

“Radically Ancient” method of Bible study brings revival

Award-winning actor and sound designer Steve Cook believes “Witness The Bible” has unique power for today.

Johns Creek, Georgia – Steve Cook has created a new Bible study experience that facilitates meditation on God’s Word based solely on the memorization and dramatization of Scripture. It’s called “**Witness The Bible**”, and it includes live stage presentations, digital audio recordings, mnemonic songs, a 35-minute instructional video on Bible memorization, a stage play adaptation of the Gospel of Mark, and most recently, a 75-page devotional called “**Memo Devo: Memorization as Devotion**”, which, like the audio recordings, is currently featured on BibleGateway.com as a recommended resource.

The idea behind **Witness The Bible** is the belief that Scripture promises at least 3 things from the process of memorizing, pondering and speaking back of God's Word: 1) better intimacy with God, 2) a better witness for God, and 3) better protection from sin under God. Cook's entire ministry, Five Talents Audio, is devoted to modeling, facilitating and inspiring that process, which he believes has been largely forgotten in the age of smartphones and portable computers.

“For almost HALF of our recorded existence (2700 years), God chose NOT to have His Word written down. To me that's significant. I mean, God could have put a printing press right there in the Garden of Eden if He wanted to, right?”, says Cook, “And even after that, the Word wasn't widely distributed in written form for thousands more years, certainly not when Jesus taught. There's something very powerful about having God's Word literally dwell in me.”

In addition to ministering to his home church (Perimeter.org) and other venues around Atlanta GA, Cook tours live presentations of **Witness The Bible** to schools, festivals, and anywhere else there may be an opportunity for Revival. “Obviously, I can’t guarantee your experience will be the same as mine,” says Cook, “But I can say without hesitation that since I started memorizing and speaking back Scripture in this way in 2009, I have fallen more in love with Jesus than ever before. It has been truly amazing!”

Cook says he wants to share this new 'workout' he’s found that's actually guaranteed by Jesus Himself in John 15:7-8 to bring the result we all desire; namely, to align our will with Jesus’ will. And all we have to do is commit to one simple exercise every day – allow Jesus' words to literally ABIDE in us more, as they did for so many years before most could read them. Cook describes it as a “radically ancient” form of Bible study.

“In the Sermon on the Mount, when referring to Scripture, Jesus always begins with “You have heard it said...” rather than “You have read...”. People HAD to memorize God's Word through story and song if they were going to share it, and then trust the Holy Spirit to sanctify them through that process.” says Cook, “But the bottom line is that this simple act of love for Jesus has brought deep personal revival to my own walk with Him, and I believe it will do the same for anyone else.”

Steve Cook has been producing and publishing audiobooks since 2007, when he recorded the entire *1599 Geneva Audio Bible* for Tolle Lege Press. Some other titles include *Witness the Bible: Genesis to Jesus*, *Witness the Bible: Mark*, *Witness the Bible: Joseph & Judah*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Tom Sawyer: A One-Hour Classic*, and *Rowdy Raccoon and the Turtle Who Wanted to Fly*.

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