

A FAITH THAT ENDURES

Jesus answered (the devil), "It is written: '**Man shall not live** on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

Jesus taught: "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, **it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.**" Matthew 7:24-25 (NLT)

Jesus prayed: "**Your word is the truth.** So let this truth make them completely yours. I am sending them into the world, just as you sent me. I have given myself completely for their sake, so they may belong completely to the truth." John 17:17-19 (NLT)

Big Idea – God's Word is the _____ of a Faith that Endures

The Bible is God's _____ Words.

1. _____ (theopneustos: God breathed) - 2 Timothy 3:16
2. **INERRANT** (without error in the original autographs) - 2 Peter 1:19-21
3. **PROTECTED** and _____ (over millennia) - Jeremiah 1:12
4. _____, **APPLICABLE** and **REWARDING** - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Truth about Truth

1. **ABSOLUTE** Truth is Empirical (tested, proven, solid, primary source)
2. _____ Truth is SUBJECTIVE (anecdotal, subject to change, opinion).
3. **HYPOTHETICAL** Truth – (unproven) ASSUMPTIONS for the sake of argument & investigation.

War on Truth

1. _____ of Scripture. - Genesis 3:1-7 - Luke 4:1-13
2. **ENLIGHTENMENT** of Man - Genesis 3:5 - Rom 1:18-23
3. **EVOLUTION** or Elevation of Man - Romans 1:24-32

Five _____ toward an Enduring Legacy

1. _____ God's Word daily to your: **Self, Spouse, Children, Friends, and the Devil.**
2. **REFLECT** on God's Word regularly (et al.) (Think deeply).
3. _____ to the God's Word promptly (receive or reject).
4. **REMEMBER** God's Word in times of triumph, temptation, and turmoil.
5. _____ God's Word to your: **Self, Spouse, Children, Friends, and the Devil.**



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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate conversation that matter. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
 2. What challenges inhibit READING the Bible daily? What steps might you (your Spouse, Significant other, Children) take to add regular Bible reading to your schedule?
 3. Why did Pastor Tom suggested we read the Bible to the Devil? Can you think of an area in your life where this is needed?
 4. The Psalms are a collection of deep *reflections* on God's Word in times of *Triumph, Turmoil and Temptation*. What are your favorite Psalms? How do these Psalms connect to your relationship with God?
 5. Reflect on your personal response (received or rejected) God's Word. In what ways have you experienced beneficial change? Can you identify areas of personal resistance?
 6. Write down a few of God's promises to RECITE over your life, family, career, church, and/or community.
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Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the Bible. I accept it as YOUR WORD to the world and for me personally. I confess my need to read and my desire to understand Your message and to live accordingly.

As I read Your Word today, I will receive Your affection, apply Your instruction, and respond to Your correction. Lord, I confess that You are FOR me, my family and community. I choose to embrace Your plan for My life and Our future. In Jesus' Name, Amen

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