



**Life is hard. You can make it harder.**

1 Corinthians 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

Psalms 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

**God's Word is more than words.**

**It works in you.**

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**It equips you for life.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**It accomplishes God's desires.**

Isaiah 55:10-11 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**It is a life source.**

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

## **You need course corrections.**

### **Danger:**

1 Corinthians 8:2 The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

### **Teaching**

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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### **Reading the Word on your own**

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

## **Josiah's Reform**

2 Kings 22:8-13 Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord." ... <sup>10</sup>...And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. <sup>12</sup> He gave these orders... <sup>13</sup> "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

2 Kings 23:1-3 Then the king called together ...all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.