

## 25 Days of Going Deeper – Week 5: The Word (Psalm 25:5)

### May 26: Monday- Being Anchored in the Word

**Scripture: Psalm 25:5 (NLT):** *“Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”* **Psalm 119:105 (NLT):** *“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.”*

#### **Reflection:**

We are living in a time when truth is often treated as something personal—something that shifts depending on perspective or preference. What is “right” for one person may be “wrong” for another, and confusion grows as absolute truth becomes harder to define. As Steve Green once sang, “We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right.” So where do we turn when we need wisdom, direction, or a solid foundation to stand on? The Bible presents us with an unshifting and reliable answer: “Your Word is truth” (John 17:17, NLT). When Jesus prayed to the Father the night before His crucifixion, He didn’t give a philosophical answer to Pilate’s infamous question, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Instead, He pointed His followers to the Scriptures, declaring, “Your word is truth”—a truth that sets us apart for God, teaches us how to live, and transforms us from the inside out.

The Word of God is truth and as Hebrews 4:12 reminds us, it is *“living and active... discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”* And according to 2 Timothy 3:16, *“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true...”* We are not just holding a book; we are encountering the voice and heart of God. The truth found in God’s Word is also consistent, reliable, and timeless. *“Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to Him for protection”* (Proverbs 30:5). In a world that feels increasingly unsteady, we need something solid on which to anchor our lives and decisions. Jesus described the wise person as one who hears His words and acts on them, building their life on rock, not sand. When the storms of life come, their house remains secure (Matthew 7:24–25, NLT).

What place does the Word of God have in your life each day? Are you setting aside time to let God speak to you, guide you, and steady you through His Word? Psalm 1 paints a picture of those who do: *“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do”* (Psalm 1:3, NLT). Some people say, *“I wish God would speak to me.”* But He already has and continues to through the pages of His Word.

**Challenge and Next Steps:** Today look up, read and reflect on the various scriptures cited in today’s reflection. As you read these verses ask God to highlight one truth that anchors your mind and heart for this day.

**Prayer:** Lord, in a world full of shifting voices, anchor me in Your Word. Teach me what is true and help me build my life on Your truth. Let Your Word light my path today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song:** *Ancient Words* – Michael W. Smith

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### May 27: Tuesday- Seeking the Spirit to Teach Us the Word

**Scripture: *John 14:26 (NLT)*** “But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative, that is, the Holy Spirit, He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

#### Reflection:

The Holy Spirit is not only our Comforter—He is also our Teacher. When we open the Bible, we are not left to our own understanding. *2 Peter 1:21 (NLT)* says, “No prophecy ever came from human initiative. Rather, it was by the Holy Spirit who came upon the prophets, and they spoke from God.” The Spirit, the one who inspired the Word also teaches it, convicts, and reminds us of truth, often in the very moments we need it most. What does scripture say the Holy Spirit does through the Word:

-*The Spirit Illuminates the Word: John 16:13 (NLT)* “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth.”

-*The Spirit Teaches the Word: John 14:26 (NLT)* “He will teach you everything...”

-*The Spirit Convicts Through the Word: John 16:8 (NLT)* “And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.”

-*The Spirit Reminds Us of the Word: John 14:26 (NLT)* – “...and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

-*The Spirit Empowers Obedience to the Word: Ezekiel 36:27 (NLT)* – “And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.”

Engaging the Word of God is not merely an intellectual activity; it is a key part of our spiritual formation as disciples and followers of Jesus. We rely on the Spirit to open our eyes, soften our hearts, and lead us into all truth. As a result, when we come to Scripture it is not just to study, but to listen, to be transformed, and to say, “*Holy Spirit, teach me today.*” May this become our daily rhythm: *the Word open, our hearts open, and the Spirit welcomed.*

**Challenge and Next steps:** As we open the Bible this week, let us begin with a simple prayer: “*Holy Spirit, teach me.*” Pause, listen, and be open to conviction, comfort, or direction from God’s Spirit within you.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, I welcome You into this moment. Open my eyes, soften my heart, and teach me Your Word. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song:** “*Speak to Me*” by Kari Jobe

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### May 28: Wednesday- Applying the Word for Discernment

**Scripture: Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)** “For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” **1 Thessalonians 5:21 (NLT)** “But test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.”

#### Reflection:

Discernment is the ability to distinguish what is true, right, and best in any given situation. The Greek word for discern “*anakrino*” means to examine, to separate out by diligent search. Discernment is a form of wisdom, and it is critical for walking faithfully in a confusing world that presents diverse perceived truths and perspectives. The Word of God plays a central role in helping us grow in discernment. According to *Hebrews 4:12*, the Word “discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” It helps us cut through surface level thinking and to gain insight into what is really going on, both within us and around us. As followers of Jesus, we are not called to live by cultural trends, gut feelings or the truth of this world but to test and weigh all things through the filter of Scripture. *How does the Word help us discern?*

- It reveals truth when emotions and opinions are confusing,
- It exposes lies and points us back to God’s way,
- It equips us to test teachings, choices, and even our own motives.
- It forms within us a heart that desires righteousness and lives with integrity.

Discernment is also a spiritual gift and the work of the Holy Spirit. *1 Corinthians 2:14* reminds us that “people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths... it all sounds foolish to them.” But when the Spirit is within us, we begin to see the world differently. When we hunger for God’s wisdom, we learn to recognize His voice through His Word in the midst of all the noise of this world.

**Challenge and Next Steps:** Before making decisions today, big or small, reflect and ask the question “*Does this line up with God’s Word?*” Make it your practice to test everything through Scripture and invite the Spirit to help you discern what is best.

**Prayer:** Lord, I don’t want to lean on my own understanding. Teach me to discern what is true and right. Let Your Word be my guide. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song: “Word of God Speak” by Mercy Me**

**25 Days of Going Deeper – Week 5: The Word (Psalm 25:5)****May 29: Thursday – The Word... Knowing the Story of Redemption**

**Scripture: Luke 24:27 (NLT):** “Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

**Ephesians 1:7 (NLT):** “He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins.” **Romans 1:16 (NLT):** “For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes...”

**Reflection:**

From beginning to end, the Bible tells one unified story of God’s plan to redeem humanity through Jesus Christ. It is not merely a book of wise sayings or moral teachings, but it is a life-changing narrative of rescue, love, forgiveness, and hope. The Word is not merely informative, it is redemptive. From Genesis to Revelation, the story points to Jesus the *Lamb of God* who takes away the sin of the world. In Luke 24:27, Jesus walks alongside the discouraged disciples after His resurrection and opens their eyes to see how the entire Old Testament pointed to Him. That same invitation is given to us to open the Word and discover the heart of God’s redeeming love in Christ. God’s Word reveals our need for redemption, the reality of sin, and the beauty of grace. The law exposes our brokenness, the prophets call us to repentance, and the gospels reveal the Savior who came not to condemn the world but to save it. The epistles teach us how to live in light of the gospel, and Revelation reminds us that Christ will return to restore all things. This is the story we live in, the truth we proclaim, and the hope we carry. As children of God who have received Jesus as Saviour and Lord we know the story of redemption personally and are called be ambassadors of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20) sharing the good news of Christ with others.

**Challenge and Next Steps:** Take time today to read a passage that tells part of the redemption story, perhaps Luke 15 (the lost son), John 3, or Romans 5.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank You for being the center of the story of redemption. Help me to see You throughout all of Scripture and to live in the light of what You have done. Let the story of grace become my testimony. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song: “This is Our God” – Phil Wickham**

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### May 30: Friday – Proclaiming the Word to Others

#### Scripture:

**Romans 10:14–15 (NLT):** “But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?” **2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT):** “Preach the Word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.” **Isaiah 55:11 (NLT):** “It is the same with My Word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

#### Reflection:

God’s Word is not only meant to shape our lives but also to be shared. We have received good news that is too great to keep to ourselves. Paul makes it clear in Romans that people will only come to believe in Jesus if someone tells them. That “someone” is us, those who have already encountered the transforming power of the gospel. As we open the Word each day, we are also being equipped to proclaim it to others.

Proclaiming the Word does not always mean preaching a sermon. It often looks like sharing Scripture with a friend who is struggling, reminding someone of God’s promises, offering hope to a neighbor, or speaking truth in a world filled with confusion. Sometimes it’s spoken boldly, and sometimes it’s shared gently over coffee or in a quiet conversation. But always, it is God’s Word, and it never returns empty. Isaiah 55:11 reminds us that the Word of God always accomplishes something when it is shared. You may not always see the results, but the seed is planted, and God is at work. Paul encouraged Timothy to “preach the Word” and to be ready in season and out of season. Whether the moment feels right or awkward, welcomed or resisted, we are still called to be faithful to share the good news of Jesus. The Holy Spirit will give us the courage and the words to speak the hope of Christ to others.

**Challenge and Next Steps:** Ask God today to give you an opportunity to share His Word with someone. It might be through a verse you send, a word of encouragement, or simply telling your story. Be ready knowing that God’s Word spoken through you can be a light in someone’s darkness today.

**Prayer:** Lord, Your Word is life. Give me boldness, wisdom, love through your Spirit as I share the hope of Jesus with others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Worship Song: “God So Loved” – We the Kingdom**