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Sunday, February 9, 2014

**“HOW THE BIBLE CHANGES US”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

Welcome to Week 2 of *40 Days in the Word*. The Bible is unlike any other book. It has a power to change lives. The reason it has the power to change lives is because it is the Word of God.

*“By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host”* (Psalm 33:6, ESV).

**1. God’s Word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word”* (James 1:18, NLT).

**2. God’s Word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9, ESV).

**3. God’s word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Romans 10:17, ESV).

**4. God’s Word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified”* (Acts 20:32, ESV).

**5. God’s word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psalm 119:105, ESV).

**6. God’s word** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“You’re my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me”*  
(Psalm 119:14, The Message).

**7. God’s word \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31-32, ESV).

- **I must \_\_\_\_\_ it.**
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*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law”* (Psalm 119:18, NIV).

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*“The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life”* John 6:63, ESV).

**1. God’s Word recreates my life.**

*“He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word”* (James 1:18, NLT).

*“You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15, NLT)*

**2. God’s Word removes my guilt.**

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9, ESV).*

*“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word” (Ephesians 5:25-26, ESV).*

**3. God’s word activates my faith.**

*“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17, ESV).*

**4. God’s Word stimulates my growth.**

*“And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32, ESV).*

**5. God’s word illuminates my mind.**

*“The teaching of your word gives light so even the simple can understand” (Psalm 119:130, NLT).*

*“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105, ESV).*

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law” (Psalm 119:18, NIV).*

**6. God’s word elevates my mood.**

*“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope” (Romans 15:4, ESV).*

*“You’re my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me”*  
(Psalm 119:14, The Message).

## **7. God’s word liberates my potential.**

*“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31-32, ESV).

- **I must learn it.**

*“Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God”* (Mark 12:24, NLT).

- **I must accept it.**

*“God, this is going to be the guidebook for my life for the rest of my life. I may not like it, I may not agree with it, it may not be popular, it may be politically incorrect, it may be hard to do, I may think it’s impossible. But I’m still going to accept it.”*

*“When you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers”* (1 Thessalonians 2:13, ESV).

- **I must act on it.**

*“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them”* (John 13:17, ESV).

*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law”* (Psalm 119:18, NIV).