



Greater Life Church

"Loving and Leading People to a Greater Life"

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The Year of Living On The E.D.G.E

EVERY. DAY. GOD. ENCOUNTER.

Encounter God: Teach Us To Study Part 1

INTRODUCTION;

Since the Bible is God's Word, studying it is a way to know God better. Through His words we come to know not only the nature and attributes of God, but we also come to understand His plan for each of us. In a larger sense, we also come to know God's plan in history, His sovereignty, His providence, His love and more.

The POWER of God's WORD

God's words are powerful! We know this truth, right? But do we really understand how powerful they are? I think if we did, we'd value being in His Word more and savor them more in our hearts. When we stop and contemplate the true power of God's words, how can we doubt Him? How can we not believe His promises?

The Bible tells us God spoke our world into existence. SPOKE! Of all the different ways God could have created the heavens and the earth, He chose to do so with words. God took what was nothing and spoke life into it and from those powerful words brought forth light out of the darkness.

"And God said, "Let there be light, and there was light..." *Genesis 1:3*

Over and over again in Genesis 1, we read, "And God said..." and through His words, He created stars and galaxies, animals and humans. His words set boundaries between water and land and created breathtaking beauty and wonder out of empty nothingness. He spoke forward into the earth and all He created and said it was good.



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From reading Genesis 1, we learn God's Words are powerful, and they matter. Isn't it amazing how the same God who can bring a universe into existence has also chosen to speak directly to us?!!!

And you know what? Not only are God's words powerful, but they are also important. So important in fact that they will never pass away

God's words are permanent; they are forever; they will withstand the test of time.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." – *Matthew 24:35*

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES:

- *Deuteronomy 11: 18-21 MSG*

"Place these words on your hearts. Get them deep inside you. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder. Teach them to your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning until you fall into bed at night. Inscribe them on the doorposts and gates of your cities so that you'll live a long time, and your children with you, on the soil that God promised to give your ancestors for as long as there is a sky over the Earth."

- *2 Timothy 2:15 KJV*

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

- *Acts 17:10-12 NIV*

¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.



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DISCUSSION:

1) **STUDY AND WORD BENEFITS**

a. Receiving Direction

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." -*Psalm 119:105*

It's important to study the Bible because God's Word guides you in the right direction in life. It lights the way ahead of you so you can see clearly which way to go. Through every season of your life, you can be confident that God is always leading you through His Word.

b. Answered Prayer

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." - *John 15:7*

Why study the Bible? When God's Words abide in you, you'll be able to pray according to His will and have confidence that He hears you (1 John 5:14). This isn't just wishful thinking. Studying the Bible gives you God's heart and mind for your life and for people around you. God delights to answer when you pray from this place of abiding in Christ and His Word.



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c. Strength in Faith

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." - *Romans 10:17*

Being exposed to God's Word will spark faith in you. You'll know what to believe and what to base your faith on. There will be a deep knowing in your heart that only God's Word can bring.

d. Nourishment so You Can Mature

But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" - *Matthew 4:4*

Life is much more than food and pleasures in the world. The Scriptures become your life-line to a relationship with God. Just as your body needs food to survive, God's Word nourishes you so you can become spiritually mature as you respond to life's challenges and temptations - *1 Pet. 2:2*.

e. Built-Up in Resistance to Temptation

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you . *Psalms 119:11*

Studying God's word strengthens you to say "no" to lesser things and sin in your life. As more of the Scriptures are stored up in your heart, you'll be strengthened in the core of your being, your heart.