

## ***Bible Verses (NIV)***

### **God's Word ...**

- **Hebrews 4:12** - "For the word of God is alive and active."
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
- **Romans 15:4** - "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."
- **2 Peter 1:19-21** - "We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."
- **Matthew 24:35** - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."
- **Isaiah 55:11** - "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty"
- **Matthew 4:4** - "Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

### **Who HE is ...**

- **Romans 12:2** - "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

As you get to know **Who He Is**, you will be able **know and understand** what **His will is**. It will take time!

### **His Promises ...**

- Deuteronomy 31:8 - "The LORD himself goes before you and **will** be with you; he **will** never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."
- Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for **I am with you**; do not be dismayed, for I **am your God**. I **will** strengthen you and help you; I **will** uphold you with my righteous right hand."
- Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, **there am I** with them."
- Jeremiah 29:12-13 - "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **You will seek me and find me** when you seek me with all your heart."
- James 4:8a - "Come near to God and he **will** come near to you."
- John 14:19b - "Because I live, you also **will** live."

## ***Study Tools***

Study tools that can help are:

Daily devotionals (available online and for purchase)

- Our Daily Bread (Upper Room)
- Today in the Word (Moody Publishers)

Study Bibles

- A Life Application Bible
- A Chronological Bible
- A Bible reading plan

Bible commentaries (available online and for purchase)

- Matthew Henry's Complete Commentaries (Free Online)

A group Bible Study through your church

- Men's Bible Study
- Small Group Bible Study

Podcasts:

- In The Market

Audio Books:

- Max Lucado
- C. S. Lewis
- Tony Evans

## ***Trusting God***

Ask yourself, "**How do you come to trust someone?**" First and foremost, you need to **get to know** that someone. Only after you feel that you really know someone will you extend your trust to them, and even then it is not your full trust. They must **earn** your full trust over time. **The same is true with God!**

So how do we do **THIS** ... It comes down to three things:

1. Read His Word

2. Get to Know Who He is by studying His attributes (Characteristics)
3. Find, study. And **Hold On To** His promises.

### **Hold onto His Promises ...**

Hebrews 10:23 - "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, **for He who promised is faithful.**"

You will be amazed how often He says that **He WILL** and then **He DOES** these things. **Hold on to these promises, hold onto Him, and hold Him to them!**