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"And though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8-9

"...'Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." John 20:29 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word or our God stands forever." Isa. 40:8

### "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35

**THE WORD:** 

### 1. NEEDS TO BE PREACHED. 2 Tim. 4:1-2

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction." 2 Tim. 4:1-2 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths." 2 Tim. 4:3-4 "So then, those who had received the word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostle's teaching and to fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:41-42

### 2. NEEDS TO BE OBEYED. 2 Tim. 3:14-17

"You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Vs. 14-15 "When I remember Thee on my bed, I meditate on Thee in the night watches." Ps. 63:6

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." Ps. 1:2

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ." Phil. 2:5 "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." Col. 3:2

"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." vs. 16-17

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Rom. 12:2 "And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord." Deut. 8:2-3

#### 3. NEEDS TO BE STUDIED. 2 Tim. 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth." "You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of Me." John 5:39

## **OBSERVE:** Take time to ask lots of questions. What does the text say?

**INTERPRET: What does this mean? What is God meaning to communicate?** 

**APPLY:** What is God saying to me? What difference should this make in my life?

"They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Thy servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward." Ps. 19:10-11

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