

His Word is Greater Still

Intro: *Leading up to Easter weekend, we will be looking at what STILL stands because of the cross. It is still the greatest story ever told!*

The sun was darkened, and the heavens thundered. For a moment death had thought it conquered. But it wasn't over until you said, "It's over." Your Word is greater still!

Is there an area in your life where you need to declare this today, that "It's not over until you say, 'It's over'"? That God has the final Word!

Psalm 138:2 (Voice)

I bow before You, looking to Your holy temple, and praise Your name, for Your unfailing love and Your truth; for You have placed Your name and Your word over all things and all times.

- God has placed His Word over all things and time because it has everything we need, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. (Medicine for your soul)
- It holds supreme authority because it was written by God. Just as there is no higher authority in an earthly kingdom than a king, there is no higher authority you and I can appeal to than the Word of God in God's kingdom.
- It is not just words about God, it is the Word of God. We learn about God from the Bible, which is good, but that is not where we stop.
- The Word of God is the voice of God in print. When you can't hear God, read God.

John 1:1-4 (NLT)

In the beginning, the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

2 Timothy 3:16 (Message)

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

Hebrews 4:12 (Amplified)

¹² For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Still a Greater Foundation

Matthew 7:24-27 (Message/NLT)

²⁴⁻²⁵ “These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”

- What have you fixed your life to? A proper foundation isn’t optional. And Jesus gives us only 2 choices, rock, or sand.
- God’s word is where truth, identity, and faith, are founded. When we don’t like what’s happening in the building, we must look closer at the foundation. (Cracks happen from settling and when we settle for less than God’s Word, get ready for the house to lean)
- Both houses can look good but have different foundations.
- What will your house do when the storm comes? Storms are no respecter of persons, they come crashing in on the saved and unsaved alike.
- If you are fasting, praying, and reading your Bible so the storm won’t come, you have it all wrong. You build your house on the rock not to avoid the storm, but to endure it.
- When the enemy comes against you, and the shutters are rattling and the rain is beating down, remember, there is a God who is able to keep you safe. When everyone says give up, you can stand firm.
- Sometimes all you have to stand on is the Word and that’s okay.

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words are what sustain me; they are food to my hungry soul. They bring joy to my sorrowing heart and delight me. How proud I am to bear your name, O Lord.

Still a Greater Focus

- Your focus is your friend. Are you in a casual or a serious relationship with the Word, Himself?
- Believe it or not, you can choose what you focus on.
- If we are honest, we sometimes become more acquainted to the lies of the devil than the truth of God’s Word. We’ll build worldviews and perspectives around what God didn’t say.

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Bring It into Focus (Like a Scope)

- Takes time, intentionality, and adjusting to bring something into focus.
- Undivided attention
- Peripheral and Central
- Identify the counterfeit by focusing on the authentic

Hide It in Your Heart (Psalm 119:11)

- Love, not Law. (I used to read thinking it changed how God thought of me. Now I study it because it transforms me)
- Eastern meditation- Empty your mind Christian meditation- Fill the mind with truth, fix your mind on truth, Speak the truth.
- Ex. *Cows Ruminates (Meditate) their food. They eat and regurgitate over and over until they get the most nutrition out of the grass.*

- Take reading to another level by studying the Word. (What does this mean, what is the Holy Spirit saying to me through the Word, how will I apply this Word?)

Study: IF YOU FOCUS ON THE BIBLE 4X A WEEK, THESE ARE THE RESULTS:

- *Feeling lonely drops 30%*
- *Anger issues drop 32%*
- *Bitterness in relationships drops 40%*
- *Alcoholism drops 57%*
- *Sex outside of marriage drops 68%*
- *Feeling spiritually stagnant drops 60%*
- *Viewing pornography drops 61%*
- *Sharing your faith jumps 200%*
- *Discipling others jumps 230%*

Still a Greater Function

James 1:21-25 (NLT)

²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. ²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

- Notice He has put the Word in us. He has implanted in us a new nature and everything we need for spiritual growth, but we must humbly accept it. This means submit to its authority and when we do it has the power to transform us.

- The Word works but we must work the word. (It's a sword, not a lounge chair.)
- If you've been in the Word and you feel like things are still not happening, don't get discouraged, don't quit, keep feeding your faith the Word of God and you will reap a harvest if you don't give up.

Response: His Word is Greater Still!

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you today?

You have placed Your name and Your word over all things and all times. God has fulfilled this verse already but let's respond today by declaring this over our own lives.

Lord, we set your Word over all things and all times!