

## Week 6. Bible: Holding On to God's Word

(Hebrews 4:12) "For 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."

(John 8:31-32) Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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#### 1. Make it the **foundation** of my life.

(Matthew 7:24) "Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

- Popular culture.** (Exodus 23:2) "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."
- Tradition.** (Mark 7:8) "You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."
- Reason.** (Proverbs 16:25) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
- Feelings.** (Judges 21:25 MSG) At that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing.

#### 2. Make it the **first** part of my daily life.

(Matthew 6:33) But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

First 15

- 5 minutes in the **Word.** (Psalm 119:105) Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- 5 minutes in **Worship.** (Psalm 34:1) I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 5 minutes in **Prayer.** (Philippians 4:6 NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

#### 3. Make it **grow deeper** in my life.

(Colossians 3:16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

- Get a **translation** I like.
- Get a **study** Bible.

#### 4. Make it a **weapon** for the challenges of life.

(Ephesians 6:13, 17) Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground... Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17 MSG) God's Word is an indispensable weapon.

- Scripture memory.

(Psalm 119:9-11) How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.