

The Power of First First, the Word"

John 1:1-5 NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

The Word was here FIRST so we must FIRST go to the Word

The Word of God (The Bible) is God's character

1.You must know the Word

Joshua 1:8 NLT

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Reasons you need to know the Word

1. It guides you

Psalm 119:105 NLT

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path

2. It teaches you

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

3. It encourages and give you hope

Romans 15:4 NLT

Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

2. You must believe the Word

Hebrews 11:6 NLT

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

3. You must apply the Word (Live the Word)

James 1:22 NLT

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 2:26 NLT

Just as the body is dead without breath,^[a] so also faith is dead without good works.

Philippians 4:9 NLT

Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me —everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

When you know, believe, and apply the Word it lives in your heart

Psalm 119:11 NLT

I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

"When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, He turned to the Word first to stand against the devil."

Conclusion

No matter what challenges life throws your way, your strongest defense is to turn to the Word first.