

## WE HAVE HIS WORD ON IT!

The Word of God is the key source that we need to live by and must therefore be our "daily bread."

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ There are 20 million Bibles sold each year in the United States. The percentage of Americans who own at least one Bible is 92% while the average American Christian owns 9 Bibles and wants to purchase more.
- ❖ Why are so many people interested in owning a Bible? It seems like there are more people who own a Bible than those who read it on a consistent basis. So, why are we not consistent?
- ❖ It takes only 52 hours and 20 minutes to read all 23,145 verses in the Old Testament and just 18 hours and 20 minutes to read all 7,957 verses in the New. That's a total of 31,102 verses. As someone once said, it takes just 70 hours and 40 minutes to read the Bible through "at pulpit rate" and aloud.
- ❖ When we open the Bible, we are not just looking at the number of chapters or verses. The Bible is the written Word of God, which He uses to reveal Himself to mankind.
- ❖ In reading the Bible we will discover what we need to believe, Who we need to believe and what we need to do about what we believe.
- ❖ The Bible, the greatest book available to mankind, is open on many a nightstand table...and yet it is a closed book to so many hearts.
- ❖ The Bible says we will be blessed if we walk in the law of the Lord (Psalm 119:1). In order to know what the law says, we must open the Bible and read it.
- ❖ Many of us are so health conscious that we make sure we exercise, eat our vegetables and take our multivitamins. We are so alert to our bodies that we immediately know when something is wrong. This alertness should be the same for our souls.
- ❖ We should detect the hunger pangs we feel spiritually and the thirst in our souls for the Word of God.
- ❖ The teachings of the Bible are designed to lead us into a covenant relationship with God. It provides principles to live by—precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little (Isaiah 28:10).
- ❖ The principles of the Word of God is to help us to live soberly, godly in this world and to lead us to the One who created us. We can find everything we need in God and His written Word leads us to Him.
- ❖ Our lives depend upon the Word of God. We need the Bible. God is trustworthy and therefore His Word is trustworthy.
- ❖ Reading the Bible helps us understand what we have in Christ, who we are in Christ and why we are in Christ. The Word of God is filled with promises for us to discover and is the key source we need to live by.
- ❖ Let's face it: life can be challenging. In fact, it can be downright overwhelming. But you can find answers to all of life's challenges in the Word of God.

### KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:1-18

- ❖ We can find peace in despair, comfort in times of sorrow, promises when our beliefs are challenged, and correction and instruction when we struggle to find our way to God.
- ❖ We can find assurance in uncertain situations in the Word of God. When life was uncertain, Abraham trusted God (see Hebrews 11:8-10).
- ❖ We sometimes want to give up on the things we do for God, but let us be like the apostle Paul who held on to his faith through shipwreck, imprisonment and many beatings. Remember: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).
- ❖ In many of the challenges that we face in life "we have God's Word on it":
  - Do you feel lonely? Read Psalm 23.
  - Hopeless? Encourage yourself with Psalm 34:18.
  - Do you have trouble making ends meet? Look at Psalm 37:25-26 and Matt 6:25-34.
  - Are you afraid? Read Psalm 56:11.
  - Do you doubt God's power? See Luke 1:37.
  - Have you turned away from God? Then you might want to have a look at Luke 15:11-32.
- ❖ The Bible is our instruction manual. It is our spiritual roadmap, the compass that will lead us to eternal life.
- ❖ We have God's Word on it, so let's read it. Let us open the Bible consistently and read it, meditate on it, research it, talk about it, write about it, WhatsApp it.
- ❖ Engage with the Word. "Eat it." It is the food you need to prevent malnourishment

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. The Word of God provides principles to live by. What book of the Bible are you focusing on in your personal devotion? What are some of the principles you have learned from this book and how can they be applied a person's life?
2. What are other biblical principles you like to live by? How have these principles helped you in various situations?
3. We Have His (God's) Word on It! Encourage one another with scriptures that have given you comfort during turbulent times.

### Prayer Time

Lord, thank You that in all of life's situations, I can go to Your Word to find peace, comfort and a *Rhema* word in my time of need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🤔 (Think about)

✍️ (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ↔️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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Start-up: Do you take time out to exercise? What type of exercises do you do?

Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD  
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline