

MY GOD IN MOTION...

Leverage God's Word!

*"...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4*

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

01-29-2025

# Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How, When
- Discussion
- Resources
- Feedback & Future Topics
- Closing & Send off

# Purpose & Opening

## Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,  
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,  
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

## Opening Prayer:

Thank you for this opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring You glory in all we do

# Topic

**What: Leverage God's Word!**

**Why:**

- My children struggle to gain traction against the devil.
- Sometimes they don't understand the game,  
Other times they do not stand on good footing,  
Or they don't know how to engage,  
Or they don't know they even can take a stand.
- My word is truth and settled law.
- Use it and take a stand.
- Present your case.
- Make the devil my footstool.

(from journalling 1/19)

**Approach: What, Why, How, When**

# What: The Word Of God

## John 1:1-3

In the beginning was **the Word** (Logos), and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

“The Word” = Logos (Gr) = Truth/Logic/Structure, Part of God’s Nature

## Matthew 4:4

But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** (Rhema) that comes from the mouth of God.””

“Word” = Rhema (Gr) = Spoken Message/Guidance

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (God-breathed), and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

“The Word” = Scripture = The Bible = The God Breathed Instructions for Man

## John 1:14

And **the Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

“The Word Became Flesh” = Jesus = Immanuel, God With Us

# What: The Word of God

## The Word Was With God In Creation

- All Things were created through Him

- Creation
- Fall Of Man
- God Works Strategies To Restore
  - Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Prophets, etc
- Wisdom
- Predicts Messiah

## The Word Becomes Flesh - Jesus

- Immanuel – God Among Us

- 4 Gospel Records Of Jesus Life , **And Words**
- God Works With Disciples / Apostles
- Various letters To Early Churches
- Revelation of Jesus and New Heaven to John

## We Hear His Voice (Rhema)Today

- Holy Spirit Released / Indwells
- Scripture Comes Alive and Talks to Us
- Receive Revelation / Prophecy / Vision / Dream

## The Word Becomes Flesh In Us

- We Turn From Sin and Yield To Jesus
- We Transform, Renew Our Mind, Jesus Forms
- The Word Becomes Flesh In Our Good Works

## The Bible - The Word

66 Books / 40 Authors / 1500 years  
- 39 Old Testament  
- 27 New Testament  
Best Selling Book: 5 Billion Copies

-Bible is Myth / Fiction  
-The Bible Is Corrupted / Can't Be Trusted  
-It is written by man, not by God  
-There are conflicts/contradictions

Anti-God, Anti-Love, Anti-Truth  
Accuse, Divide, Provoke  
Lie, Steal, Destroy

Evil / Devil / Satan

## Old Testament

- Accuracy of historical vs extra-biblical records
- Accuracy of copying, Match to Dead Sea Scrolls
- Correlation with Archaeological discoveries

## New Testament

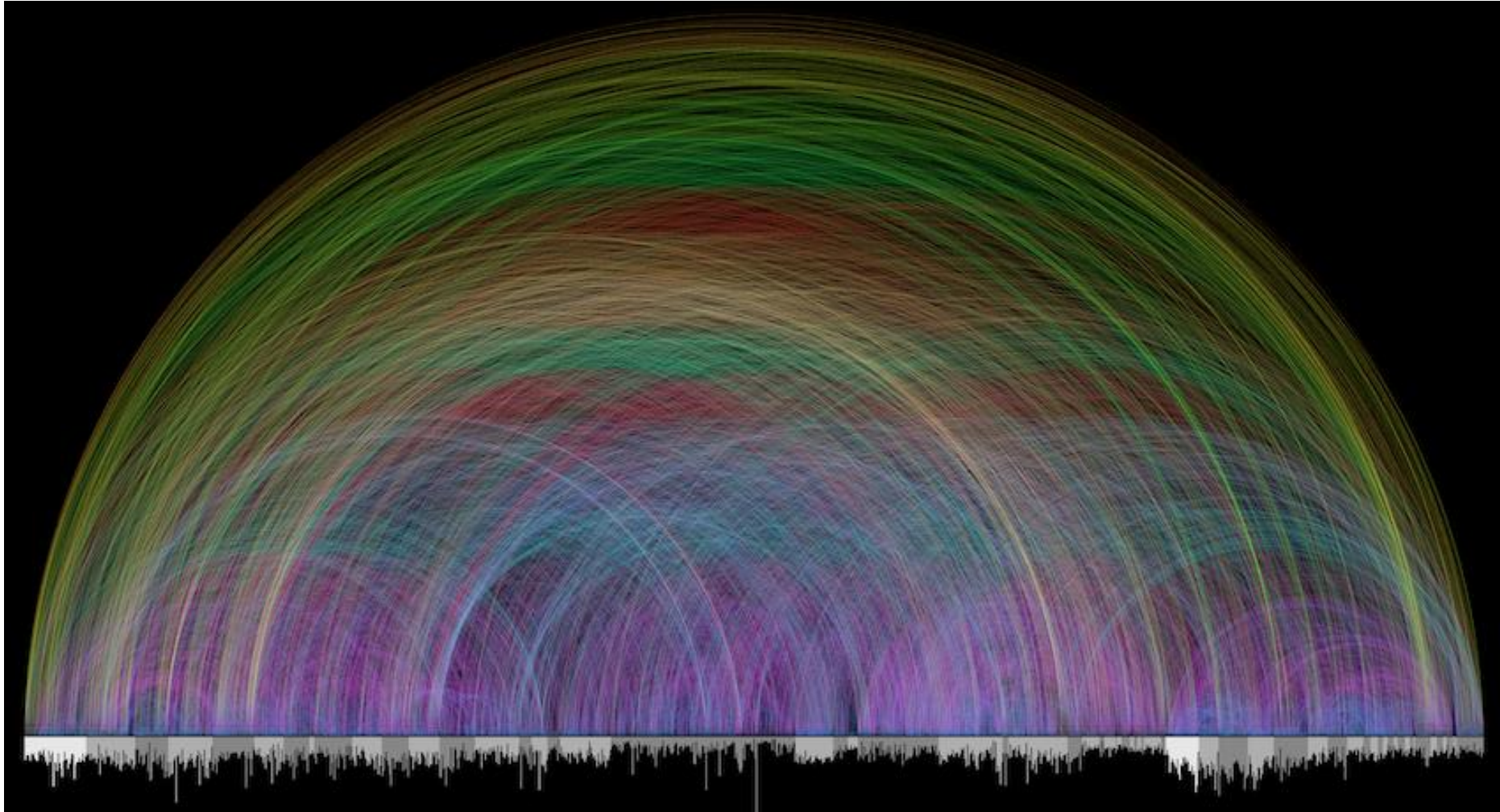
- Abundance of early manuscripts (5800)
- Proximity to the events – Witnesses still alive
- Diverse authorship across different perspectives
- Textual criticism identifies and addresses discrepancies – none impact essential beliefs
- 320 Messianic prophecies fulfilled by Jesus
- Witness testify to resurrection despite suffering

“the essential Christian beliefs are not affected by textual variants in the manuscript tradition of the New Testament” (Bart Ehrmann , Misquoting Jesus, pg. 252)

## Rhema Word

- Confirmed by two more witnesses

# What: The Bible is the most “Hyperlinked” Text



63,779 Links documented by Paster Christoph Römhild , Visual Created by Chris Harrison

<https://www.chrisharrison.net/index.php/visualizations/BibleViz>

# What: The Word Of God

## Truth

- Creates Order Out Of Chaos
- Sets You Free

## Spiritual

- Discerns Spiritual Matters
- Nourishes Soul
- Incorruptible

## Life

- Life Breathed Into Man
- Restore Man From Sin / Self

## Sent As Seed

- Requires Good Soil for Best Results
- When Nurtured will take root, grow, mature and bear fruit

## Eternal

- There From The Beginning
- Everlasting / Permanent
- Inerrant
- Unchanging

## Active

- Sent From God / Inspired
- Performs Work – In You, Around You
- Never Returns Void

## Powerful

- Discerns Heart / Soul

## Binding

- Sustains Creation
- God Always Fulfills



# Why: Selfish Reasons to Get Started

- Avoid Eternity In Hell
  - Fear God, Repent and Turn from Sin, Accept Jesus
- Avoid Unnecessary / Self Induced Problems
  - We have a choice of blessings or curses, Follow God and gain protection
- Gain Protection / Blessings
  - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you
- Persevere Through Inevitable Trials
  - Storms come to the righteous and the unrighteous, The Righteous will stand
- Realize Your Potential
  - Put off Old, Put on New
  - Restore Image of God, Let Christ Form
- Develop Spiritually
  - Be Complete and Prepared For Good Works

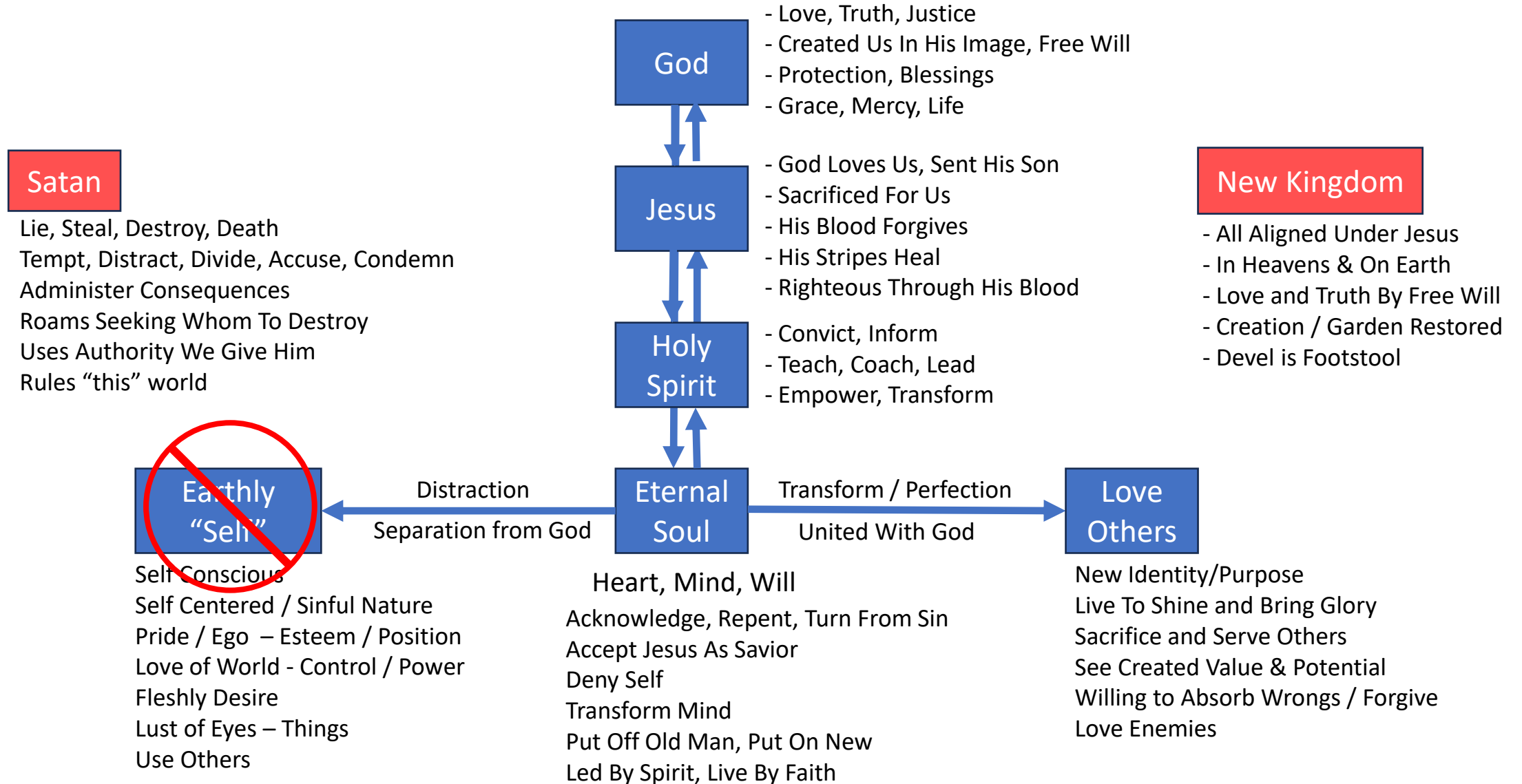
# Why: When You Love God You Want To Learn

- Understand God – Love, Truth, Justice
- Understand Your “Self” – Sinful Nature, Pending Death, Need Savior
- Understand The Ways of The Devil – Lie, Steal, Destroy, Accuse, Condemn
- Understand Jesus – He Paid the Price, Gain Salvation, Righteousness, Born Again
- Understand New Identity & Purpose – Child of God, Here to Shine
- Become Transformed - Renew Your Mind, Discern God’s Will
- Become Free From Bondage – The Truth Will Set You Free
- Push Back On Attacks/Temptation – Glorify God In All You Do
- Withstand Trials – Trust In God With All Your Heart
- Stand In Faith – Speak God’s Will into Place, Receive Promises
- Be Prepared For Good Works – Become Love, The Fullness of Christ
- Become Like Jesus – Christ In You; The Hope Of Glory, Bold On Judgement Day

# How: Leverage God's Word

- Understand the Game
  - Grand Spiritual Battle
  - Devil Is After “The Word”, Not YOU
- Understand Your Role / Purpose
  - Manifest God, Shine as Beacon, Make Disciples
- Understand Your Current Position
  - Lost? Loved? Repentant? Righteous? Renewed? Serving?
- Recognize Opportunities
  - Discern God's Will
  - Discern Works of The Devil
- Engage and Take A Stand
  - Continue His Work, Do What He Did
  - Speak To Your Mountain
  - The Fervent Prayers of a Righteous Man Avails Much
- Present Your Case
  - Stand Your Ground / Defend Your Current Position
  - Claim Ground Previously Lost
  - Intercede / Advocate for Someone

# What: The Game



# What: The Game

## Ephesians 1:7-13

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us **the mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

## Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

## 1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

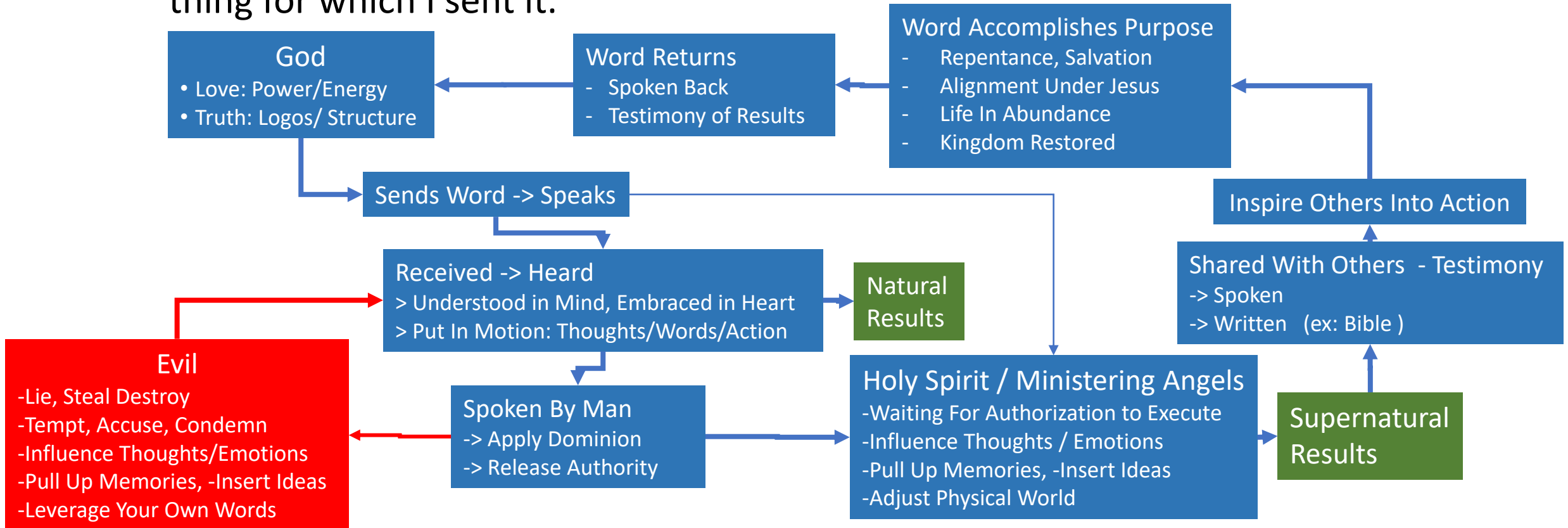
## Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by **the word of their testimony**, and **they did not love their lives to the death**.

# How: Word of God Accomplishes Work

## Isaiah 55:11

So shall my Word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



# How: It Comes In Seed Form

Luke 8: 4-15

And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

"Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**

Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then **the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts**, lest they should believe and be saved.

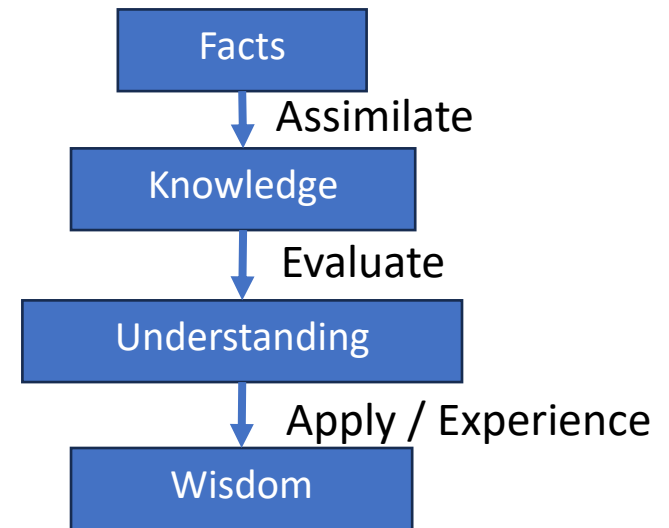
But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who **believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.**

Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are **choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.**

But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having **heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.**

# How: It Requires An Investment

- Read
- Listen
- Study
  - By Topic, Theme, or Chapter
- Pick A Topic / Meditate / Journal
- Discuss
- Apply





# How: Believe and Speak To Your Mountain

## Matthew 17:14-20

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”

Then Jesus answered and said, “O **faithless** and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

So Jesus said to them, “Because of your **unbelief**; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have **faith as a mustard seed**, you will **say to this mountain**, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

# How: Pick An Opportunity And Practice

- Pick An Opportunity
  - Undesired Habit, Temptation, Problem Area
- Research Bible Verses
  - Verses That Describe The Problem and Identify Causes/Drivers
  - Verses That Describe Desired Behaviors / Solutions / Guidance
- Find A Verse That Speaks to Your Heart
- Memorize That Verse
  - Repeat It Multiple Times A Day
  - Stay Focused on That verse until become a natural part of your response
- Make It Part of You

# How: Stand On A Verse That Resonates

## Psalms 28:7-8

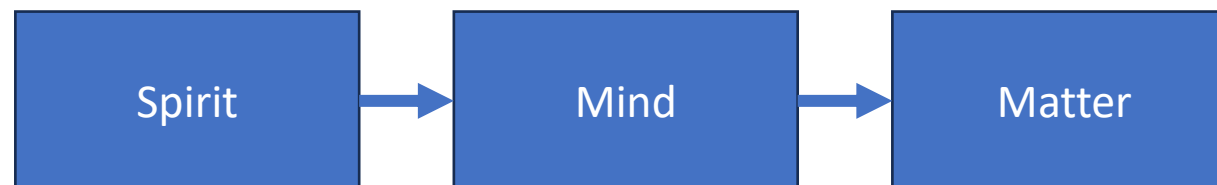
The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

## Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God



# Resources

- Use of The Sword Of The Spirit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AccwVCjRkDE>

- “Open Bible” Topic Look-up Tool

<https://www.openbible.info/topics/>

- My Blog Post: Favorite Verses To Leverage

<https://mygodinmotion.org/about-him-god-jesus/prayer/favorite-verses/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.openbible.info/topics/anxiety>. The page title is "What does the Bible say about Anxiety" and it lists 100 Bible verses about Anxiety. The top result is **Philippians 4:6-7** with 2,881 helpful votes. The text of the verse is: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Other verses listed include 1 Peter 5:7, John 14:27, 2 Timothy 1:7, Psalm 55:22, and Matthew 6:25-34.

A section header "Favorite Verses To Leverage" is displayed in white text on an orange background. Below the header is a decorative image of a group of people.

This is a compilation of popular verses to leverage when facing common challenges. Click on a topic in the table below to jump to the verses for that topic, Or scroll down to go topic by topic.

Fear	Loneliness	Temptation	Anger	Health Issues
Anxiety	Depression	Addiction	Forgiveness	Financial Issues
Worry	Self-Worth	Guilt / Shame	Relationships	Grief
Stress	Doubt			

**Challenge Reference Verse**

**Fear**

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; you are my rod and my staff; you are my comfort and my God. I will not be afraid, for you are with me; you are my rod and my staff; you are my comfort and my God."

Psalms 23:4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; you are my rod and my staff; you are my comfort and my God. I will not be afraid, for you are with me; you are my rod and my staff; you are my comfort and my God."

# Discussion

## This Topic

- Questions?
- Clarification?

## Practical Experiences?

- Struggles / Barriers
- Strategies to Overcome
- Success / Lesson Learned

## Other Topics/Questions?

# Call To Action: Leverage God's Word

Dive In

Read

Study / Learn

Apply

Make It Part of Your Nature

Start Small And Grow

# Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
  - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
  - ✓ Good Mix - Content & discussion
  - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
  - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
  - ✓ Me: Let folks do a quick intro to get familiar
  - ✓ Me: Host to log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
    - Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
    - Me: Leave more time for discussion

# Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

Eat God's Word, Make It Part of Your Flesh

Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Stop Asking and Start Decreeing God's Promises!
- Deny Your Life To The Point Of Death!
- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
- How do you Eat the Word of God?
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!

Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times
- What does the new heaven/new earth mean?
- **What are the steps to discernment**

Next Session:  
Wed 2/05



# Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light
- May we shine as a bright beacon in this dark world
- We do all in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

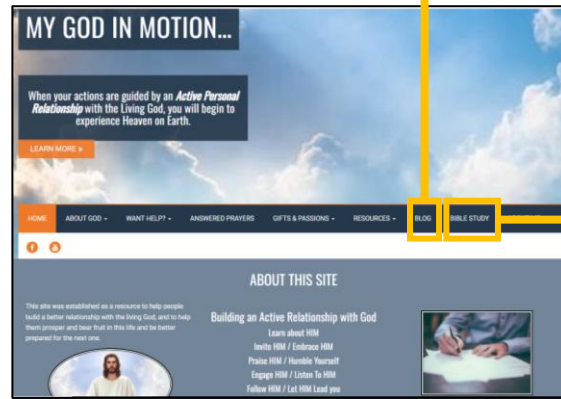
“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

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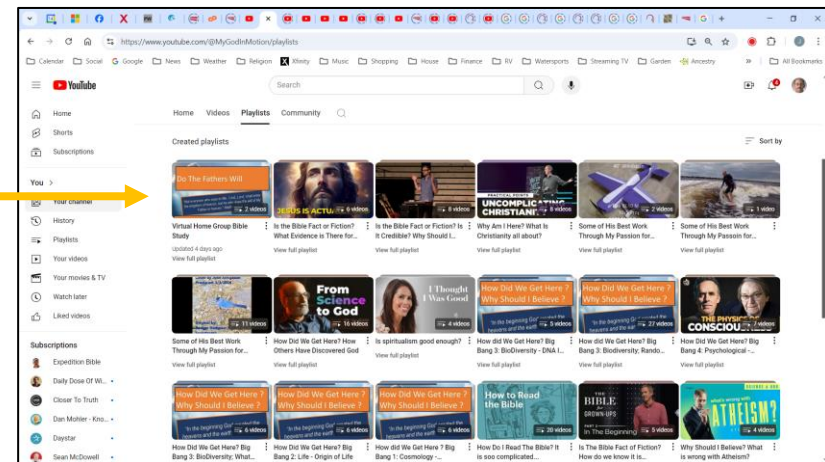
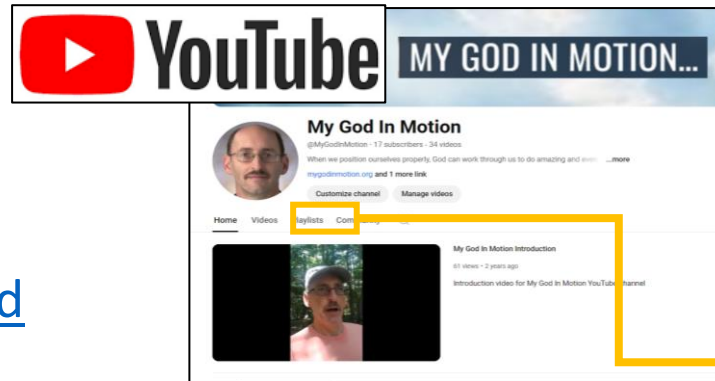
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