



HOPE FILLED CONVERSATIONS
for women
...in His Word, I Hope. Psalm 130:5

Women in the Word

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

Why Study the Word?

Going Deeper Study and Reference Guide

God's Word prepares us for everything the Bible commands us to do. His word is authoritative and sufficient for all of our needs.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

God sent His Word to accomplish His will in our lives.

"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." (Isaiah 55:11, ESV)

Why is it important to not only be fed the Word but to also feed yourself? As you ponder the answer lookup Hebrews 5:12-14 and glean from what Paul writes.

God will often use devotionals to encourage and inspire us, but we have to remember that the only Word of God is the Word of God. So, while devotional and study books can be so helpful in the Christian walk, we must always compare what we are reading to the only source of truth: the Word of God. It can be easy to not question the author of a devotional, but the Bible tells us to be on guard. Colossians 2:8 (NASB) warns us: *"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."*

What are some steps you can take to ensure what authors convey about God's Word is accurate?

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God desires us to be good stewards of the Word and one way to be a good steward is to spend time getting to know the context of a particular book of the Bible. Choose a book like Philippians and ask some questions such as:

Who is the author of this book?

Who is he writing to?

What was the culture in that day?

What is taking place before a particular verse?

Questions are always a good way to get clarity on context so you will be a good steward in conveying to others what the Word says.

It is also a good idea to examine the context of individual verses in Scripture. Ask questions like: *What verse comes before this? What verse is after this? What is the topic of this chapter or section of Scripture?*

When God's Word comes into our life it brings conviction and repentance and leads to a more intimate relationship with Christ. Make room for God to show up in your life in this way by creating a time each day to spend with Him in His Word.

If you do not already do this what day this week will you commit to begin a quiet time?

What specific time can you mark on your calendar to spend with Him?

Where is the best spot for you to spend time with the Lord? (A good, comfy spot where you can focus is best.)

We all struggle in life, whether you are in the Word or not. However, spending intentional time reading and studying produces spiritual fruit and inspires us with everlasting hope. So why would you not want to grow, be encouraged, and mature in Christ in this way?

If you desire to become a more intentional student of the Word, a woman in the Word, make a commitment before the Lord, even now, and ask Him to help you keep that commitment. He is faithful to help us when we ask Him.

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Write your commitment below and date it so when you come across it in the future you will be able to think about how you have spiritually matured and grown in your relationship with Christ.