

G O D ' S W O R D

Story

There is nothing like sleeping under the stars at night, in the summer, high up in the mountains, when the sky is crisp and clear. In these moments we get an inkling of how BIG our God is, as He draws us in with His grandeur. Why did You create us? You are so big and mighty how can you love little me? What does following you really look like? Is that a satellite or a star?

God's Word is our handbook, His love letter to us, our True North as we navigate life and learn His perspective. God's Word sharpens, firmly roots us in our faith and fortifies our foundation.

Before we dive in...

Tell me how you view God's Word? Is it a helpful tool in life, a part of the Sacred, or seemingly hard to get to?

God's Word is...

Sharpening

Paul teaches us that “the Word of God is living and active. 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.” Hebrews 4:12 (NIV). Ever look for that friend that will just tell you the truth so that you can learn and move on? That is what this sharpening looks like, delivered by the God who created you and loves you.

Share: Have you ever experienced a “sharpening” from God's Word, and if so, where did it lead you? Was it a positive experience?

Firmly Rooted

The Psalmist describes the overall value of a man or woman that finds delight in God's Word. This beautiful metaphor paints the picture of the strength and wisdom that comes from this delight.

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season,
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.”

Psalm 1: 1-6 (NSAB)

Share: How does the Psalmist describe one that delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night?

Share: As you read the Psalm, what do you see as the most valuable benefit of God's Word?

O u r F i r m F o u n d a t i o n

Matthew tells us that "...everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matt. 7:24-25 (NIV)

Share: Where do you need to see God's Word provide a foundation in your life? What area?

Share: Putting God's Word into practice increases our security and fortifies our foundation. Has there been a time recently where you have seen God's Word act in this way?

T a k e A c t i o n

Set aside some time this week to develop a new rhythm for spending time with God and delving into his Word. He is not the distant God that is spinning the world on His finger, He loves you, created you and desires to walk *with* you. Listen to His still quiet voice and ask Him what He wants your time with Him to look like.

Read: Psalm 119 over this next week and journal your prayer response and reaction.
