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**I. Series Introduction**

**A. Why do we emphasize the Word so much at Grace Fellowship?**

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1. Pastor's personal experience with the Word.
2. Have faith that the Word is working in you.

**B. You can have a relationship with the Word**

1. **The Word is personalized in scripture.**
  - a. **John 1:1 (NKJV)** – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God*
  - b. **Revelation 19:13 (NKJV)** – *He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*
2. **You can have a relationship with the Word of God**
  - a. To have a relationship with the Word is to have a relationship with God.
  - b. You develop in a desire for the Word.
  - c. You seek the Word's guidance for daily living.
  - d. You consult the Word when confronting problems.
  - e. You draw strength from your relationship with the Word.
  - f. You are comforted in the presence of the Word

**C. The Significance of the Word as declared throughout scripture.**

1. **Psalm 119:10-16 (ESV)** – <sup>10</sup>*With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! <sup>11</sup>I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. <sup>12</sup>*Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes! <sup>13</sup>With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. <sup>14</sup>In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all**

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*riches. <sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. <sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*

2. **Psalm 119:49-52 (ESV)** – <sup>49</sup>Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. <sup>50</sup>This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. <sup>51</sup>The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law. <sup>52</sup>When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD
  
3. **John 17:17 (NKJV)** – Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth  
**John 17:17 (CEV)** – Your word is the truth. So let this truth make them completely yours
  - a. Sanctify – set apart unto.
  - b. The Word is what sets us apart from the world.  
 Think on this from a positive perspective vs a negative religious one.
  
4. **Ephesians 5:25-26 (NKJV)** – <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word
  - a. The Word of God is a cleansing/washing agent.
  - b. I need the cleaning that is in the Word to be part of my life daily.  
 Cleansing from philosophies and theories that are aimed at me from the world's perspective.
  
5. **Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** – 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  
**Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)** – For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.  
 The Word of God is a living force that works in the life of believers.  
 There is life in the Word.

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6. **2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)** – *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*  
**2 Timothy 3:16 (AMP)** – *All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]*
  - a. Scripture has several functions in the life of the believer
    - *Instruction – conviction – correction – training*
  - b. As believers we need everything that is in the Word including instruction, conviction, correction and training for righteousness.
  
7. **1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)** – *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*  
 It is impossible to grow without the influence of the Word.
  
8. **1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)** – *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*
  - a. We need to always receive the Word as *The Word of God*.
  - b. The word received will work effectively in you.
  
9. **Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV)** – *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*
  - a. God never speaks without purpose.
  - b. God aims His Words intentionally with goals in mind.
  
10. **John 15:7 (NKJV)** – *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*
  - a. To abide in the Lord is to abide in the Word.
  - b. The Word abiding in you is connected to you receiving the things you desire.



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