



Bread of Life
Part four of the series, “The Way: The Path Toward a Fruitful Life”
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“Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”” (Matthew 4:4 NIV)

The Word is like FOOD for the Christian.

Why is the Word so important?

- **It’s God’s Word that CREATED everything. (Genesis 1:1-26 NIV)**

- **The Word became FLESH in Jesus.**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1-5, 14 NIV)

- **The Word builds our FAITH.**

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17 ESV)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

What do we do?

- **READ the Word.**

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. ¹⁰I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:9-11 NIV)



- **Practice S.O.A.P.:**

Scripture: select a scripture passage to read using a bible reading plan.

Ex. "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well." (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

Observation: look for the principle that the passage is teaching about God, the world, and how we are to live.

Application: what practical steps can you take to live this principle in your life?

Prayer: spend time in prayer asking God to help us to understand and apply the principles from His Word.

- **MEMORIZE the Word.**

*"I have **hidden** your word in my heart..." (Psalm 119:11 NIV)*

- **LIVE the Word.**

*"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."
(Joshua 1:8 NIV)*