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Part 3 – God’s Word  
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**Matthew 4:1-11** *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”*

*Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

*Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”*

*Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”*

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”*

*Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”*

*Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

**Hebrews 4:15** *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

Words have power...

- to criticize and destroy and kill
- to create and bless and encourage

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

### 1. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_!

**John 1:14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 17:17** *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

**2 Timothy 2:15** *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

- Even Pilate’s question: “What is truth?”

**John 18:37-38** *“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.*

*Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”*

*“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”*

### 2. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_!

**Hebrews 4:12** *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

### 3. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_!

**James 1:21** *So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. (NLT)*

## II. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.*

**Matthew 13:20** *“The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.”*

1. Receiving the Word is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Remove the distractions

2. Receiving the Word becomes an intentional \_\_\_\_\_.

- “Lean in”

III. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

**2 Thessalonians 2:15** *So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.*

**2 Corinthians 1:20** *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

**Psalms 16:8** *I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

1. God’s Word helps you \_\_\_\_\_.

2. God’s Word guides you to a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ the Word

- When confronted by the enemy/the devil, he quoted Scripture 3 times.

“It is written!”

- The enemy both quoted and twisted Scripture, but Jesus quoted Scripture correctly.

**John 6:63** *“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” (NKJV)*

Conclusion: Build your \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and speak \_\_\_\_\_ over your family, church, community, country, and world!

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.