

DAY FIVE

RESPOND

The last and final step of the HEAR method is to respond to the text you have just read. This is a critical step because it results in a specific action you are going to take. It is one thing to know how a text applies to your life. It is another thing entirely to actually take steps to apply it. This is where transformation occurs. James 1:22 says we should “be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” This last step of Bible engagement helps us to do precisely that.

After reading through Psalm 19:1-9, I have decided to make a renewed commitment to actively study God’s Word with joy in my heart. I will start each Bible reading with prayer to get my heart in the right place. I will take my time reading and savor every word. I won’t rush through. It’s better to fall behind on my Bible reading plan and really dig deep into God’s Word daily than to rush through, check off a box, and go on living life unchanged by God’s amazing Word.

Yesterday you determined an application for Psalm 19:10-14. Look back at what you wrote. Now, what are you going to do about that so you can be a doer of the Word? Jot down a specific action step on page 19 beside the “R”. Write how you want to be different now because of what you’ve read, or respond by writing out a prayer to God.