

Session 1 | The Help of the Word Pastor Dale Campbell

I. Series Introduction

God did not leave us without help. He has provided the help we need for every situation or circumstance relating to life. Too often, we are seeking help from above when the help needed has already been provided for us. This series is about accessing and engaging in the help that has already been provided for us as new covenant people.

A. Three Types of Help

- 1. The Word
- 2. The Holy Spirit
- **3. Angelic Help** (The Ministry of Angels)

II. The Help of the Word

God never intended for His children to live defeated lives. He gave us His Word as our quide, our power, and our victory.

A. The Word is a Living and Active Force

1. Hebrews 4:12

NKJV "For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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."

AMP "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."

Weymouth "The message is full of life and power."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Many translations = "LIVING and ACTIVE". When you read, meditate, and speak the Word you are engaging in something that is alive and active. We must SEE the Word in with this view in mind!



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2. John 6:63

NKJV "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

GNT "The Words that I have spoken to you bring God's life-giving Spirit."

PASTOR'S NOTE: The Word of God <u>is</u> LIFE. The WORD is bringing to you God's life-giving Spirit. When I meditate on the Word of God, I am meditating LIFE into my spirit, mind, body, and circumstances.

B. The Word Offers Spiritual, Supernatural Help

- 1. The Word offers help through revelation.
 - a. God is revealed to me through His Word.
 - b. His plan is revealed through His Word.
 - c. Who I am is revealed through His Word.
 - d. The #1 source of revelation for the believer is found in the Word of God.
 - e. Revelation is HELP!

2. The Word offers help by producing and strengthening faith.

a. When I need faith (to be produced) to help me, I must go to the Word OR when my faith needs helped (strengthened), I also must go to the Word.

b. **Romans 10:17**

KJV "So then faith *cometh* by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

CSB "So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ"

Literal Standard "So then faith [is] by a report, and the report through a saying of God..."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Often the help I need comes by meditating on the REPORT of the Lord (the WORD). My faith is HELPED to develop to a greater level! The WORD is the chief source of HELP for my faith.

- Every promise in Scripture fuels faith.
- Meditating on the WORD produces courage and success (See **Joshua 1:8**).



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3. The Word helps as a <u>carrier</u> of divine healing and deliverance.

a. **Psalm 107:20**

NKJV "He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions."

NET Bible "He sent them an **assuring word** and healed them; he rescued them from the pits where they were trapped."

b. Jesus could send help by **sending** the Word.

Matthew 8:5-13

NKJV "Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, 'Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.' And Jesus said to him, 'I will come and heal him.' The centurion answered and said, 'Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.' When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Then Jesus said to the centurion, 'Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.' And his servant was healed that same hour."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Jesus did not have to lay hands on the servant for him to receive healing. His WORDS: "Go your way and as you have believed, so let it be done for you" delivered the necessary HELP to the servant and produced complete healing.



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c. If the WORDS of Jesus could become a carrier of healing to the centurion's servant, WE should view His words to US as carriers of healing to help in our time of sickness.

• Proverbs 4:20-22

NKJV "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh."

GWT "...because they are life to those who find them and they heal the whole body."

PASTOR'S NOTE: The WORD of God is HELP in the time of sickness. As we read and meditate upon it, HEALING HELP is released for whatever the need is. Personally, the FIRST place I go for help in times of sickness is the WORD. The WORD helps me by releasing healing and STRENGTH during times of physical weakness.

4. The Word helps us by equipping us for victory in every battle!

- a. Jesus did not fight against the devil without the Word of God.
 - Many today are attempting to fight the devil with NO WORD.
 - To fight with NO WORD is to fight with NO HELP.
- b. The Word is not just comfort, it is my weapon!
 - Ephesians 6:17

KJV "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God..."

YLT "...and the helmet of the salvation receive, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the saying of God..."

PASTOR'S NOTE: Putting the WORD of God in your mouth is SAYING what GOD says. This is divine HELP!



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5. Example of the Word as helper in Psalm 119:

a. **Vs. 9**

NKJV "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to your Word."

b. **Vs. 11**

NKJV "Your WORD I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

c. **Vs. 32**

NKJV "I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart"

ISV "I eagerly race along the way of your commands, for you enable me to do so"

PASTOR'S NOTE: The heart is changed / transformed by the help of the WORD.

d. **Vs. 49-50**

NKJV "Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. This *is* my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life."

AMPC "Remember [fervently] the word *and* promise to Your servant, in which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort *and* consolation in my affliction: that Your word has revived me *and* given me life."

e. **Vs. 81**

KJV "My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word."

GWT "...my hope is based upon your word"

GNT "...I place my trust in your Word."

Catholic Public Domain Bible "...yet in your Word – I have hoped beyond hope."



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PASTOR'S NOTE: When your soul is faint, the HOPE / expectancy that comes from the Word of God will keep you alive!

f. Vs. 114

NKJV "You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word."

GNT "You are my defender and protector; I put my hope in your promise."

g. Vs. 119

NKJV "Uphold me according to Your word, that I may live; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope."

NIV "Sustain me, my God, according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed."