app available for Apple devices (iPhone & iPad). Unfortunately it is not available on Android.

This journal has pages for 36 chapters.

Get going and let the Word sink in deep

The Lord will speak to you in amazing ways!

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