

# Word Up

Psalm 119

P Beau...from Haiti to having Babies.

Got a text message Friday night 10 o'clock from P Beau "game on bro, get your preach on. I'm @ the hospital."  
He should be back next weekend teaching through the book of John

-Introduce yourself---short background. Relationship with P Beau, Thank Beau, drop picks in the guitar.

VIDEOOOOO

Why am I teaching on the Word? What a huge topic. In this short time I can't do justice to the Bible, yet I will highlight some key things. I would hope from this that it would encourage you to dig deeper in the Word, in Jesus. Many times we read and study but tonight is a great reminder of the big picture of Bible in its entirety

Last week P Beau had you read through the whole book of John. We will do some reading as well together

The Bible, what's so special?

Some of you say, "It's like a newspaper or latest book except It's outdated and old  
here's some facts for you

*Disclaimer*---1a) The Bible needs no introduction. The words on the pages speak for themselves.

2a) It will always be a step of faith, no matter how many facts we have.

- 1) It's always been the number one best seller by far---take it seriously
- 2) The Bible is the only book to foretell future events and it be 100% accurate.
- 3) Is backed up story by story through archeological and historical proofs, Josephus, miracles and healings not just a myth (all the manuscripts, dead sea scrolls)
- 4) Contains 66 books by more than 40 different authors over 1500 yrs all surrounding the same theme of a loving all powerful, all knowing God desiring to rescue a hurting world. (Jesus giving His life for a sinful world)
- 5) The words on the pages have brought hope, life, encouragement, salvation to both young and old, the smart and the not so smart, throughout all generations in all walks of life and is proclaimed as being ALIVE

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** "All Scripture 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."

**1) In a world that is filled with so many lies, You can trust the Word of God as Truth!**

**John 17:17** – "Sanctify them by Your truth, Your Word is truth."

\*Being in the Word protects us from false teaching

We as Pastors are called to "Preach the Word" not "Preach your own ideas"

that is why we are privileged to hear "oh calvary, that's the Bible teaching church" as if it's a bad thing?

Turn to... **2 Peter 1:16-21** *“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with Him on the sacred mountain. 19 And we have the word the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*

*It was not a cute little story. The stories are written from eyewitness accounts*

**2) In a world that will one day fade away, The Word of God stands forever!**

**1 Peter 1:24-25** – *“All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the Word of the Lord stands forever.”*

**Matt 24:35** – *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*

**Ps 119:89** *“Forever, Your Word is settled in heaven”*

Culture says latest and greatest.

New iPhones. New computer once a month. New vacuum. Wii...

**Yet the Word stays relevant in the most rapid changing technologically advanced society in all of history!**

We can't put our trust in man it must in Him and His Word, fads, trends, culture, economy, environment...

Michael Jackson...500 million dollars in debt, how quickly things of this world change, need unwavering hope

\*\*How does the Word stay relevant?

**Heb 4:12**– *“For the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” NKJV*

*So what about all these facts? We need to understand what we hold in our hands...*

\*I would hope that if we see the greatness of the Word that we would recognize the importance of being in it and relying on it.

a) Haiti Peoples

b) China Followers starve for a page of the Bible to pass around and memorize.

c) Martin Luther lived in a day when no common people had the Word

*Now What?*

**3) Read, Study, and Memorize the Word**

a) You want to know Jesus, you spend time in the Word.

**To know the Word is to know Jesus.** A wild thought is Jesus is the Word...my wife always uses the term "go on a date with Jesus"

"Let us not see the face of man before we see the face of Jesus first" Spurgeon

Have a quiet time everyday

b) **Block in the time** ---discipline. you have to make time, you cant say "ill read when I FEEL led...the devil will make sure you never FEEL led. You need to develop a discipline.

c) **Be consistant** – Learn to get in it all the time, don't make excuses or let idle things steal your time in the Word.

\*Quote ---"a Bible that is falling apart is probably owned by a person that is not falling apart"

Joshua 1:7-9 "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to observe all the law My servant Moses gave you; do not turn to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go, 8 do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

**STORY** ----Had a funny friend in Bible college that we thought was super spiritual. He would always tell us..."im going to go get in the word right now...and it was right after 3 hour classes about the Bible. Turns out he named his bed "the Word"

**Memorize it** - *Ps119:11 "Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You."*---

**QUOTE** ---"The Bible will keep you from sin, but sin will keep you from the Bible"

let it travel from the mind to the heart. What good is it if you only have head knowledge.

don't think you have to have all references down perfect and I am not talking about memorizing just to show off to people. I am talking about letting it soak into your life that when situations come up. It is quick to come to memory.

When you store up the Word, you inivertantly expel the bad...People ask me, how can I start doing right?

**STORY**---A challenge.... Louie Giglio asked at a Passion Conference one year to write every scripture committed to memory and it was sad how much John 3:16 and hardly any other scriptures were quoted. Can we live without our Bibles and just have that?

**Jeremiah 20:8-9**---"*Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the Word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. 9 But if I say, 'I will not mention Him or speak anymore in His name,' His Word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed I cannot.*

Is the Word in you? Jeremiah was speaking to people that were rebellious and he was ridiculed. I believe we are coming to the day when we will be ridiculed for speaking the truth. It is already happening.

The word helps us be on the offensive.

explain the “cave Christian”

**Ex** STORY SWORD— late at night talking to my wife and getting fed up with the lies that the enemy puts in our head that I get angry and say I would love to take a sword to the enemy right now. Then God spoke, THE BIBLE is your sword, whip it out! The battle is not physical, it’s spiritual

**Heb 4:12**-- *“For the Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” NKJV*

Look at Eph 6 ---The sword is the only offensive weapon

**“and the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God”**

Being in the word helps us be on the offense not the defensive...

As Christians we should be on the offensive. “no weapon formed against us shall prosper” Isaiah “If God is for us who can be against us”

Fireproof Testimony. Beat out slumdog millionaire! Instead of being the crawl in the hole Christian, it always us to stand against the enemy.

#### 4) Love, Live, and Enjoy the Word of God

“But be doers of the Word and not hearers only” James 1:22

Ps 119:162 – “I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure.”

The word is spoken of as daily bread

the word as water that washes us

Go for the manna and the dew on the grass and live out the Christian faith

There are seasons in our walk with the Lord. Valleys in the Word, mountain top times, we can’t depend on experience.

Read Psalm 1, what does it mean, how do we get application? YOU CAN DO THIS. Do you see that it compared to a plant?

Jon Courson – Dig ditches, the rain will come

Have a scripture at the end that everyone reads together. PART OF PS119

Encourage them to read it on their own & make it part of their devotions tomorrow

### 5) Share the Word of God

Teach the truth, share the gospel with others.

The gospel was never meant to be a secret

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 –“For what I have received I passed on to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”