



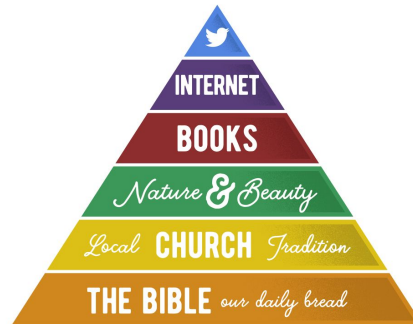
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RESTING IN GOD'S WORD Hebrews 4:12-13

God's Word is Alive Hebrews 4:12a

Hebrews 4:12a – *“For the word of God is alive”*

- God's word is alive today, not just an ancient document
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17: *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*
- God's word is not bound by time or culture, but instead speaks into every time and culture
 - “7 Reasons You Can Trust the Bible” by Edwin Lutzer
 - “New Testament Documents” by FF Bruce
- God's word is alive and speaking to us in this current cultural moment of Covid-19 & Racial Injustice
- Brett McCracken's “Wisdom Pyramid” -----



God's Word is Active Hebrews 4:12b

Hebrews 4:12b – *“For the word of God is alive and active”*

- The original word for “active” is the Greek word “energēs” where we get the modern word energy/movement
- The Story of Augustine and Romans 13:13-14 in 386 AD
- Psalm 19 - God's Word changes us
- Hebrews Reading Challenge 2.0
 - Read Hebrews all the way through this week (takes about 45 minutes in one sitting)

God's Word is Accountable Hebrews 4:12-13

Hebrews 4:12c – *“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.”*

- Double-Edged Sword - Called a “Gladius” in 1st Century Rome
 - *“We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.”* John Stott
- Old Testament priestly sacrifice: “piercing”; “judging”; “laid bare”
- Jesus, the one who was pierced, judged and laid bare to give us salvation rest
 - *“Look within and be depressed. Look without and be distressed. Look to Christ and be at rest.”*
–Corrie ten Boom



DIGGING DEEPER

HEBREWS 4:12-13

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***“Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life.”***

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 4:12-13

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- How do you feel the Word of God exposes your innermost thoughts and desires? What are your innermost thoughts and desires? What would it be to open to God with these?
- How and what do you feel? Is there a specific situation in your life today relates to this passage today? Pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: “Ancient Words” by Michael W. Smith & “Word of God” by Vertical Worship

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God’s loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this summer with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online throughout the summer, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group using a Bible Study resource on Sabbath, The Lord’s Prayer, Psalm 23, or Digging Deeper in Hebrews at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Worship Service Live-Stream: Calvary will not be having in-person, on-campus groups or services until further notice. The Worship Service will be streamed live online each Sunday at 9:30am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live

Family Activities: Find ways to help “do church” with your kids and fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at calvarylife.org/give



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