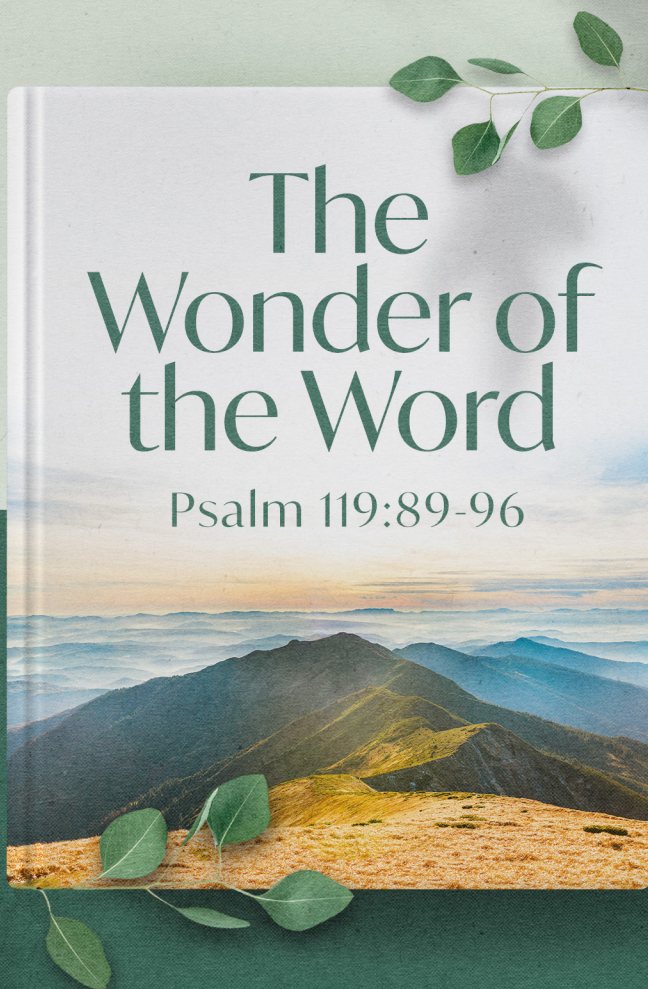


The Psalms

Songs to Keep Your Life in Tune



Message Guide | October 18, 2020

The Wonder of the Word

Today's Message (18 October 2020) / Psalm 119:89-96

Get to know God in His Wonderful Word, and pursue the most important relationship of your life!

GROUP/FAMILY Discussion Questions

1. The Word of God can be a blessing (John 14:21) or a sentence of doom (John 12:48). Explain using the stated verses how this can be so.
2. Share your favorite promise in the Bible and tell the group why it is so meaningful to you.
3. Can I really have a change of heart about God and never have a change of heart about the Bible? Explain your answer.
4. Lead the family / group in prayer, and ask God's help for each and every one to grow a deep love for the Word of God, as they grow in love for the God of the Word.

The whole of Psalm 119 is an extended, joyful appreciation of the Bible, God's Word. The psalmist already said it is a path for God's blessings as we obey it (Psalm 119:1-16), and there are blessings in our struggles as we are sustained by it (Psalm 119:65-80). In this 3RD installment of a mini-series on Psalm 119, the psalmist describes the surprisingly wonderful nature of God's Word *itself*:

1. THE ETERNAL NATURE OF GOD'S WORD (vv. 89-91)

- Unlike us, what God says and who He is are inseparable. Because unchanging faithfulness is God's nature, His Word will last forever. If we're impressed by the solidness of nature, we should be more impressed with the eternalness of God's Word. The Bible is neither old nor modern, but timeless!
- The promises of God are as faithful and reliable as God is reliable: let struggling and wavering believers take hope. The warnings and judgments of God will be as true as God is true: let those who scoff at God or His Word be afraid.

2. THE PRACTICAL NATURE OF GOD'S WORD (vv. 92-95)

- These verses talked about the heartache of the psalmist. The Word of God literally saved his life. He "would have perished", but instead he found life.
- From our passage alone, look at how the Word of God helps you with these crucial areas of life: emotional stability, personal hope, self-worth, and relational wisdom. How can anyone say the Bible is too theoretical?

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3. THE PERFECT NATURE OF GOD'S WORD (v. 96)

- Human and earthly perfection has its limits, but God's commands are infinitely perfect.
- If God's Word is perfect, why do many professing Christians say the Bible is uninteresting or irrelevant? Sadly, because some may *not* be who they think they are. There are four basic changes in the "heart" (inner being) of a genuine Christian:
 - 1) A change of heart about GOD.
God used to be a distant entity, or at best, a casual acquaintance. But now you cannot get enough of Him. The desire of your heart is God and you will not accept substitutes.
 - 2) A change of heart about SIN.
Sin used to be OK, something not to be upset about or lose sleep over, especially your favorite ones. But now you know they break the heart of God, and now you'd rather break yours than His.
 - 3) A change of heart about the CHURCH.
You used to think that Christians were weird people you thought impossible to relate with. But now, not only can you get along with them, you are gladly one of them!
 - 4) A change of heart about GOD'S WORD.
The Bible used to be boring and unnecessary. But now you know it is God's personal word to you, and you cannot wait to hear what God has to tell you, whatever the means, whoever the messenger.

There are other changes accompanying salvation, but these are the most basic. They are a good test of the genuineness of one's salvation, whether yourself or another. So if I never desire the Word or always say it's boring, am I really saved?

Final Thoughts:

The Bible is Eternal, Practical and Perfect. It's not a collection of great stories or thoughts of brilliant people, "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). It's the revelation of a loving God who wants to relate with you, a Father seeking intimacy with His beloved children. So listen to Him in His Word, and talk to Him in prayer. Get to know God in His Wonderful Word, and pursue the most important relationship of your life! ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor David Miguel

The new normal has presented us with challenges and at the same time opportunities to continue sharing God's love. Below are some ways how the church today can continue to participate in God's mission:

Wetfoot: Bible Translation

The world needs God's word, and so in order that the church to faithfully preach the Word to transform the nations, the Bible must be accurately translated to suit every tongue, nation and tribe. So to better appreciate and support this important work, we now invite you, your families and ministries to join us on October 24, Saturday, 1:30 to 3PM.

Let us be grateful that many of us are blessed to read and study the bible in any translation that best suits our engagement and application of Scripture and so to support the God-sized task of translating more bibles to reach tribes and communities across the world, let us continue to pray for the Bible translators and bible societies to produce and print God's, as well as to also commit as a church to meditate and apply God's word to express our trust and devotion to God, and to impact lives, families and communities that God intends for us to share God's love.

Online Disciple-making Training for Pastors and Church leaders

The Laussane's Global Workplace Forum which was held and hosted by our church last year enabled many pastors, missionaries and leaders to network and pray for future ministry partnerships. One such partnership that the Lord opened up for our church is to participate in what God is doing in Egypt, Nepal and Bangladesh. What a blessing that three pastors who are committed to participate in this multicultural classroom/ online training are actually associate members of our church who were once active family members, but are now back in their home countries in response to God's call for mission. Pray with us as we share online discipling resources to these leaders. Pray as well for our church to be open to learn from these leaders how we can also continue participating in God's work to reach the world with the love of Christ. Remember church, this is what we are also hoping to achieve even as a GCF family and we have so much to learn as well from these missions minded pastors. So may this humble effort to learn more about discipling and church planting establish roots that would bear fruit in God's time.

Pray that this weekly online training for church leaders and pastors would lead to the maturity and growth of the global church to witness and make disciples all for God's glory and for the expansion of His Kingdom. ■

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WETFOOT BIBLE TRANSLATION

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BELONGING (Midweek Series): *Experiencing and Extending Grace*

October 21 (Wed), 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS

Mondays and Fridays, 8:00 p.m., GCF Facebook Page

LIVestream (Youth LIVE Worship)

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Sundays, 1:00 p.m. on Facebook at [@GCFKidsLIFE](https://www.facebook.com/GCFKidsLIFE)

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. via Zoom

ARCADIA GROWTH GROUP (MIXED: OLDER COUPLES/SINGLES)

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom, with Elder Marc Sosmeña, Co-leaders Charles Lim & Buddy Bartido

GCF SMALL GROUP TRAINING AND PRECEPT PHILIPPINES

An Inductive Bible Study on Mark 7-13

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. via Zoom, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

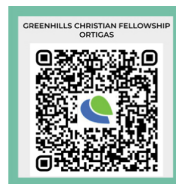
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