

## Why God's Word Matters

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

Because information about God is not the same as intimacy with God.

If we don't read God's Word for ourselves, we end up living by phrases instead of truth.

### 1. Grow Up! (Spiritual Maturity)

[Hebrews 5:12–14](#) teaches that spiritual growth is expected, not optional.

Maturity means learning to feed yourself spiritually. God's Word moves us from spoon-fed faith to self-sustaining faith.

### 2. Sermons Don't Replace the Bible

[Acts 17:10–11](#) shows that the Bereans listened to preaching—but also searched the Scriptures daily.

If the only Scripture you get is what someone else prepares for you, you will always live on borrowed revelation.

### 3. Know His Voice

Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed" (John 8:31).

When we know His Word, truth becomes familiar and deception becomes obvious.

### 4. Become a Participant

[Psalm 34:8](#) says, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Taste requires participation.

### Close - Living It Out

Without Scripture, culture defines truth ([Ephesians 4:14](#)).

God told Joshua to meditate on His Word day and night so he could live it out ([Joshua 1:8](#)).

Don't just observe faith—participate in it.