

WE RECEIVE LIFE BY THE WORDS GOD SPEAKS TO US

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Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**" *Matthew 4:4.* (Jesus was quoting *Deuteronomy 8:3.*)

By eating bread we receive life for our bodies, but man is more than flesh; he is soul and spirit as well. **The Words God speaks to us give life to our spirits, souls and bodies.** Not only that, but also to every aspect of family life, business life and all existence.

The Word that God speaks is alive and full of power... *Hebrews 4:12*

Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them and they follow Me. I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. *John 10:27,28.*

Hearing God's voice is the way God's life comes to us to meet our need and change us into His likeness. *2Cor. 3:18.*

As we read God's Word each day, the Holy Spirit draws our attention to what God is saying.

In this way God "speaks" to us.

He also speaks to us through prophecy, visions, pictures and dreams.

The Word God speaks to us contains purpose and power.

When God said, "Let there be light," *Genesis 1:3,* there was purpose and power and light resulted.

Seven times in *Genesis 1* it says, "And God said....." Each time what God said came into existence.

The worlds or ages came into existence by the spoken Word of God, so that the things, which are seen, were not made of things, which do appear. *Hebrews 11:3.*

Jesus our "Emmanuel," *Matthew 1:23,* "God with us," spoke to the leper and said, "**Be clean,**" and immediately his leprosy left. *Matthew 8:3.* At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus said, "**Lazarus come out.**" Lazarus who had been dead for four days came forth. *John 11:43.* The blind man heard Jesus say, "**Receive your sight, your faith has saved you,**" and immediately he received his sight. *Luke 18:42,43.* The cripple man heard Jesus say, "**Rise, take up your bed and walk,**" and he did." *John 5:8.* The storm heard his voice, "**Peace be still,**" and it was. *Mark 4:39.* The demons in the man heard Jesus say, "**Go,**" and they went out of the man. *Matthew 8:32.*

Jesus said, "The Words I speak to you are spirit and life." *John 6:63.* They are words of "eternal life." *John 6:68.*

Record what God says to you in a note book so that you do not forget it.

We maximise the fullness of His life to us, as we keep believing and speaking the word He gives us.

The Spirit of faith is defined as believing and speaking what God says. *2Corinthians 4:13, Psalm 116:10.*

In Deuteronomy 30:14 it says, the "Word is very close to us, in our mouth, and in our heart so that we can do it."

In *Romans 10:6-8* it is written, "The righteousness which is of faith speaks like this**the Word is close to you, even in your mouth, and in your heart, that is the Word of faith,** which we preach." In *Romans 10:9,10,* it says "That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

This principle of faith is expressed in Psalm 1:1-3, Joshua 1:8, where the word "meditate", in the KJV, means to think about something by speaking to yourself.

In Psalm 1, the results are: you will be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, you will bring forth your fruit in season, your leaf will not wither and whatever you do will prosper.

In Joshua 1:8 , the results of meditating in God's Word are: the ability to do what God has said and to move forward in prosperity and good success.

Encouragements to keep speaking what God has said are found in *Hebrews 4:14, 10:23, 3:1,* where the word "profession", KJV, means "speaking the same thing." (Young's Concordance.) The Greek word translated "profession" in the KJV is "homologia." In the NKJV "homologia" is translated "confession."