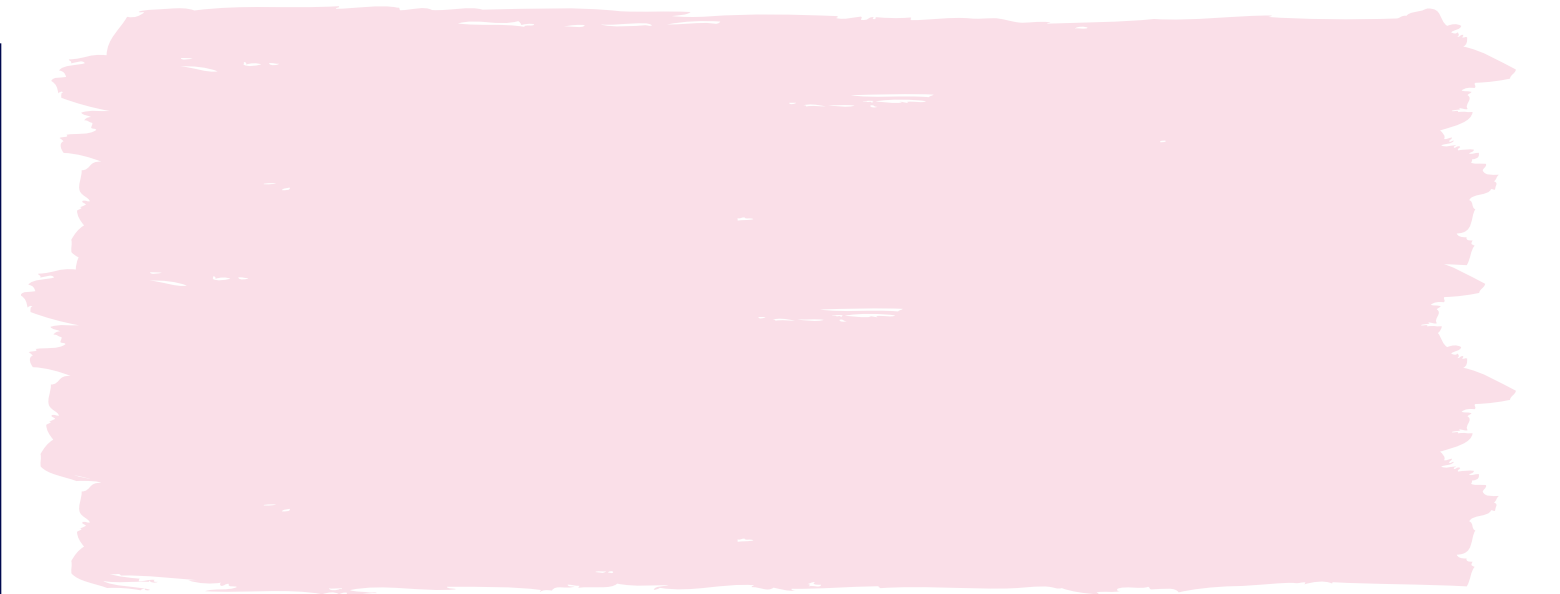


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Matthew 4:1-4



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If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” But He answered and said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.



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**B. THE WORD IS
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JOURNEY**

John 6:26-27, 6:35, 4:13-14


Matthew 5:6

Isaiah 55:1-2



John 6:26-27


Jesus said, "You want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you."

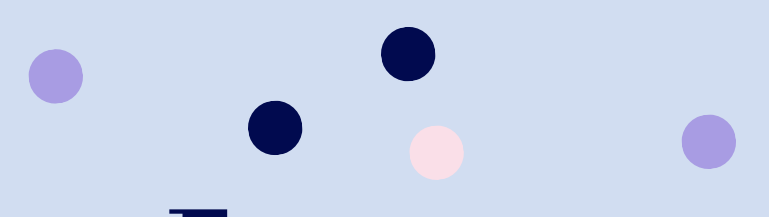




John 6:35


“I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”





John 4:13-14


“Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”





Matthew 5:6


Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.



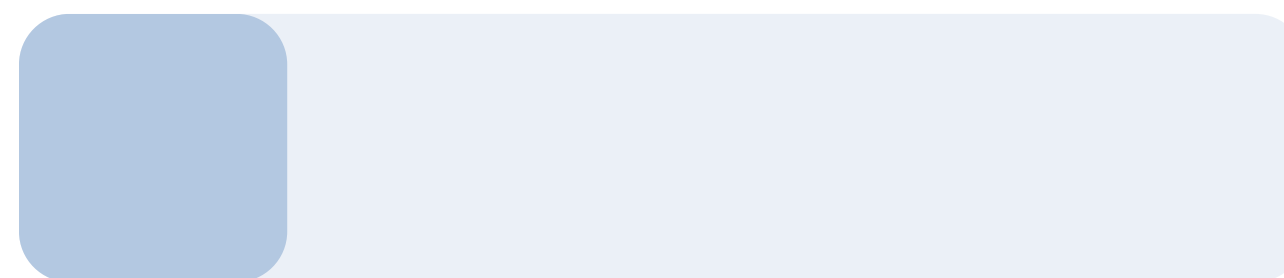
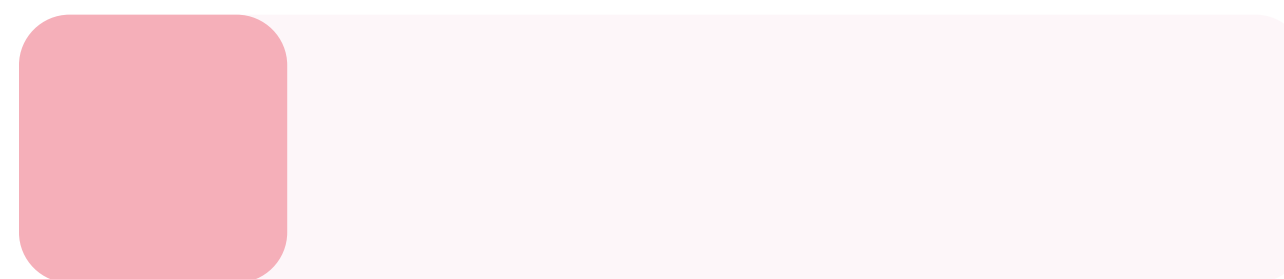
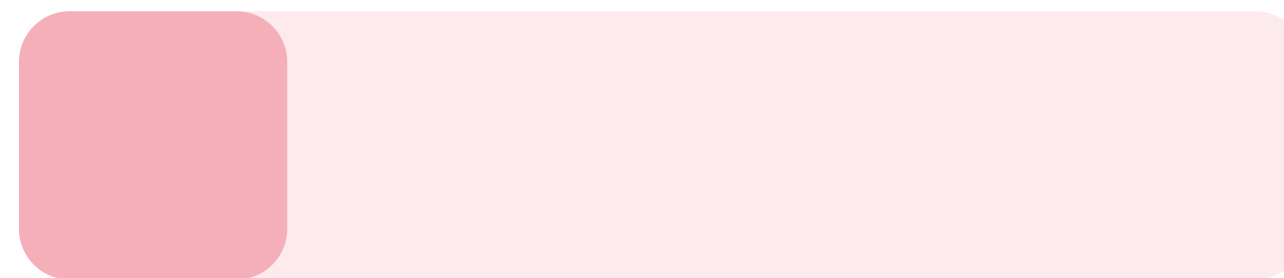


Isaiah 55:1-2

Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink - even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk - it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul!



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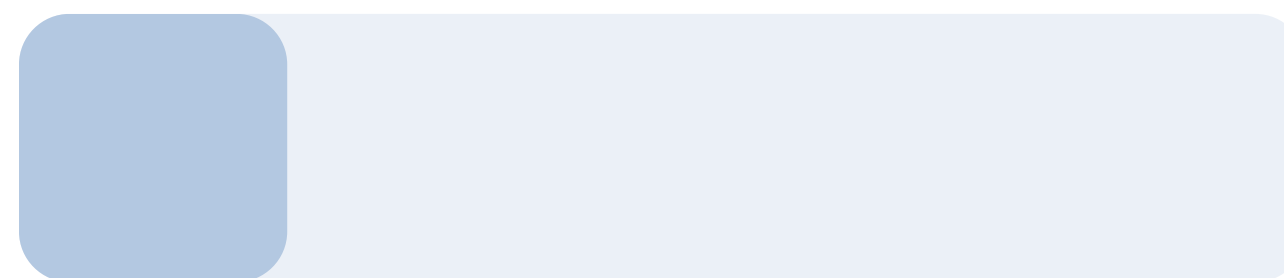
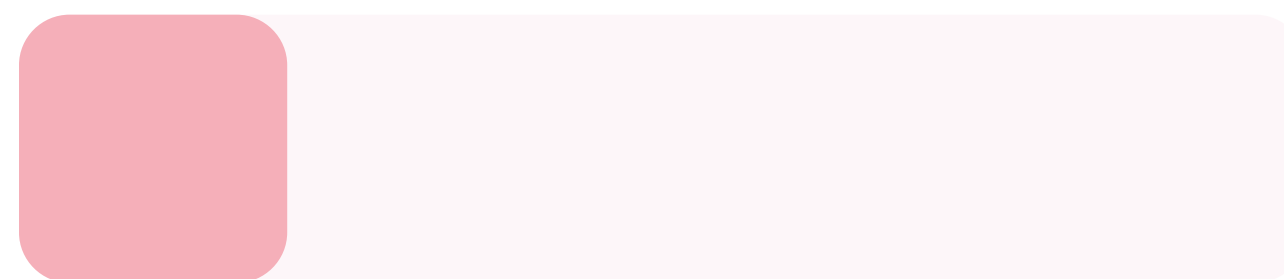
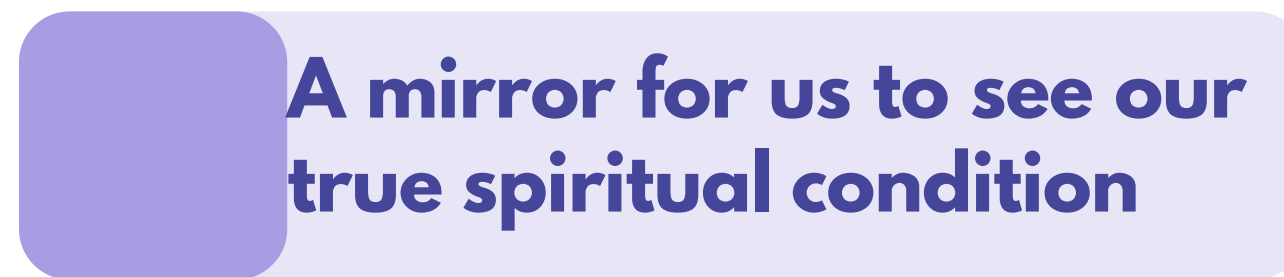
“Is not *My* word like fire?” Says the Lord,
“And like a hammer that breaks the rock in
pieces?”



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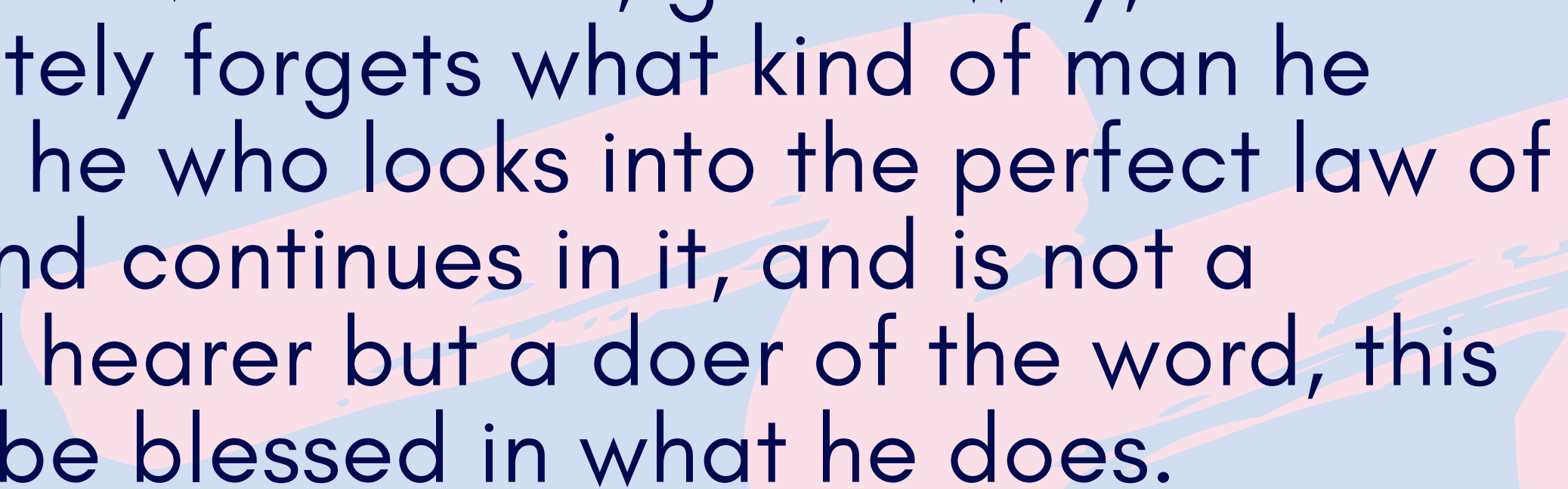
**A mirror for us to see our
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James 1:23-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this one will be blessed in what he does.

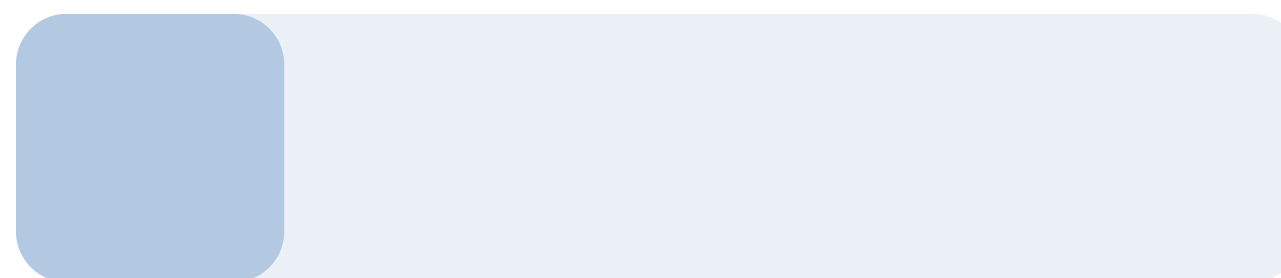


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Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



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**Water that refreshes,
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soul from the defilements
of sin**



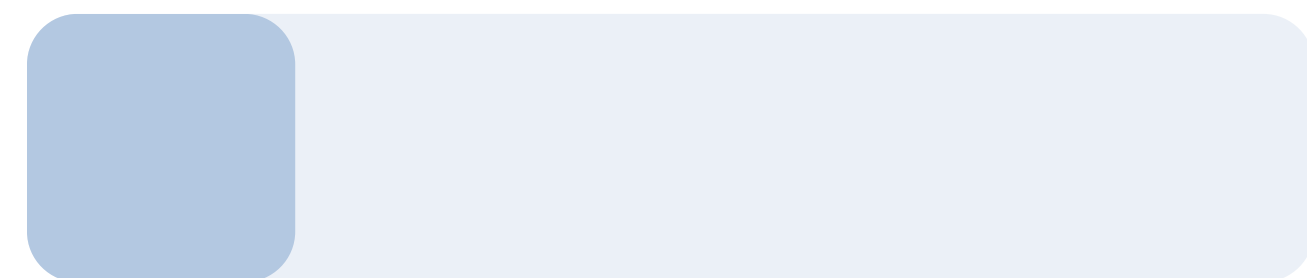
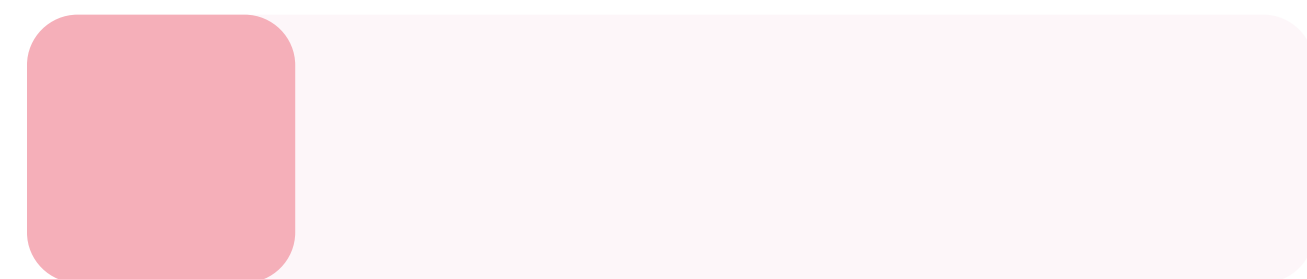
Ephesians 5:26

that He (Jesus) might sanctify and cleanse us
by the washing of water by the word



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**Seed, sown in the heart to
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1 Peter 1:22-23

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.



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Food



Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, and
Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of
my heart; for I am called by Your name, O
Lord God of Hosts.



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Milk for babes



1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.



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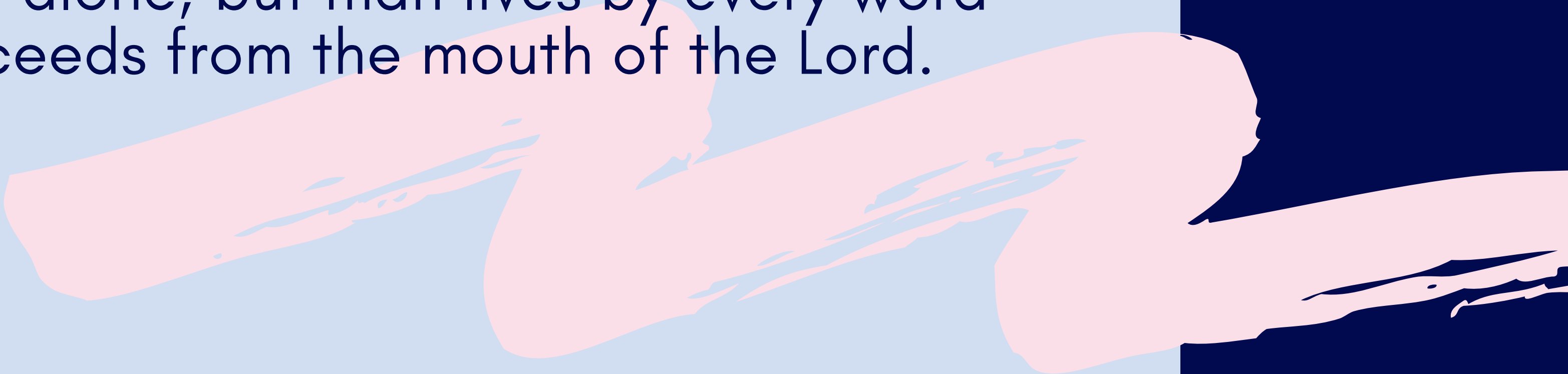
Milk for babes

Bread for the mature



Deuteronomy 8:3

So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.



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Sweet



Psalm 119:103

How sweet are Your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.



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A lamp



Psalm 119:105

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



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True riches



Psalm 119:72

The law of Your mouth is better to me than
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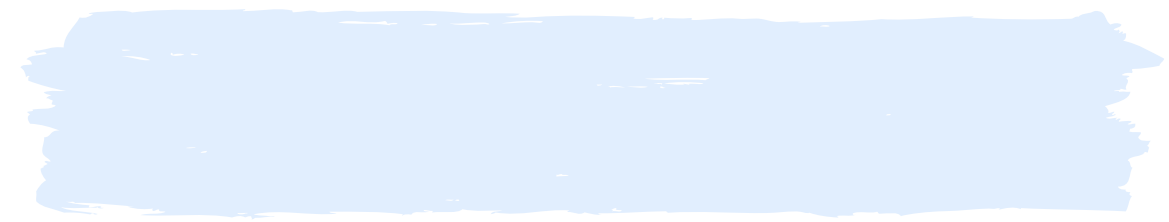


Jeremiah 20:9

Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.



**III. It's
important to
be in the
Word every
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**Group
Activity**

**I GROW IN HIS
WORD BY:**

**ACTS 2:42,
17:11**

1 PETER 2:2-3

**II TIMOTHY
2:15**

JOSHUA 1:8

PSALM 119:11

**MATTHEW
4:10-11**

**LUKE 11:28
JAMES 1:22**

**I GROW IN HIS
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HEARING IT

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Acts 2:42


And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.





Acts 17:11

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.



**I GROW IN HIS
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STUDYING IT

JOSHUA 1:8

PSALM 119:11


**MATTHEW
4:10-11**

**LUKE 11:28
JAMES 1:22**



II Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



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HEARING IT

READING IT

STUDYING IT

**MEDITATING
ON IT**

PSALM 119:11


**MATTHEW
4:10-11**

**LUKE 11:28
JAMES 1:22**



Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.



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Psalm 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I
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MEMORIZING IT


CONFESSING IT

**LUKE 11:28
JAMES 1:22**



Matthew 4:10-11

Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.





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Luke 11:28

But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”





James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.





Bible Versions Explained

Bible Translations

TRANSLATION	YEAR*	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
King James Version (KJV)	1611, 1769	Word-for-word	Used by adults who prefer the English found in older versions.
American Standard Version (ASV)	1901	Word-for-word	Very formal. Used for serious Bible study.
Revised Standard Version (RSV)	1952	Word-for-word	Based on the ASV.
Amplified Bible (AMP)	1965	Word-for-word, plus amplification of meaning	Uses a unique system of punctuation, typefaces, and synonyms (in parentheses) to more fully explain words.
New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)	1966, 1985	Word-for-word	Typically used by Roman Catholics for serious Bible study. Includes the Apocrypha.
New American Bible (NAB)	1970, 1986, 1991	Word-for-word	Official translation used in U.S. Catholic Church Mass. Includes the Apocrypha.
New American Standard Bible (NASB)	1971, 1995	Word-for-word	Used by adults for serious Bible study.
Good News Translation (GNT)	1976, 1992	Thought-for-thought	Used by children and believers for whom English is not their first language.
New International Version (NIV)	1978, 1984, 2011	Balance	Modern translation aimed to be acceptable to many denominations. Currently the best-selling Bible version.
New King James Version (NKJV)	1982	Word-for-word	Modern language translation to maintain the structure and beauty of the KJV.
New Century Version (NCV)	1987	Thought-for-thought	Uses footnotes to clarify ancient customs. Used by children and teenagers for personal devotional reading.

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New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)	1989	Word-for-word	Revision of the RSV using information gathered from newly discovered Hebrew and Greek manuscripts.
Contemporary English Version (CEV)	1995	Thought-for-thought	Recommended for children and people who do not speak English as their first language.
God's Word Translation (GW)	1995	Balance	Translated by a committee of biblical scholars and English reviewers to ensure accurate, natural English.
New International Reader's Version (NirV)	1996, 1998	Thought-for-thought	Simple words and short sentences to appeal to a lower reading level.
New Living Translation (NLT)	1996, 2004	Thought-for-thought	Translation style of the Living Bible (TLB). Easy-to-read modern version.
English Standard Version (ESV)	2001	Word-for-word	Derived from the RSV. Used by teenagers and adults for serious Bible study.
The Message (MSG)	2002	Paraphrase	Re-creates the common language in which the Bible was written into today's common language.
Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)	2004	Balance	Alternate translations included in footnotes. Used by teenagers and adults for personal devotions and Bible study.
Common English Bible (CEB)	2011	Balance	Diverse team of translators from 22 faith traditions in American, African, Asian, European, and Latino communities.

*Year complete Bible translation was released and later revisions

Word-for-word: Scholars translate each word based upon the word usage at the time of writing. No translation is actually "word-for-word," but the intent is to come as close as possible.

Thought-for-thought: Scholars translate the meaning of each thought.

Balance: Between a word-for-word and thought-for-thought approach.

Paraphrase: A restatement of a translation in modern vocabulary; often expanded for clarity.

METHOD	MATTHEW 18:24
Word-for-Word (KJV)	And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.
Thought-for-Thought (CEV)	As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him fifty million silver coins.
Balance (NIV)	As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.
Paraphrase (TLB)	In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him \$10 million! \$10 million, literally, "10,000 talents." Approximately £3 million.

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