SOAP Method for Bible Study

**S FOR SCRIPTURE** - Open your Bible to the reading found under today’s date of your Reading Plan. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

**O FOR OBSERVATION** - What do you think God is saying to you in this Scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

**A FOR APPLICATION** - Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

**P FOR PRAYER** - This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out. If this seems a little overwhelming, take it slow and keep it simple.

See reverse side for EXAMPLE and a Reading Plan.
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Read Matthew 9:35-38

S FOR SCRIPTURE - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

O FOR OBSERVATION - This scripture acknowledges God as the owner of the field and the harvest. He has more invested and to gain from the harvest. We are to care as much as we can about the harvest. We need to help the harvest and get others to help with the harvest.

A FOR APPLICATION - I need to pray for help and be a good worker.

P FOR PRAYER - God, please send out new and more workers. Help me to be a good harvester.

Reading Plan for week of August 1:
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