

The Power of God's Word

*For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,
so that through endurance and the encouragement
of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Romans 15:4

Adventure, danger, romance—just a few story themes from the best-selling book of all time. Undoubtedly, billions of copies have been printed and distributed.

Unlike fairy tales, this book is true and starts with, “In the beginning.” Here you learn of kings and conquerors, love and loss, rebellion and redemption. Turn the pages to discover where you came from, why you are here, and where you are going. You’ll find out how to handle money and have better relationships. Most important, you can learn who God is and how you can live with Him forever.

What is this astonishing book? The Bible. Inspired by God, this sixty-six book compilation is the true story of God’s love for all people, including you and me. It’s the explanation of a promised deliverance, and freedom for all who obey.

“All Scripture,” according to 2Timothy 3:16-17, “is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” The Bible is the believer’s instruction manual for living.

The Bible is sacred and revered—because it is life-giving and powerful. Despite the opposition of modern culture, God’s Word stands strong, providing truth in the age of relativism, light in the darkness of deception or depression, and cool refreshment for the challenge of everyday living. Scripture provides encouragement, convicts us of wrongdoing, and teaches us how to live in forgiveness, love, and victory.

The power of God’s Word is available to you every day. Do you need to break a bad habit or addiction? Do you need to change your attitude or love your husband or have more patience with your kids? Perhaps you seek a new perspective or healing for your physical body or broken heart. Could you use more joy and less stress in your life? The Bible offers healing and comfort, truth, and perspective, and the power to transform lives. In other words, it provides the power to live each day and have hope for the future.

Power for supernatural living comes as we ingest God’s Word, feeding on it as we would a delicious meal. Let it nourish you as spiritual food. Reflect on it, meditate on it, speak and pray it aloud in your quiet times with the Lord. Commit key verses to memory so you will have them when you need comfort and strength. Finally, take action. Live the words you’ve read. Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command” (John 14:15).

Like a stone dropped into a pond, the ripple effect of a loving, obedient response to God’s Word can go far beyond what you may ever know—your own life, your family, your community, your nation, and your world.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, that your Word is true. Sometimes it’s hard to discern truth from a lie, or from half-truths that bombard me daily from the television, radio, magazines, and popular culture. I want to know the truth and live it. I thank you that you will never lead me astray, that you never lie to me, and that you always keep your promises.