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Rebuilding the Gates

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- i. The Sheep Gate - Christ the Shepherd, we are the sheep of His pasture.
- ii. The Fish Gate - A call to evangelism as a normal part of the Christian life.
- iii. The Horse Gate - Spiritual warfare conference.
- iv. The Water Gate - The Word of God.

The Water Gate

The image shows a large, ancient stone archway, known as the Water Gate, set within a thick wall of light-colored stone blocks. The archway is dark and appears to lead into a tunnel or passage. The foreground is filled with a large pile of rubble, including broken stones and debris, suggesting a state of ruin or ongoing archaeological work. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the light coming from the left, casting shadows on the stone walls.

The Water Gate speaks of knowing the Word of God.

Q: Is the Holy Spirit making the Word of God alive to us personally, allowing cleansing, encouragement and direction to take place in our life?

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Neh 8:1 - 12

‘Ezra stood on a platform... which they had made for this purpose’

‘And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people... and when he opened it, all the people stood up.’

‘They bowed their heads and worshipped with their faces to the ground.’

‘They stood in their place’

God's Perspective of His Word

- The Lord watches over His Word.
- The Lord prospers His Word.
- The Lord puts HIMSELF into His Word.
- The Lord protects through His Word.
- The Lord has given HIS word to us for everything we could ever need... BECAUSE GOD HIMSELF IS IN HIS WORD!

Logos : Rhema

Logos: The Recorded Word

Rhema: The Revealed Word

THE LOGOS SPEAKS, TO MAKE RHEMA POSSIBLE!

Logos : Rhema

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Heb 4:12

For the word (**logos**) of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Logos : Rhema

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My Approach to Gods Word

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1. Revere the Word

- Neh 8
- Is 66:2

2. Feed on the Word

WRAP yourself around Gods Word.

W = The Word does the Work.

R = Receive the Word.

A = Abide in the Word, Apply it.

P = Proclaim and Pray the Word.

The Word does the work



Ps 104:5 - 9

You who laid the foundations of the earth,
So that it should not be moved forever,
You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
The waters stood above the mountains.
At Your rebuke they fled;
At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.
They went up over the mountains;
They went down into the valleys,
To the place which You founded for them.
You have set a boundary that they may not pass over,
That they may not return to cover the earth.

The Word does the work

2 Kings 5:1 - 14

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel."

5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, 'Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy.'

The Word does the work

2 Kings 5:1 - 14

7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy?

Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me."

8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean."

The Word does the work

2 Kings 5:1 - 14

11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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The Word does the work

THE WORD DOES THE WORK WHEN WE DO THE WORD!

Receive the Word

James 1:21 - 25

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word (**logos**), which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word (**logos**), and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Receive the Word

Mark 4:3 - 9

3 “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air^[fn] came and devoured it. 5 Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. 7 And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”
9 And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Receive the Word

Mark 4:13 - 20

13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. 18 Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Receive the Word

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Luke 8:11, 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.'

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The pumpkin seed wanted to claim "pumpkin-hood" as it were, because it has the DNA and the potential, but without the planting and germination process, (i.e., dying and coming forth as the mature fruit) it could not be a pumpkin.

- George Taylor -

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Without prior knowledge, no one, regardless of his or her intelligence, could possibly imagine that from the small seed could come the full fruit.

- George Taylor -

Abide in the Word, Apply it

John 15:7

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 8:31 - 32

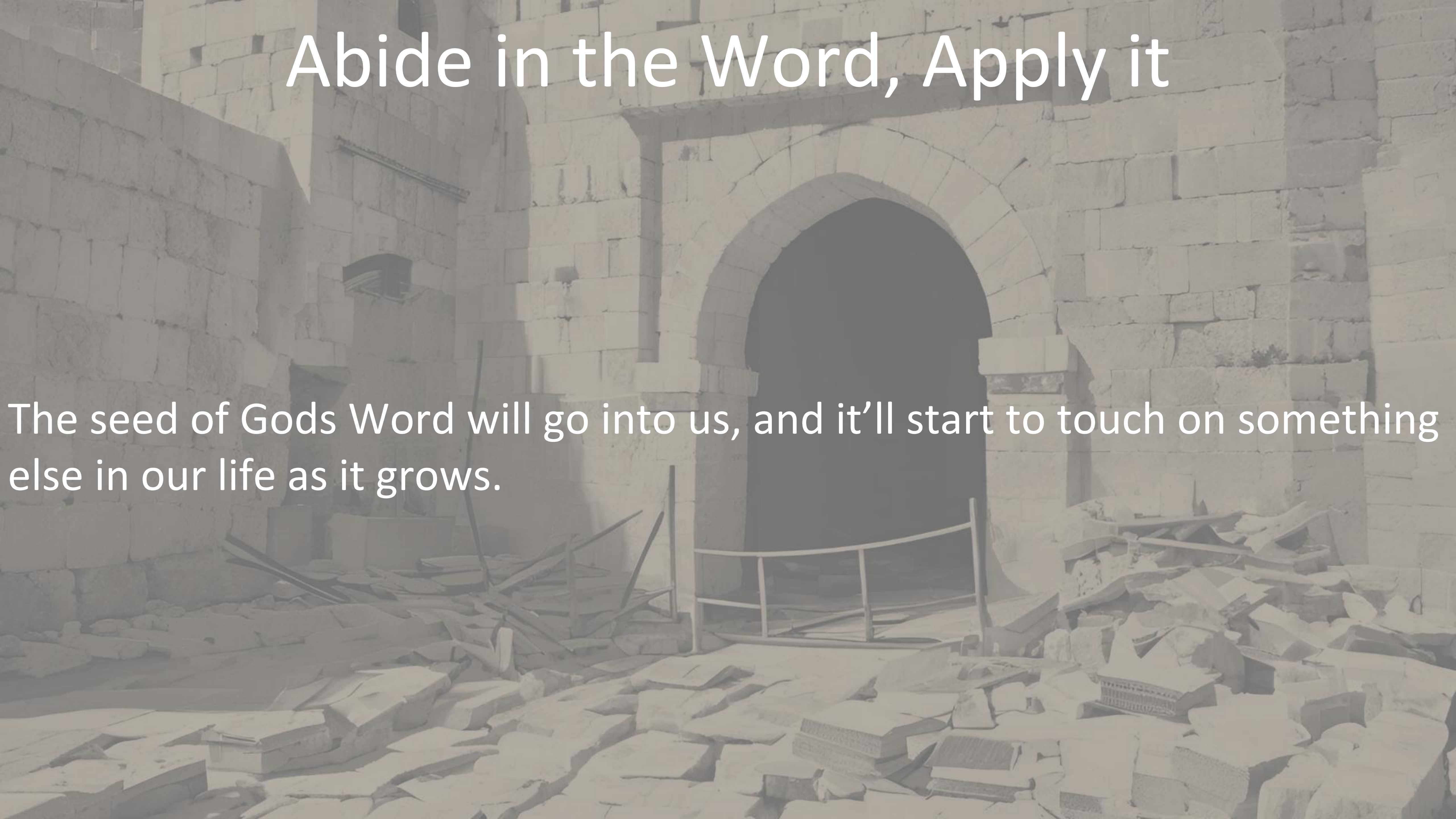
“If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 17:17

Jesus said, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word (logos) is truth.”

Abide in the Word, Apply it

The seed of Gods Word will go into us, and it'll start to touch on something else in our life as it grows.



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- Good Ground - The humble / hungry heart.

Proclaim / Pray the Word

Josh 1:3

“Every place that the **SOLE OF YOUR FOOT WILL TREAD** upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.”

Josh 1:8

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make **YOUR WAY** prosperous, and then you will have good success.

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The Water Gate



1 Pet 1:22 - 25

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because

“All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.

The grass withers,
And its flower falls away,

25 But the word of the LORD endures forever.”

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

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