

**Game Day**  
**Be Aggressive – B.E. AGGRESSIVE**  
**Discover Church**  
**Mark Phillips**  
**September 24, 2023**

*“The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17*

*The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’ Luke 4:3-4*

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*“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” Deuteronomy 8:3*

- God’s Word brings **life and nourishment**

*“I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Luke 4:6-8*

*“Honor the Lord your God, worship only him, and make your promises in his name alone.” Deuteronomy 6:13*

- God’s Word tells me **to only worship** Him

*“The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.” Luke 4:9-13*

*“Do not put the Lord your God to the test as you did at Massah.” Deuteronomy 6:16*

- God’s Word is **truth**, don’t **misuse** it

## **How to Use the Sword of the Spirit**

*“Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. Save me, for I am yours; I have sought out your precepts. The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder your statutes. To all perfection I see a limit, but your commands are boundless. Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” Psalm 119:89-97*

### 1. **Delight** in God's Word

#### **GOD'S WORD IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER BOOK**

*“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.” Hebrews 4:12*

### 2. Be **equipped** by God's Words

*“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.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

### 3. **Consume** God's Word Daily

*“Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:28-35*

#### **Consume God's Word Like Your Life Depends on it**

### 4. Let God's Word **Consume** You!

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15:5-8*

- Saves Your **Soul** - *James 1:21*
- Renews Your **Mind** - *Romans 12:1-2*
- Sustains Your **body** - *Hebrews 1:3*
- Strengthens Your **Mind** - *2 Timothy 1:7*
- Stabilizes Your **Steps** - *Psalms 119:105*
- Empowers Your **Life** - *Isaiah 55:11*

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Scripture: *Ephesians 6:17; Luke 4:3-13; Deuteronomy 8:3; Deuteronomy 6:13; Deuteronomy 6:16; Psalm 119:89-97; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 6:28-35; John 15:5-8*