

Women & More

What of the WORD?

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The Word is Jesus! As we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the English Bible, we are brought face to face with the Logos and the Light. Received or un-received; believed or un-believed, accepted or rejected—the Word of our God will stand forever! It is Very Christ—anoointed and appointed!

The Bible contains 66 books,
written by 40 different authors,
over a period of 1500 years,
in 3 different languages—Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek—
on 3 different continents—Africa, Asia and Europe—
with no historical errors or contradictions.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible bears the mark of Divine inspiration!

“The value of every piece of human communication
is rooted in the fact that God speaks.”

—Paul David Tripp

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 118:8 (The Bible’s centermost verse)

Psalm 149:6

Proverbs 30:5-6

Luke 24:45

John 1:1-2

Revelation 3:7-8 *“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:*

Scripture to Memorize:

Joshua 3:9 *“Come here and listen to **the words of the LORD your God.**”*

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. How much do you currently **read** the Bible? Check the answer that closest represents your practice.

daily weekly bi-weekly or intermittently

●When you do read the Bible, how often do you study and meditate on it? Check below.

daily weekly bi-weekly or intermittently

2. Since the Bible is a letter to each one of us, **personally**, from the Creator of the universe, the Author of life, the Judge of all the earth, how much do you believe you should read, study, and meditate on God’s word?

daily weekly bi-weekly **and** intermittently

3. **John 1:1-2** contains ‘**Word**’ three times—in caps—and verse 2 clearly identifies it as a Person who was with God in the beginning. Who is the Word?

The Bible’s center verse, with 594 chapters before and after it, is
Psalm 118:8 “*It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.*”
—a life-centering verse.

Recommended Reading:

Holy Bible, GOD

Knowing God, J. I. Packer

War of Words, Paul David Tripp

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is

living *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.”

Voice of Truth

Oh, what I would do to have
 the kind of faith it takes
 To climb out of this boat I'm in
 onto the crashing waves
 To step out of my comfort zone
 into the realm of the unknown
 Where Jesus is,
 And he's holding out his hand

But the waves are calling out my name
 and they laugh at me
 Reminding me of all the times
 I've tried before and failed
 The waves they keep on telling me
 time and time again
 "Boy, you'll never win,
 you'll never win!"

CHORUS: But the Voice of truth tells me a different story
 the Voice of truth says "do not be afraid!"
 and the Voice of truth says "this is for My glory"
 Out of all the voices calling out to me
 I will choose to listen and believe the Voice of truth

Oh, what I would do
 to have the kind of strength it takes
 To stand before a giant
 with just a sling and a stone
 Surrounded by the sound
 of a thousand warriors
 shaking in their armor
 Wishing they'd have had the strength to stand

But the giant's calling out
 my name and he laughs at me
 Reminding me of all the times
 I've tried before and failed
 The giant keeps on telling me
 time and time again
 "Boy, you'll never win,
 you'll never win!" **CHORUS:**

But the stone was just the right size
 to put the giant on the ground
 and the waves they don't seem so high
 from on top of them looking down
 I will soar with the wings of eagles
 when I stop and listen to the sound of Jesus
 singing over me

I will listen and believe
 I will listen and believe the Voice of truth
 I will listen and believe
 'Cause Jesus you are the Voice of truth
 And I will listen to you...oh you are the Voice of truth!

—Casting Crowns

Jesus Christ is proclaimed in every book of the Bible

In Genesis	He is the Seed of the woman
Exodus	He is the Passover Lamb
Leviticus	He is our High Priest
Numbers	Pillar of cloud by day, and pillar of fire by night
Deuteronomy	Prophet like unto Moses
Joshua	Captain of our salvation
Judges	Judge and Law-Giver
Ruth	Kinsman-Redeemer
1-2 Samuel	Our Trusted Prophet
1-2 Kings & 1-2 Chronicles	Reigning King
Ezra and Nehemiah	Rebuilder of the broken down walls of human life
Esther	Our Mordecai
Job	Ever-living Redeemer
Psalms	Our Shepherd
Proverbs and Ecclesiastes	Our Wisdom
Song of Solomon	Our Loving Bridegroom
Isaiah	Prince of Peace
Jeremiah	Our Righteous Branch
Lamentations	Weeping Prophet
Ezekiel	Wonderful Four-faced Phantom
Daniel	The Fourth Man in the fiery furnace
Hosea	Faithful Husband forever married to the backslidden
Joel	Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and fire
Amos	Birth Bearer
Obadiah	Mighty to Save
Jonah	Our Great Foreign Missionary
Micah	Messenger of Beautiful Feet
Nahum	Avenger of God's elect
Habakkuk	God's Evangelist crying: " <i>Revive thy works in the midst of the years.</i> "
Zephaniah	Our Savior
Haggai	Restorer of God's lost heritage
Zechariah	Fountain opened up for the House of David for sin...
Malachi	Son of Righteousness rising with healing in His wings
Matthew	King of the Jews
Mark	Servant
Luke	Son of Man—feeling what we feel
John	Son of God
Acts	Savior of the world
Romans	Righteousness of God
1 Corinthians	Rock...of Israel
2 Corinthians	Triumphant One; giving victory
Galatians	Our Liberty to set us free
Ephesians	Head of the Church
Philippians	Our Joy
Colossians	Our Completeness

1-2 Thessalonians	Our Hope
1 Timothy	Our Faith
2 Timothy	Our Stability
Philemon	Our Benefactor
Titus	<i>Truth</i>
Hebrews	Our Perfection
James	The Power behind Our faith
1 Peter	Our Example
2 Peter	Our Purity
1 John	Our Life
2 John	Our Pattern
3 John	Our Motivation
Jude	The Foundation of our faith
Revelation	Our Coming King!

The First and the Last
 Beginning and the End
 Keeper of creation and Creator of all
 Architect of the universe and Commander of all times
 He always was, always is, and always will be...
 unmoved, unchanged, undefeated and never undone
 He was bruised and brought healing
 He was pierced and eased pain
 He was persecuted and brought freedom
 He was dead and brought life
 He is risen and brings power
 He reigns and brings peace!

The world can't understand Him.
 The armies can't defeat Him.
 Schools can't explain Him, and leaders can't ignore Him.
 Herod couldn't kill Him.
 Pharisees couldn't confuse Him.
 People couldn't hold Him.
 Nero couldn't crush Him.
 Hitler couldn't silence Him.
 New Age can't replace Him, and
 Oprah can't explain Him away!

He is life, love, longevity, and Lord!
 He is goodness, kindness, gentleness, and God!
 He is Holy, Righteous, Mighty, Powerful, and Pure!
 His ways are right; His *WORDS* eternal!
 His will is unchanging, and his mind is on us, personally!
 He is my Redeemer
 He is my Savior
 He is my Guide
 He is my Peace
 He is my Joy
 He is my Comfort
 He is my Lord, and He rules my life!

Performed on Utube, 5 December 2010, by Jack Stockton at Salem Lutheran Church

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.

I know my name is clear before my Father;

I am His child and I am not afraid.

So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;

The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion.

I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.

I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;

I'll dare to see another's point of view.

And when relationships demand commitments,

Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me;

Your power and glory let them shine through me.

Your *Hallowed Name* O may I bear with honor,

And may Your living kingdom come in me.

The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,

And may You feed a hungry world through me.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Tune *Finlandia* by Jean Sebelius (1865-1957)

Words by Gloria Gaither

Doing the ‘math’ on reading the word!

In June 2012, these calculations were passed on by Matt Chandler, a staff member and elder at the Village Church near Flower Mound, TX, where our daughter’s family attends.

“Suppose you read about 250 words a minute and that you resolve to devote just 15 minutes a day to serious theological reading to deepen your grasp of biblical truth. In one year (365 days) you would read for 5,476 minutes. Multiply that times 250 words per minute and you get 1,368,750 words per year—

Bible chapters: 1,189

Bible verses: 31,173

Bible words (depending on translation): 774,746 to 783,137.

“One can easily read through the entire Bible and have 585,613 words to spare!

“We can, of course, read ‘stats’ about the Bible until we see stars, but we need to understand that while the Bible is the best-selling book in America, it is generally the least read book in households.”



Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon—

“Many can bring the Scriptures to the mind, but the Lord alone can prepare the mind to receive the Scriptures. Our Lord Jesus differs from all other teachers; they reach the ear, but He instructs the heart; they deal with the outward letter, but He imparts an inward taste for the truth.... Jesus’ College is the only one in which God’s truth can be really learned; other schools may teach us what is to be believed, but Christ’s alone can show us how to believe it.”

Henry van Dyke—

“The sacred books of other religions, the commentaries and expositions on the Christian religion, spread before us a vast and intricate expanse like lakes of truth mixed with error, stretching away into the distance, arm after arm, bay after bay, until we despair of being able even to explore their coasts and trace their windings. **When we come back to Christ, we find, not an inland sea of doctrine, but a clear fountain of living water, springing up into everlasting life.**”