

Perspectives

God's Word: Living and Active

Psalm 119:160 says, "The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (NKJV). The Bible is God's Word in written form. It is "God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). We, as believers, first and foremost accept God's Word as true by faith. As we read His Word and allow its message to penetrate our hearts and lives, we experience the truth of God's Word in our lives. In turn, as we experience this truth personally, God calls us to live out its message in our world. Through the things we say and do, the truth of God's Word is lived out before the world.

When I was growing up I remember watching the documentary, *In Search of Noah's Ark*. The premise of the documentary was to present convincing scientific evidence for Noah's Ark. The show claimed that the ark rested in Turkey on Mount Ararat, but due to logistics and political difficulties, it had not been uncovered. As a young teen, I remember thinking that if it was unearthed and verified, it would prove to the world (unbelievers) God exists and the Bible is true. But, if Noah's ark was discovered, would everyone believe the Bible's true?

While there is a time and place for the importance of this type of discovery, the Bible does not need us to defend or prove its validity as much as it needs us to read, study, obey, teach, and live out its truth. How do I know God's Word is true? Not only does God's Word proclaim its true (John 17:17), but it is "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12) in and through my life by the power of the Holy Spirit. How will the world know God's Word is true? A good place to start is by seeing its truth lived out in the lives of those who have surrendered their hearts and lives to the One whose Word is true.

Throughout this quarter, allow God's Word to be a lamp to your feet and light to your path (Psalm 119:105). Invite God's Spirit to open your heart and life to the message of His Word. Think about the ways you can live out God's truth in the world each day.

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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