

## **Did you know that incredibly 87% of America cannot or does not prefer to learn from reading? <sup>2</sup>**

It is said that the entire known civilized world heard the Gospel in the first century. But how with no books, radio, tv, internet or mobile phones? The answer: Word of Mouth.

Biblical Orality: It's not spinning yarns or telling tall tales. Neither is it the Sunday school stories of old. It is an accurate biblical immersion visual-oral-aural experience of discovery where God and His Word are the authority revealing the intended unexaggerated treasures of scripture.

Like Jesus, we begin in Genesis and travel together from story to story in the Old Testament using Bible stories expressed in context through the inductive Orality principles of biblical storytelling that immerses the hearers in God's Story. From Creation to Christ to the Cross.

**"FAITH comes from HEARING, and HEARING through the WORD about The Christ."** - *The New Testament in the Book of Romans, Chapter 10, Verse 17.*

Through Biblical Orality the Word pierces through modern veils so hearers discover and "experience" today the treasure hidden in God's word and are transformed by it. That's why hearers cannot but help share what they experienced resulting in *organic spontaneous expansion from one country to over 119 in a few short years*. Disciples are making Disciples again and the global mission is being redeemed back to God's way where **the seed of Jesus alone** is cast and grows new gardens in heart soil prepared by God rather than gardens being uprooted and transplanted from one culture to another. Each culture yields its own unique and beautiful fruit yet with the same heirloom seed of The Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

Over time these OT historical stories point to the lost condition of all people, and of God's promise that one day, a Savior would come to provide salvation for those that will receive him.

**"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."**

Benjamin Franklin

After an Old Testament foundation has been laid, the oral storytelling enters the New Testament stories of Jesus where before he was not even mentioned by name as the previous stories show him foundationally through the events, festivals, characters, decisions, words and actions, principles, precepts, etc. At this point, even previously unreached people-groups easily recognize Jesus as the promised Christ and Savior from God foretold in God's ancient word and real history. *The reaction to experiencing God's Word in real time is a joy that results in the hearers accurately sharing what they heard (received from God) with others with zeal.* Hence, God's word is supra-cultural and spontaneously spreads organically as originally intended when we don't add to or take away from his word or his way.

**"your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart"** Jeremiah 15:16. Like Jeremiah the experience of hearing from God through His very Word is a joy. We also find that when someone experiences God through His Word that they cannot help but tell someone about it. Listen to the ancient philosopher Archytas (pronounced Ar-kiy-tus) who pondered this curious human Wowhey<sup>1</sup> or joy-tell reaction.

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<sup>1</sup> Wowhey is a term coined by Richard Carangelo

“If a man ascended to Heaven and saw the beautiful nature of the world and of the stars, his feeling of wonder, in itself most delightful, would lose its sweetness IF HE HAD NOT SOMEONE TO WHOM HE COULD TELL IT”

- Archytas of Tarentum, 428–347 BC, Greek philosopher

We find that what Jesus said is true, that the whole Old Testament points to him. *"You search the (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament) Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me."* STUDY: John 5:39, Also Luke 24:25-27, 44, Matthew 13:34-35.

Paul makes the same claim that the Old Testament is the map of scripture revealing the supreme treasure who is Jesus who was foretold for centuries through God's ancient word and real history; that God the Son would come to earth to be the Christ of the Gospel that was hidden in God's Word since the foundation of the world. *"For I (Paul) delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that 1Christ 2died 3for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he 4was buried, that he 5was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."* (1 Corinthians 15:1-4 is a summary of the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament message about The Christ.)

*"Let us not be ashamed of the gospel (unabridged and as given by God), for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew then to the Greek."* (Romans 1:16) Let us not be ashamed of how God created life for God's given biblical Orality way amazingly levels the field, removes barriers and reaches the atheist, religious, non-religious, non-literate, highly literate, seeing, blind, man, woman, child, young, old and all sitting together experiencing God's Word, being moved from shame, fear and law to grace, from darkness to light, and being built into a new community of faith right in their own home in Jesus the Christ who is God in the flesh, the Son of the living God.

Rather than just 13%<sup>2</sup>, now 100% can hear from God again and accurately re-tell through biblical Orality.

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P.S. Here's another amazing statistic: Incredibly 80% of the World cannot or does not prefer to learn from reading.

P.S. P.S. For Westerners, an experience with Orality can be like an early morning jump into an ice-cold mountain lake for the first time. Refreshing! Exhilarating! Like that wake-up experience, we cannot understand what it is like to be immersed in and submerged under the authority of God and His living Word His Biblical Orality way until we get submerged...

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<sup>2</sup> NALS – National Adult Literacy Survey