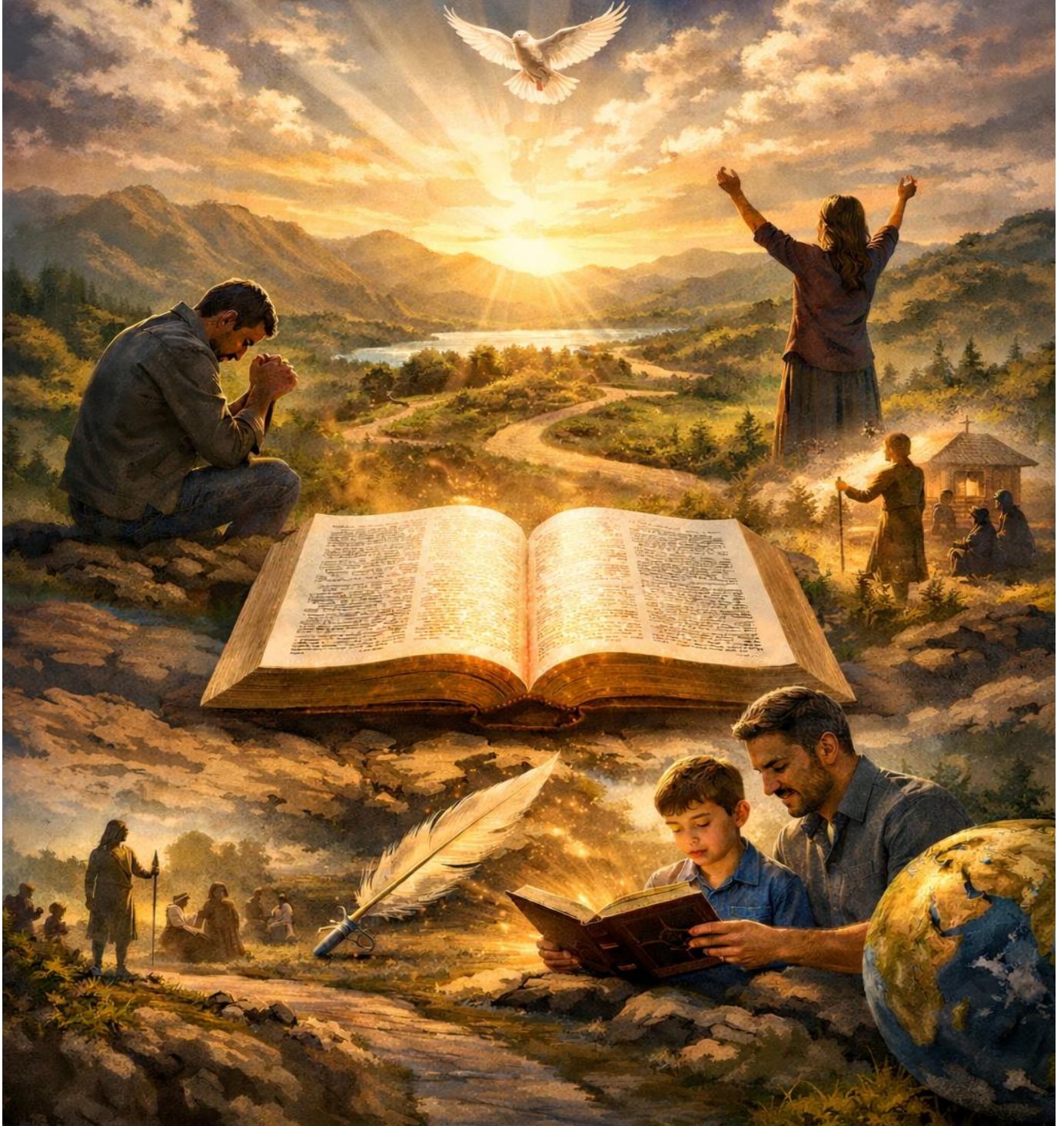


CALLED TO LIVE

BY THE WORD



Quiet Time Series for April

Day 1: Called to live by the Word – By Depending on God’s Word for Life

Matthew 4:4: - Jesus answered, ‘It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

To fully understand the depth of this Scripture, we must understand the context here. After the baptism by John the Baptist, Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights, where He was confronted by the devil, who challenged Him to turn stones into bread. In response, Jesus quotes **Deuteronomy 8:3** to handle this temptation from Satan.

We can break down **Matthew 4:4** into three components:

1. In this Scripture, Jesus said, *“Man shall not live on bread alone.”* This emphasizes that while bread—a basic necessity of life—is important, there is something more powerful than this physical food.
2. The second is the phrase, *“but on every word.”* Here the word **“every”** suggests completeness. This firmly says that not selectively, but **every word of God** nourishes every aspect of our life.
3. The third is the phrase, *“that comes from the mouth of God.”* This is a strong and powerful assurance from Jesus that the Scriptures are Holy Spirit–inspired and come from God. We are not just called to trust, but to completely rely on God’s Word—not only for overcoming temptations, but also for the strength and growth of every aspect of our lives.

In a moment of hunger, desperate desire for food and water, and while being in a state of tiredness and exhaustion—where anybody could have compromised—Jesus remained firm in His conviction to rely on God’s Word. If that is how powerful God’s Word is, why are we not reaching out to God’s Word like Jesus did?

Reflection:

- In moments of desperation, do I turn toward my own strength, something from this world, or to God’s Word to meet my needs?
- What can help me depend on, trust in, and fall in love with God’s Word?

Practical Action:

Instead of having a mediocre way of looking at God’s Word, shall we come up with a radical plan for daily meditation on God’s Word?

Day 2. Called to live by the Word – By Walking in God’s light

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

In biblical times, travellers often walked on dark, uneven paths at night. They carried a small oil lamp that illuminated only a few steps ahead. The lamp did not reveal the entire journey at once, but it provided enough light for the next step. The Word of God is not merely information—it is divine illumination. It helps us discern what is right, exposes hidden dangers, and directs us toward God’s will. Often, we desire God to show us the entire future. God’s Word does not always give us the full map. It gives us enough light for the next step of obedience. **Walking in the Light Means Living in Obedience.**

The Hebrew word translated “lamp” is *ner* (נֵר), the same word used throughout the Old Testament for the lamps of the Tabernacle and Temple — the sacred flames that burned continually before the presence of God. The lamp was never allowed to go out. It was a symbol of God’s abiding presence, His covenant faithfulness, His unceasing attention to His people. To carry the Word of God is to carry something of the very sanctuary of God into the ordinary paths of daily life. Every disciple who walks by the Word walks as a living temple — bearing the light of divine presence into a darkened world.

The world around us often offers many voices, opinions, and directions. Without the light of Scripture, it becomes difficult to discern truth from deception. Just as a lamp reveals obstacles on a dark road, God's Word reveals spiritual dangers before we stumble. When God's Word becomes the foundation of our thoughts and actions, our lives begin to reflect His wisdom and grace.

Those who walk in the light of God's Word experience clarity in confusion, peace in uncertainty, and confidence in their spiritual journey. God's Word does not remove every challenge, but it ensures that we are never walking in darkness.

Reflection:

- What areas of your life need the light of God's Word today?
- What step of obedience is God asking you to take today?

Practical Action:

Begin each day by reading a portion of Scripture. Ask God to show you one truth that can guide your thoughts and actions for that day. Encourage someone by sharing a Scripture or a lesson God has taught you. God's Word not only guides our lives but also becomes a light to others around us.

Day 3: Called to live by the Word – By Meditating on the Word daily

Joshua 1:8 - Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful

In Joshua 1:8 God spoke to Joshua at a critical moment. Moses had died, leadership had changed, and the people of Israel were about to enter the Promised Land. Joshua was facing uncertainty, responsibility, and many future battles. Instead of giving military strategies or leadership techniques, God gave him one central instruction: **keep the Word of God close to your life**. God told Joshua to keep the Book of the Law on his lips, meditate on it day and night, and carefully obey everything written in it. The message was clear victory would not come from strength or intelligence but from living by God's Word. In that time and place, God's people were entering a new season, and the Word would guide their decisions, shape their leadership, and protect them from going astray. The Word was meant to become the compass of Joshua's life, directing his thoughts, his speech, and his actions.

The same call continues for believers today. We live in a fast world filled with distractions, opinions, wars, social media voices, and loaded with information. Many things compete for our attention and try to shape our thinking. Yet God's instruction remains the same: keep His Word close to your life. When we meditate on Scripture daily, it renews our minds, strengthens our faith, and guides our decisions. The Word becomes a voice of truth when the world is full of confusion. It corrects us when we drift, encourages us when we feel weak, and reminds us of God's promises when we feel uncertain. Living by the Word today means allowing Scripture to influence how we think, speak, and live every day. Just as Joshua was promised success through obedience to God's Word, we as believers today experience spiritual strength, wisdom, and stability when we build our lives upon it.

Reflection:

- Is the Word of God shaping my daily decisions, or am I mostly influenced by the world around me?
- Do I only read the Bible religiously, or do I take time to meditate and reflect on it regularly?
- What would change in my life if I truly allowed God's Word to guide my thoughts and actions every day?

Practical Action:

- Choose a passage, read it slowly, repeatedly and try to reflect by asking questions like what happened then and there? "What does this mean?", "What the scripture speaks to me?" "How to apply it here and now?"
- Meditating by memorizing scriptures.

Day 4 : Called to live by the Word – By Rooting our life in God’s Word

Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.”

This morning, Psalm 1 reminds us that our spiritual strength depends on where we are rooted. **The blessed person is not simply someone who avoids wrong influences, but someone who delights in God’s Word.** Notice how the psalm describes a slow drift - walking, standing, and finally sitting with the wrong crowd. Spiritual compromise does not occur in a day; it happens gradually, day after day without even knowing that we are drifting away.

But the one who roots their life in God’s Word is like a tree planted by streams of water. The tree does not chase water; it is planted near the source. In the same way, when we meditate on Scripture daily, our souls are constantly nourished. Even when seasons are dry, we do not wither. Even when challenges come, we remain steady.

Fruit does not appear overnight. It grows quietly from deep roots. If we want a fruitful life in ministry, family, and personal walk with God, we must stay rooted in His Word.

Today, let us not just read the Bible as a routine, but delight in it as our life source. When our roots go deep into God’s truth, our lives will naturally reflect His strength, peace, and blessing.

Reflection :

- Am I truly delighting in God’s Word, or just reading it as a routine?
- When challenges come, do I remain steady like a rooted tree or become easily shaken?

Practical Action :

- Set aside a fixed time each day this week to read and meditate on a portion of Scripture.
- Choose one verse today and intentionally apply it in a practical way before the day ends.

Day 5: Called to live by the Word – By Hearing and Keeping It

Luke 11: 28 – He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

In this moment, if we look into the previous verse, a woman in the crowd praises Jesus’ mother, saying how blessed she must be for giving birth to Jesus. But in this verse Jesus redirected the focus. He said the truly blessed people are not those who are simply connected to Him by family, but those who **hear God's Word and obey it.** Jesus said the same in Matthew 12:50 that whoever does the will of my father (which is, obedience to the scriptures) is my brother, sister and mother. What a great privilege, isn’t it?

Many people hear God’s Word every day—through sermons, Bible reading, or messages. But hearing alone is not the goal. God's Word is meant to **transform the way we live.** The blessing Jesus talks about comes when His Word moves from **our ears to our hearts and into our actions.** A life that listens and obeys God’s voice experiences the joy, peace, and direction that come from walking closely with Him. True blessing is found in **living out what God says.**

Reflection:

- When I read or hear God's Word, do I actively look for ways to obey it?

- Is there any place in my life where I have the desire to hear God's word but struggling to put it into practice?
- What is something that stops me from obeying God's Word fully?

Practical Action:

Today, choose one truth from God's Word you recently heard and intentionally practice it.

For example, if the Word calls you to forgive, encourage someone, or spend time in prayer—**take one step of obedience today.**

Day 6: Called to live by the Word – By Tasting the Sweetness of God's Word

Psalm 119:103 - How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

The Psalmist describes God's Word as sweeter than honey to show how precious and delightful it is to those who love God. Just as honey brings pleasure to our tongues, the Word of God brings joy and satisfaction to our hearts. When we read and meditate on Scripture, we begin to understand God's love, guidance, and promises for our lives. The Word strengthens us in difficult times and gives wisdom for the decisions we make. It also corrects us when we go in the wrong direction and helps us grow spiritually. The sweetness of God's Word is experienced not only by reading it but by applying it in our daily life.

When we spend time with the Bible regularly, our relationship with God becomes deeper and stronger. The more we learn from God's Word, the more we desire to know Him. This is why believers should develop a habit of reading and meditating on Scripture every day. A life filled with God's Word will always experience true joy, peace, and spiritual nourishment.

Reflection:

- What prevents me from spending time with the Bible daily?
- How can I make God's Word a regular part of my life?

Practical Action:

Memorize a verse each day

Day 7: Called to live by the Word — by letting the Word Dwell within Us

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Letting the Word of Christ dwell in us is like allowing a life-giving river to flow through a garden. The soil is dry, plants wither and growth is weak. But, when the water flows regularly and deeply, the roots grow strong, flowers bloom, and the garden becomes fruitful and beautiful. In the same way, when God's Word flows daily into our hearts, it nourishes our thoughts, strengthens our faith, and produces the fruit of wisdom, peace, and gratitude.

The Word is not meant to visit us occasionally, like rain that falls once and disappears. It is meant to remain, to soak into every part of our lives. As it dwells richly within us, it teaches us, corrects us, and shapes our responses. It also overflows into our relationships—encouraging others, bringing unity, and filling our hearts with joyful worship. A heart saturated with Scripture naturally expresses grateful heart and a Christ filled life. Worship, encouragement, and wise living become the fruit of a life where Christ's Word has found a home.

Reflection:

- Is my heart being regularly nourished by God's Word, or has it become spiritually dry?

- Am I allowing Scripture to take root deeply and shape my attitudes and responses?
- Is the Word producing gratitude, encouragement, and worship in my daily life?

Practical Action:

This morning, spend quiet time reading Colossians 3:16 slowly. Imagine God's Word like water soaking into your heart. Choose a phrase to meditate on and repeat throughout the day. Let the Word dwell in you richly so that its life flows out through your thoughts, words, and actions.

Day 8: Called to Live by the Word — by Obeying What We Hear

James 1:22–25: *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”*

Hearing the Word is not enough. As believers, we must put it into action by obeying it in our daily lives. Merely listening to the Word leads to self-deception. It must go beyond emotional responses, intellectual knowledge, or choosing only what we want to hear. When we apply God's Word to our lives, it transforms our behavior and makes us more like Christ.

Just as a mirror shows us what we look like, looking intently into God's Word reveals our true identity in Him and our spiritual condition. Many times, we forget who we truly are in Christ because we fail to act upon what we have seen in the Word.

God's Word brings freedom when we embrace it and live according to its teachings. James explains that when we look intently into the Word and continue to practice it—not forgetting what we have heard—we will experience true blessing.

This verse reminds us that we must go beyond simply hearing the Word—we must live according to what God says. As believers, we are called to live out our faith in an ever-changing world every day.

Reflection

- What is your attitude when you hear or receive the Word of God?
- Do you embrace the Word of God with a submissive heart, knowing that it has the power to transform your life?

Practical Action

- Apply biblical teachings and principles in your everyday decisions, and always seek God's guidance.

Day 9: Called to live by the Word — by Delighting in God's Word

Jeremiah 15:16 - *When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty*

To “eat” God's Word is to receive it deeply welcoming it with faith and allowing it to settle into the very core of our being. Eating is not merely swallowing food; it is allowing that food to nourish, strengthen, and energize the body. In the same way, engaging with God's Word is more than reading or gaining knowledge. It is inviting His truth to shape our hearts, to influence our thoughts, and to guide our emotions, actions, and character. When we truly “eat” His Word, it becomes the life within us- sustaining us, transforming us, and directing the way we live each day. Even when God's message was difficult, Jeremiah found joy because the Word connected him deeply with God Himself. Instead of reshaping God's message, he trusted it fully. This inward acceptance turned God's Word into his joy and strength.

We are called not only to read God's Word but to receive in inwardly and delight in it daily. When we treasure Scripture, it shapes our thoughts, strengthens our faith, and anchors us during trials. Delighting in God's Word helps us remain faithful even when obedience is costly. As people who bear God's name, our joy and identity should flow from His Word, allowing it to guide our decisions, attitudes, and lifestyle. When we welcome Scripture into our hearts and obey it, it becomes our joy and strength. True delight in God's Word is seen when it shapes how we live each day.

Reflection:

- Do I approach God's Word with desire or obligation?
- What helps me truly delight in Scripture each day?
- How is God's Word shaping my identity and daily choices?

Practical Action:

Set apart a fixed time each day to read and meditate on Scripture slowly, enjoying God's presence and allowing His Word to shape your thoughts before other distractions enter your day.

Day 10 : Called to live by the Word — by Growing in Faith through the Word

Romans 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ

Faith doesn't appear automatically. It develops when a person **hears the message about Christ**. When the gospel is spoken, preached, or read, the Word of God enters a person's heart, and that is how faith is born. Paul is emphasizing the **importance of proclaiming God's Word**. If people never hear the message about Christ, they cannot respond in faith.

Hearing through the word of Christ - The message that produces faith is specifically **the message about Jesus Christ**—His life, death, and resurrection

Just like our bodies need daily food to stay strong, our faith needs the **regular nourishment of God's Word**. When we listen to Scripture, meditate on it, and allow it to shape our thinking, our trust in God deepens. Sometimes when our faith feels weak, the answer is not trying harder but **listening more closely to what God has already spoken**. His Word reminds us of His promises, His character, and His faithfulness.

Faith grows where God's Word is heard, received, and trusted.

Reflection:

- How regularly am I exposing my heart to God's Word?
- When my faith feels weak, do I turn to God's promises in Scripture?
- Is there a message from God's Word that I need to believe more deeply today?

Practical Action:

Set aside intentional time today to listen to or read a portion of Scripture and reflect on one promise of God. Write it down and remind yourself of it throughout the day.

Day 11: Called to Live by the Word — By Allowing God's Word to Transform Us

Hebrews 4:12; *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

This scripture shows that God's Word can reach deep into our hearts. It understands our thoughts and motives. It shows us what is true inside us and calls us to live honestly and sincerely before God.

The Word of God plays a pivotal role in transforming sinners into saints, rendering them as workmanship for building God's kingdom on earth. This journey is undertaken by every Christian.

The Word of God is alive, imparting life to those who were once dead in their transgressions. Faith without deeds is ineffectual, but the Word of God fuels faith into action. It is sharper than any double-edged sword, capable of dividing soul and spirit. The Holy Spirit utilizes God's Word to convict individuals of their sins, bringing about the repentance that God desires to see in their lives.

Through constant hearing, reading, and meditation on God's Word, one develops the resilience needed to fight against Satan's schemes, personal sinful thoughts, and worldliness. Consequently, the heart, thoughts, and attitude are transformed for the better.

Reflection

- Be thankful for the ministry of the Word in your life.
- Consider: How do we grow in the knowledge of God through His Word?
- Identify: What distractions or hindrances keep us from studying Scripture today?

Practical Steps

- Set aside a consistent time and place for personal Bible study.
- Share Scripture and insights regularly with your spouse and children.
- Practice lifestyle evangelism by sharing your faith daily with someone.

Day 12: Called to live by the Word — By Storing the Word in Our Heart

Psalm 119:11 - *I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You*

Psalm 119, the longest chapter, emphasis on **Word of God**. victory over sin begins in the heart, not just in behaviour. God's word ***hidden in my heart*** means treasuring, meditating on and applying Gods word in our life. When Scripture fills our heart, this helps us to shape our thoughts, decisions. The goal is clear: ***"that I might not sin against You."***

Preparation before Temptation comes:

When we fill our mind with God's thoughts, it helps us make better choices, when temptation hits. God's Word is meant to **guide your actions**, not stay as information.

As our body needs daily food, our heart needs daily truth. The Word is **hidden in advance** so that when temptation comes, God's truth is already present in the heart.

Memorising Scripture is **not temporary**, It is a **lifelong discipline**, because

- Sin and temptation do not stop
- The heart always needs guarding
- Decisions must continually be shaped by God's Word

Temptation is unavoidable. Remembering God's Word gives us strength to say NO and walk away from sin. which guards our heart.

Reflection:

1. What daily habit can I build to consistently store God's Word in my heart? (Reading aloud, memorizing, journaling are some practical ways. Choose, which works personally for you)
2. Write down your favourite Bible Verse and place it, where you see it daily (room, office, phone, notebook)
3. How can we support one another in building the habit of memorising and applying God's Word in our life?

Day 13: Called to live by the Word – By Delighting & Meditating on God’s Word

Psalms 119:15-16 - *I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*

சங்கீதம் 119:15-16 - உமது கட்டளைகளைத் தியானித்து, உமது வழிகளைக் கண்ணோக்குகிறேன். உமது பிரமாணங்களில் மனமகிழ்ச்சியாயிருப்பேன்; உமது வசனத்தை மறவேன்.

In these two short verses, the Psalmist provides a "rhythm of the soul" that transforms how we interact with God's truth. It isn't just about reading; it's about a deep, intentional focus.

“I will intentionally think deeply about God's Word and carefully observe the way God wants me to live.”

If a believer only **reads** Scripture, it may remain information. But when we **meditate**, it becomes **life-changing wisdom**.

In Tamil, it says,

- **(Consider) Fixing our Eyes (The Focus):** In a world full of distractions, "fixing our eyes" is a choice. It means looking past the noise of our daily stresses and focusing on the path God has set before us.
 - **Delight (The Emotion):** This shows that the psalmist does not see God's commands as a burden, but as something joyful and life-giving. Therefore, our obedience should be joyful obedience not stressing one.
 - **“I will not forget (neglect) Your word”**
In Hebrew language, **forgetting** does not only mean memory loss. It means **ignoring or neglecting** God's instructions.
“I will keep God's Word constantly in my mind and heart.”
- The psalmist finds **joy, satisfaction, and pleasure** in God's instructions.
 - He will **continually keep it in mind and practice it**.
 - This shows that **true obedience flows from love**, not obligation. And the result of such obedience is **Joy**.
- Hear the word → meditate → Focus intentionally → Obey Joyfully → Be transformed.**

Reflection:

1. **What is currently occupying the "meditation space" of your mind?** Worries or Word of God?
2. Spend **daily time thinking about Scripture**
3. Allow God's Word to **shape your decisions**
4. Keep focus on **God's ways rather than worldly paths**

Day 14: Called to Live by the Word — By Attending Carefully to God’s Instruction

Proverbs 4:20–22 “My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body.”

“**Pay attention**” means to fix your mind on God's Word—to give it careful focus and treat it as important, not casual.

“**Turn your ear**” means to lean in closely with eagerness and humility, desiring to truly hear and receive avoiding any other distractions. .

God calls His people not only to hear His Word but to attend carefully to it and treasure it deeply. In Proverbs, Solomon urges his son to listen attentively, keep the Word before his eyes, and guard it within his heart. This shows that God's instruction is not meant to be a passing influence but a constant guide for our lives. To live by the Word means giving it our full attention. The world around us constantly pulls our minds in many directions, but God's wisdom calls us to focus on His truth. When we listen carefully and allow Scripture to dwell within us, it shapes our thoughts, directs our choices, and strengthens our character.

This verse carries a **powerful promise**: it brings life and healing. When we hold onto His instruction and walk according to it, we experience spiritual vitality and the protection that comes from living in God's wisdom. A life guided by God's Word is a life rooted in His truth and sustained by His grace.

Reflection:

- Do I give careful attention to God's Word each day?
- Am I keeping Scripture in my heart or allowing other voices to shape my thinking?
- In what ways is God's Word guiding my decisions today?

Practical Action:

Set aside a quiet time today to read Proverbs 4 slowly. Ask God to help you listen carefully to His instruction. Choose one verse from the passage and meditate on it throughout the day, allowing God's Word to guide your thoughts and actions.

Day 15: Called to live by word - by continuing in the truth

John 8:31-32 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Jesus spoke these words to people who had already believed in Him — yet He called them further. Believing is where discipleship begins, but continuing is where it is proven. To hold to His teaching means to remain in it daily, to let it correct us, shape us, and lead us — not just in moments of comfort, but especially when obedience is costly. A true disciple is not simply someone who agreed with Jesus once, but someone who keeps returning to His Word and choosing it above all else.

The freedom Jesus promises here is not freedom to do as we please — it is freedom from the very thing that enslaves us: sin. Every person who lives outside of Jesus's teaching remains, whether they feel it or not, in bondage to sin. But when we truly know Jesus through His Word and walk in obedience to it, that bondage is broken. The Son sets us free — not partially, but completely. This is the great promise of continuing in God: that truth lived out daily produces a life genuinely liberated from sin's power and authority over us.

Reflection:

- Has my relationship with God, through reading His words via Scripture, been consistent and growing?
- Am I actively choosing to obey the truth of Jesus's words, or am I still allowing sin to hold authority over areas of my life?
- Where is Jesus calling me to hold more firmly to His teaching — and what is stopping me from doing so?

Practical Action:

Identify one teaching of Jesus that you have been hearing but not fully holding to. Write it down and commit this week to actively living it out. Let your obedience to Jesus's teachings bring your discipleship journey one step closer to true discipleship and the freedom to walk with God.

Day 16: Called to Live by the Word — By Loving God's Law

Psalms 119:97 - Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

If we are in love with someone or something, then our minds automatically enjoy the presence of it or them with us. We like to spend a lot of time with them. We cherish the time we had spent with them and those memories always brings us joy. We are willing to sacrifice for that person even if takes us to go beyond what we can bear.

If we claim to love God's law, then we would need to feel the same way. We need to spend a lot of time reading and understanding God's law. We need to cherish the knowledge we develop by reading and understanding God's law. We need to be willing to sacrifice to practice God's law even if it takes us to go beyond what we can bear.

Reflection:

- Do we feel joyful when we spend time reading God's law
- Do we spend time learning and understanding God's law
- Are we willing to sacrifice and go beyond to practice God's law

Practical Action:

Ensure we decide in our minds to read God's word daily no matter what situations we are in. Learn to practice what we read from the scriptures, one thing at a time. We need to see our lives, character changing over weeks, months and years. That would be the proof that we are really in love with God's law.

Day 17: Called to live by word - by trusting in the power of God's word

Matthew 8: 8 "But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed."

In this miracle, the centurion dictated how this miracle should be done by Jesus. Imagine how much God honors our Faith in His word.

This statement shows the centurion's strong faith in Jesus' authority. He believes that just one word from Jesus is enough to bring healing. This shows that he understands Jesus' divine power from his word, even more than many people of his time.

Jesus was shocked to see the centurion's faith and declared no one ever had faith like him, even Abraham, Jacob, David, etc., all heroes of faith.

Faith is measured not by the quantity of God's word we are aware of , but by how much we trust God's word in our personal and professional lives. God's word is ultimate, and we are called to believe in every single word God speaks through God's word in our Bible.

Reflect:

- Am I trusting God's word and its authority over our family and us?
- Am I trusting God's word to have all the powers beyond our imagination to bless and change our lives?

Practical action:

Just say," Lord, just say the word, I will obey," every time you read the Bible. Get ready for a miracle.

Day 18: Called to Live by the Word – by Being Equipped for Every Good Work

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work"

God-breathed means Scripture originates from God Himself. It's not just human words, it's divinely inspired. Because it's from God, it carries authority and relevance no matter the season of life.

- **Teaching** – Gives us truth, doctrine, foundation (e.g., Sermon on the Mount teaching kingdom values).
- **Rebuking** – Points out where we're off track, exposes sin (e.g., Nathan rebuking David in 2 Samuel 12).
- **Correcting** – Shows the right path after rebuke, restores (e.g., Jesus correcting Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan").
- **Training in Righteousness** – Equips us to live rightly day-by-day (e.g., Fruit of the Spirit in Gal 5:22-23).

Thoroughly equipped for every good work: Scripture isn't just for knowledge; it prepares us to act — serve, love, witness, endure. God's Word is our foundation — And it thoroughly Equips us for every good work and transforms us to be more like Jesus

Reflection:

- Am I prioritizing God's Word in my life?
- Where do I need correction or guidance?
- How can I apply God's Word to my daily life?

Practical Action:

- Write down areas where you need teaching, rebuking, or correction.
- Apply: Pick one "good work" God's equipping you for. Take a step today.

Day: 19 Calling to Live by The Word – By Building Life on a Firm Foundation

Matthew 7:24 - Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock

In Matthew 7:24, Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount with a powerful illustration. He says the wise person is not the one who only hears God's Word, but the one who practices in his life. Jesus compares our life to building a house. Every person is building their life on something may be on success, comfort, opinions, culture, or God's Word. The wise builder chooses the rock. The rock represents obedience to the teachings of Jesus.

Psalms 1 gives a similar picture. The person who delights in and meditates on God's Word is like a tree planted by streams of water stable, nourished, and fruitful.

Both passages show the same truth:

- God's Word is the foundation for a stable life.
- Obedience to God's Word produces spiritual stability and fruitfulness.
- Difficult seasons (storms) will come, but those who are rooted in God's Word stand firm.
- A life built on God's Word is not about knowledge alone, but practice and transformation.

Why do some of us find it difficult to obey God's Word?

Maybe because of the desires of the world or fear of how people will react or comfort and convenience or lack of deep meditation on Scripture or small compromises.

That is why Jesus emphasizes putting His words into practice.

Reflection:

- What foundation am I currently building my life on?
- Is there a teaching of Jesus that I know but am struggling to practice?
- How often do I meditate on God's Word compared to simply reading it?
- When storms come in my life, do I stand firm or feel shaken?

Practical Action:

- Choose one teaching of Jesus you will intentionally practice this week.
- Identify one area where obedience feels difficult and pray specifically for strength in that area.
- Share with a disciple or spouse how you plan to build your life on God's Word this week.

DAY 20: Called to Live by the Word – By Rejoicing in God's Perfect Instruction

Psalm 19:7 - The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple

Here, David is declaring that God's instruction is complete, flawless, and lacking nothing. It does not need correction or improvement. Unlike human advice, which can fail or change, God's Word remains pure and dependable. The Word of God does more than inform the mind — it refreshes the soul. When we are weary, confused, or spiritually dry, God's Word renews our inner being and brings spiritual vitality.

David also says God's statutes are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The "simple" here does not mean foolish in a negative sense, but someone inexperienced or easily led. God's Word provides clarity, direction, and discernment. It gives wisdom to those who humbly receive it. Rejoicing in God's instruction means trusting that His commands are not burdensome but life-giving. True joy comes when we see God's law not as restriction, but as loving guidance from a faithful and loving Father.

Reflection:

- Do I see God's Word as life-giving or a burden?
- When I feel spiritually tired, do I turn to Scripture for renewal?
- In what areas of my life do I need God's wisdom right now?

Practical Action:

Set aside time today to read Psalm 19 slowly. As you read, ask God to refresh your soul through His Word. Identify one instruction or truth from Scripture and apply it deliberately in your decisions today.

Day 21: Called to Live by the Word – By Walking in Purity

Psalm 119:9 - How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word

In this longest chapter of the Bible (Psalm 119), the author of this psalm is addressing a question here, along with the answer as well. **How can a young man keep his way pure?**

If this was an important issue some 3000 years ago when this psalm was written, let's just imagine how much it is a burning issue today, with all the growth in technology. If somebody is vocal about this, then we understand how desperate they are to find victory over living a life of impurity.

Also, asking a question like this shows the humility in the heart of the author: *I know what others will think of me, but I just want to live a life of purity.* The answer to this question is given in one word: **"guarding."**

A life of moral purity doesn't happen accidentally. Because of our fallen nature, our natural way of living moves toward what pleases our sinful nature. If this is who we are, we have to be intentional in making every effort to guard our hearts from sin.

The Scripture here also says guarding has to happen **according to God's Word**.

- God's Word shows us the standard of purity—what is right and wrong.
- God's Word shows us the reason for us to live pure lives.
- God's Word shows us the difficulty of remaining pure.
- God's Word describes the blessings of a pure heart.
- God's Word shows us the way of forgiveness from our impurities.
- God's Word shows us ways of protecting our hearts from impurities and sin.
- God's Word shows us how our minds can be renewed so we can become transformed people.

This is the reason the psalmist says firmly: in our pursuit of purity, we can advance by guarding our hearts **according to God's Word**. Scripture talks about establishing boundaries in our lives, choosing friendships that uplift us, fleeing from temptations that pull us down, making time for the study of Scripture, and replacing sin with things that come from God.

Reflection:

- Have I started to take sin casually?
- Have I started to take confession of my heart lightly?

Practical Action:

If guarding our hearts through Scripture is so rewarding, shall we make an effort to **memorize Scripture** that can give us true victory?

Day 22: Called to Live by the Word - by Bearing Fruit through Obedience

Luke 8:15 - But as for that seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word with a good and noble heart, and hold on to it tightly, and bear fruit with patience

Jesus teaches that a fruitful life begins with a **heart that receives and obeys God's Word**. It defines the "good soil" as those who hear God's word with an honest, noble heart, hold it tightly (obey), and patiently bear fruit. True spiritual growth happens when the Word moves from our ears to our hearts and then into our actions and it is the key to produce lasting, productive fruit in the Christian life.

Obedience may not always be easy, and the results may not appear immediately. Yet every act of obedience allows God's Word to take deeper root in us. When we guard the Word from distractions, doubts, and the pull of worldly pleasures, it begins to produce fruit in our lives—transformed character, and life that reflects God's Wisdom and Faithfulness

Reflection:

- Are you rushing the process, or are you allowing God's word to take root deeply?
- If you don't see growth in your spiritual life, keep nourishing the soil through prayer and obedience.
- What is one Scripture God is calling me to obey today? pray through every word asking for the divine intervention of the Holy Spirit to help you obey

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for Your Word. Please soften my heart, making it good soil. Help me not only to hear Your Word but to hold it fast and patiently live it out, that my life may produce fruit that honors You. Amen.

Day 23: Called to Live by the Word — By Living in Reverent Obedience

Psalms 119:38 - Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared

This verse reveals the connection between **God's promises and reverent obedience**. The psalmist asks God to establish His promise- to make it **real and active** in his life so that his heart will grow in the fear of the Lord. Just as Mary responded to God's message with humble trust in **Luke 1:38**, the psalmist desires that God's Word would take root in his life and shape his responses in faithful obedience.

The purpose of this prayer is clear: **"that you may be feared."** When God proves His Word true in our lives, our trust grows, our awe deepens, and our obedience becomes sincere. Reverent obedience comes not from fear of punishment but from recognizing God's faithful character. As we continue to see God keeping His promises again and again, our hearts respond with worship, devotion, and reverence.

In other words: **God's promises → become real in our lives → produce reverence → lead to obedience.** When we live in reverent obedience, our lives reflect who God is. We seek to honor Him in our thoughts, choices, and actions. As God fulfills His promises and guides us through His Word, our faith grows stronger and our lives become a testimony that we truly revere Him.

Reflection:

- Do I ask God to make His Word real and active in my life?
- How does remembering God's faithfulness deepen my reverence for Him?
- In what areas of my life, God is calling me to greater obedience?

Practical Action:

- Pray today that God will firmly establish His Word in your heart.
- Reflect on one promise from Scripture and thank Him for His faithfulness.
- Choose one area of your life where you can practice reverent obedience and intentionally honor God through your actions

Day 24: Called to live by the Word – By Walking in God's Path

Psalm 119:34 - Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart

Understanding God's word deeply is a journey, Not a destination!

The writer of Psalm 119 had a deep desire to walk in God's ways. He understood that knowing God's path was not enough; he needed understanding from God to truly obey it. In those days, God's law guided the people of Israel in how to live, worship, and relate to others. The psalmist realized that human wisdom was not sufficient to follow God faithfully. That is why he prayed for understanding. His heart was not just to know the commandments but to keep them wholeheartedly. This prayer shows humility and dependence on God. The psalmist knew that walking in God's path requires both knowledge of His Word and a transformed heart that desires obedience.

Today, believers still need the same prayer. God's Word shows us the path of righteousness, but understanding it and applying it daily requires God's help. Many people read Scripture, yet struggle to live it out. Psalm 119:34 reminds us that obedience begins with asking God to give us spiritual understanding. When God opens our minds, His Word becomes clear, meaningful, and practical. Walking in God's path means, aligning our decisions, attitudes, and actions with His truth. It means choosing integrity when it is difficult, showing love when it is inconvenient and remaining faithful when the world pulls us in another direction. As we meditate on Scripture and seek God's guidance, He shapes our hearts so we can obey Him sincerely, not out of duty but out of love.

Reflection:

- Do I regularly ask God to give me understanding when I read His Word?
- Is my obedience to God coming from my heart or only from habit?
- What is one area of my life where I need to align my path with God's Word today?

Practical Action:

- First thing to do is, Everyday before you start doing your quiet time, take five minutes time to pray and ask God for wisdom to understand his word deeply.
- Secondly, you can read from different version and try to understand the Author's intention. Also use commentaries and Bible studies.

Day 25 : Call to Live by the Word – By Doing God's Will

Luke 8:21 - He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice

Here Jesus wasn't rejecting His earthly family; He was revealing a deeper truth. To belong to Him isn't about physical ties, background, or status it's about obeying Gods Word. Hearing Gods Word isn't enough. **True discipleship begins when His Word moves from our ears to our hearts and into our actions.** The Word of God is meant to transform us, not merely inform us.

We become part of His family when we respond with faith and obedience. **We show we belong to Him by living out His Word daily:** forgiving instead of holding grudges, choosing honesty over compromise, serving instead of seeking recognition, and loving even when its difficult. Obedience flows from love and gratitude, not obligation.

Today, let's not only hear Jesus Word but also practice it. Let us actively seek to do Gods will in our daily choices, so the world can see that we truly belong to Him.

Reflection:

- Am I only hearing Gods Word, or am I living it in accordance with His will?
- Is my obedience motivated by love for Christ and a desire to do His will, or by mere obligation?

Practical Action:

- At the end of each day examine yourself How did I practice His Word today? What can I grow in tomorrow?

Small, consistent acts of obedience to Gods will shape a life that truly honors Him.

Day 26: Called to live by the Word — By Living Through the Living Word

1 Peter 1:23–25 "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, 'All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.' And this is the word that was preached to you."

To be "born again" through the living Word means that our spiritual life began with God's Word and continues to be sustained by it. The Word is not dead letters on a page; it is living, powerful, and life-giving. Just as a seed contains life within it, God's Word carries divine life that transforms our hearts and produces lasting fruit.

Peter reminds us that everything in this world is temporary. Human strength, beauty, success, and achievements fade like grass and flowers. But God's Word endures forever. When we build our lives on the living Word, we anchor ourselves to what never changes. Our identity, hope, and future are secured not in what fades, but in what remains eternal.

Living through the living Word means allowing it to shape our attitudes, renew our minds, and guide our daily walk. Since we were born through the Word, we must also grow through the Word. It becomes our nourishment, our direction, and our source of spiritual strength each day.

Reflection:

- Am I rooted in what is eternal, or am I depending on what is temporary?
- Do I treat God's Word as living and active in my daily life?

Practical Action:

- Begin this morning by reading a portion of Scripture slowly and prayerfully.
- Ask God to let His living Word take deeper root in your heart.
- Choose one verse to carry with you throughout the day, meditating on it and allowing it to guide your responses and actions.

Day 27: Called to live by the Word — By Receiving understanding from the word

Psalm 119:130 - *The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple*

Sometimes we feel confused and uncertain about which direction to take in life. We seek help from different people, but when we do not receive the right answers, we often feel discouraged. At times, we try to solve our struggles using our own knowledge and understanding, yet we still fail to find the right solution. This can lead us into feelings of hopelessness.

The Bible teaches us that when we **unfold God's Word**—when we open the Bible and meditate on it—it brings light into our lives. This light gives clarity and direction. It removes the darkness from our hearts and minds. As we continue to read and reflect on God's Word, doors begin to open one by one. What once seemed difficult becomes easier, and hopelessness is replaced with hope. Just as the sun shines on everyone and the rain falls for all people, in the same way God's Word gives understanding even to the simple. We do not need great knowledge, high education, wisdom, or power to understand God's Word. What we truly need is a **humble and surrendered heart**.

Reflection:

- The Word of God is the true source of light that drives away darkness. The Bible imparts divine wisdom to anyone who is willing to receive it, regardless of their background or level of education.
- This message reminds us of the transforming power of God's Word. Spiritual darkness, confusion, fear, and ignorance can be scattered by the truth found in the Bible. Even ordinary and unschooled people can receive wisdom through it. Let God's Word unfold in our lives every day.

Practical Action:

- Make it your goal to read the Bible every day.
- Take notes while reading to gain a deeper understanding of God's Word.
- Memorize Scripture so that it remains in your heart and apply it in your daily life.

Day 28: Called to live by the Word — by Trusting Gods word

Proverbs 30:5 - *Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him*

This verse teaches two important truths about God's word.

- The word "flawless" means that God's Word is pure, holy, and without deceit.
- The word "shield" refers to a protective armour that soldiers use in battle to defend themselves.

Similarly, **God protects those who trust in Him and rely on His Word.**

In the same way, when the Word of God comes into our lives, it purifies our hearts and thoughts and leads us on the path of righteousness. Taking refuge in God means seeking His protection and placing our trust in Him.

This scripture reminds us that **God's Word can be fully trusted**. In a world filled with many opinions and teachings, the Bible remains **the pure and dependable truth**. When we believe and follow God's Word, we also experience **His protection and guidance in our lives**. As we live in this world, we face many situations such as suffering, sorrow, weakness, sin, and loneliness. In such times, human wisdom alone cannot help us overcome everything.

During those moments, we must trust in the Word of God. God's Word will never fail. The words spoken by God are trustworthy, true, and able to guide us. Therefore, in difficult times we must hold on to God's Word and stand firm in faith.

Moreover, God's Word gives spiritual strength and protection in our lives. It guards us from the evil of this world and helps us live a life that is pleasing to God. Therefore, it is very important to trust God's Word with all our hearts, read it daily, and live according to it. When we do this, God will be our shield and protect us.

Reflection:

- Do I truly believe that every word of God is pure and trustworthy?
- Have I experienced God as a shield and protection in my life?

Practical Action:

- **Trust the Bible completely** as the truth from God.
- **Read and meditate on God's Word daily** to strengthen your faith.

Day 29: Called to Live by the Word - By Living in the Life-Giving Word

John 6:63 - It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life

Many of us live in a state of "functional atheism"; we say we believe in God, yet live as if everything depends on our own effort, control, and worry. We treat our *flesh* - our ability to fix and manage life - as our security. Yet Jesus reminds us that the flesh, on its own, profits nothing for the soul.

The Greek word for Spirit, Pneuma, means *breath* or *wind*, pointing to a simple truth: just as the body cannot survive without oxygen, the soul cannot survive on our own striving. Living by God's Word, therefore, becomes a choice of dependence.

In verse 68, When Jesus' teaching became difficult, many people left because they were seeking fleshly benefits like bread or power. Peter stayed not because he understood everything, but because he recognised a deeper necessity - Jesus' words were life itself. To live by the Word is to treat Scripture like oxygen: not something we return to occasionally, but the constant breath that sustains our soul, especially when circumstances or emotions try to tell a different story.

When everything else fails, His Word remains the breath that keeps us alive.

Reflection:

- The Dead End: Where am I exhausting myself trying to control something that is clearly beyond my strength?
- The Source: When I feel overwhelmed, do I turn to God's Word for life or only to my own solutions?
- The Reality: If I relied fully on what God says is true today, what worries or pressures would lose their hold on me?

Practical Action:

- **Pause:** Identify the one situation or person causing the most stress today.
- **Admit:** Acknowledge before God that your striving here is not giving life.
- **Anchor:** Hold on to one promise from Jesus as your source of strength.
- **Act:** Approach the situation again, trusting His truth instead of your own effort.

Day 30: Called to live by the Word — By keeping the Word near our Heart

Deuteronomy 30:14 - *But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it*

In this passage, Moses is speaking to the people of Israel before they enter the promised land. He reminds them that **God's command is not far away or impossible to understand.**

God had already given them His law, and they heard it repeatedly through teaching, reading, and recitation. Because of this, **the Word was "in their mouth" (spoken and memorized) and "in their heart" (understood and remembered).** The purpose of the Word being near them was **not only to know it but to obey it.** God wanted His people to live according to His commands so that they could experience His blessings.

The ultimate purpose of the word being near, in the mouth, and in the heart is obedience. This reflects the covenantal expectation that Israel would live according to God's statutes as His chosen people. Obedience is not merely external compliance but a heartfelt response to God's love and grace. This scripture teaches us that God has made His will clear and accessible. We cannot say that God's Word is hidden or unreachable. Today, we have the Bible, teachings, fellowship, and many ways to learn God's truth. Just like Israel, God's Word should live in our hearts and come from our mouths. Knowing the Word is important, but true faith is shown through obedience.

Reflection:

- Is God's Word truly **in my heart**, or do I only hear it occasionally?
- Am I **practicing what I learn from Scripture**?

Practical Action:

When God's Word fills our **mouth and heart**, it begins to guide our **actions and lifestyle.**