

Romancing the Word

The Transforming Power of Falling in Love With God's Word!

1. Prayer Path

Revelations (A Journey to the Word)

Scripture:

By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

Psalm 119:105 (MSG)

How I delight in your commands! How I love them!
I honor and love your commands. I meditate on
your decrees.

Psalm 119:47-48 (NLT)

I cherish your commandments—oh, how I love them!—
relishing every fragment of your counsel.

Psalm 119:47-48 (MSG)

Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all
day long.

Psalm 119:97 (NLT)

Truly, I love your commands more than gold, even the finest gold.

Psalm 119:127 (NLT)

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Psalm 119:165 (KJV)

As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 18:30 (NIV)

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions.

Psalm 107:20 (NKJV)

The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)

Your new life is not like your old life. Your old birth came from mortal sperm; your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself!

1 Peter 1:23 (MSG)

The NIV renders this...

“For you have been born again... through the living and enduring word of God.”

2. Prayer Path

Reflections (A Journey to the Past)

Scripture:

Now you've got my feet on the life path, all radiant from the shining of your face. Ever since you took my hand, I'm on the right way.

Psalm 16:11 (MSG)

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Scripture:

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

Numbers 23:19-20 (KJV)

3. Prayer Path

Realities (A Journey to Understanding)

Scripture:

Take me by the hand; lead me down the path of truth. You are my Savior, aren't you?

Psalm 25:5 (MSG)

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing *and* sifting *and* analyzing *and* judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (AMPC)

Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son. By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—powerful words!...

Hebrews 1:1-3 (MSG)

The words of the wise prod us to live well. They're like nails hammered home, holding life together. They are given by God, the one Shepherd.

Ecclesiastes 12:11 (MSG)

A Principle of Romance

God's Word is the only certain _____ upon which His children can build a sure _____ for spiritual growth and _____. The Bible clearly declares that "all Scripture... is useful to teach us what is true" (2 Timothy 3:16, NLT) and thus _____ believers "to do every good work" (v. 17). To _____ God's Word is thus to cultivate such an _____ for hearing God's _____ and knowing His _____ that daily engagement in His Word becomes a compelling, enduring _____ of the believer's life.