

40 DAYS IN THE WORD



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Why 40 Days?

In just 40 days, a lot can happen! It may seem short, but the Bible tells us that during this time, God has used 40 days to work miracles, change people's hearts, and help them become better in big ways.

Here are a few examples of how God has shown Himself powerful in just 40 days.

- ◆ Genesis 7:12 | Noah and his family were on the ark while God was remaking the earth via the rain and flood over 40 days.
- ◆ Exodus 34:28 | Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai where God released the Ten Commandments.
- ◆ Numbers 13:25 | The twelve spies spent 40 days in the Promised Land.
- ◆ 1 Samuel 17:16 | Young David was challenged and transformed by Goliath's 40-day challenge.
- ◆ Jonah 3:4 | The city of Nineveh was changed by the teaching of the prophet Jonah about what the next 40 days had in store for them should they not repent.
- ◆ Luke 4:2 | Jesus was empowered for ministry by spending 40 days in the wilderness.
- ◆ Acts 1:3 | The disciples were transformed by spending 40 days with Jesus after the Resurrection.

These stories from the Bible teach us that when a group of people gather and have faith in God—through times of testing, purifying, and preparing—He can and does change them.

Our focus for 40 days in the Word is twofold: first, to empower you to build a stronger relationship with God's Word and second, to guide you toward spiritual growth through community. Both are essential to you becoming all that God has called you to be in His kingdom. Are you ready to take the next step? Let's go!



Why Connect Groups?

The Connect Groups ministry at Linked UP Church has a simple purpose: to make life-changing relationships relevant and accessible. We believe God created us to live in community, not isolation, building heartfelt relationships with one another.

◆◆◆ **Acts 2:42 (TPT)**

"Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer."

When we come together, we make one another feel loved, and we're better together! So, we shouldn't get into a habit of being together only when we are listening to a speaker on Sundays. We can encourage each other in many ways. By gathering in Connect Groups, we can confidently hold fast to the teachings of our Lord and Savior without wavering.

Real-life change is most effective when it happens within a group of people who support and encourage one another.

To fully experience biblical community, it is important to have meaningful and intentional relationships with other believers. Connect Groups play a significant role in "being" the church rather than just "going to" church.

Being part of a Connect Group helps us build dynamic relationships and provides:

- ◆ **A place to connect** - An opportunity to reach people on common ground—whether that be interests, demographics, or studying the weekly messages. God does his best work relationally.
- ◆ **A place to protect** - Spiritual covering by creating a safe and supportive environment where people can share their faith journey, ask for advice, find encouragement, and pray together.

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- ♦ **A place to grow** - In Connect Groups, we find inspiration and motivation to become the best version of ourselves. Like iron sharpens iron, being in a group provides edification and accountability.

At Linked UP Church, we believe our church must grow *larger* and *smaller* at the same time.

We grow larger because we want to reach as many people as possible with the life-giving message of Jesus. We grow smaller as we gather in Connect Groups to build community, care for people, and help each other grow in Christ.

On Sundays, we come together to worship God and learn from His Word, but the most special and important ministry happens in groups outside of Sunday services. God wants us to live and do life together every day because that's where He is and where He often works. Connect Groups give us the chance to share what God is doing inside us and figure it out together with others. It's a way for us to grow and connect with God and each other beyond Sunday service.

We are designed for relationships.

We are meant to have friendships and connections with others. In Connect Groups, we find fun and creative ways to spend time together in our everyday lives. We engage in activities such as reflecting upon Sunday's teachings, joining in prayers, sharing meals, and, above all, cultivating robust and significant relationships.

We need each other. Connect Groups help us stay involved and they are the most effective way of maintaining a healthy and growing church.



Introduction



Using this Guide

This 40 Days in the Word book includes six weekly discussion guides that align with Pastor Gregory's Connect 40 messages. Each guide features a summary, key scriptures, and discussion questions to help your group reflect, engage, and apply what you're learning. It's designed to lead meaningful conversations and encourage practical next steps for spiritual growth.

How to Join a Connect Group

We invite everyone to join and enjoy the advantages of being part of a community through Connect Groups during 40 Days in the Word!

There is a Connect Group for you.
Scan the QR code to discover all the groups
meeting during Connect 40!





Called to Action: Doers of the Word

God's Word calls us to more than simply hearing it; it calls us to live it. Hearing the Word is the beginning, but lasting transformation comes when we put it into practice.

As we become doers of the Word, our faith grows, our character is shaped, and our lives begin to reflect Christ. This journey is best experienced in community, where we encourage one another, sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron, hold each other accountable, and have honest, transparent conversations that help us grow together.

◆◆◆ *Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)*

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

The Mission: Create Space to Spread the Word

This is more than a church campaign: it's a movement of people, making space for God. Over the next 40 days, lives will be transformed as people gain greater clarity and deeper understanding of God's Word through meaningful conversations, times of prayer, powerful testimonies, and shared meals.

Healing, breakthrough, restoration, and salvation are not just possible: they are promised when God's people come together with faith.

You don't need to be a Bible scholar or spiritual leader to create this space. You just need to be willing to open your heart and your home. Our acronym for a **H.O.S.T.** is:

*H*ave a Group ◆ *O*pen your Home ◆ *S*erve a Snack ◆ *T*alk it Out



The Word Comes Alive in Small Groups

Our prayer is that everyone at Linked UP Church will participate in Connect Groups, either by H.O.S.T.ing or joining one. Whether it's your family, neighbors, coworkers, or friends, you have a circle of influence that God is calling you to reach. Connect 40 is your opportunity to be used by God in a powerful way for His glory.

This book includes the essentials you need to lead your group, build meaningful connections, and create room for the supernatural to take place in everyday spaces. Each week, we will walk you through discussion topics, scriptures, and weekly action items that position your group to see God's hand.

Let's Grow — Together

Don't underestimate the power of your group. God does big things through small gatherings. Join the movement and watch what happens when we are unified. We are stronger together!



Devotionals



Week **ONE**

Hunger for the Word



Week 1 - Connect 40



Hunger for the Word

Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

"But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Spiritual Food

In Matthew 4:4, Jesus reminds us that our lives are not sustained only by what we consume naturally but also by what we receive spiritually. Just as our physical bodies require food for nourishment and growth, our spirits require spiritual nourishment for vitality, strength, and endurance. That kind of nourishment is the Word of God.

When we invest significant time feeding our bodies, we become physically strong. If we invest little time feeding our bodies, they will grow weak. And just as a weak body struggles to withstand illness or attack, a weak spirit struggles to resist the temptations and schemes of the enemy (Ephesians 6:11-12). Oftentimes we feed our bodies three hot meals a day and our spirits one cold snack a week on Sunday morning. Then we wonder why the devil is wreaking havoc in our lives.

To remain spiritually strong, we must consistently feed on God's Word. As we do, our spirits are strengthened, our faith becomes resilient, and we are better equipped to stand firm through life's challenges and storms.

Crave the Word

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." 1 Peter 2:2 (NIV)

In the same way a newborn baby instinctively seeks nourishment from its mother, we are instructed to crave the pure spiritual milk of the Word so that we may grow. Have you ever craved something to eat? Chocolate? A burger? Steak? Ice cream in a warm waffle cone? Maybe a fresh Krispy Kreme doughnut? As you read this, some of those

cravings may already be stirring. What lengths would you go to in order to satisfy that craving? Sometimes it's simply a matter of driving to the nearest location at the next convenient opportunity. Other times we won't let anything stop us from getting what we want as soon as humanly possible.

If we will go to such lengths to satisfy a physical craving, how much more should we pursue the Word of God? We must crave it with the same intensity, putting ourselves in its path, pursuing it daily, aligning our steps with it, and choosing to live by it. Why? Because unlike that sugary treat that satisfies for only a moment, the Word of God causes us to grow into the complete experience of salvation—living in the fullness of all that God originally intended for our lives.

No Ordinary Book

“For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Peter 1:21

Some view the Bible as just an ordinary book, but nothing could be further from the truth. The Bible reveals the Person of Jesus Christ. Composed by approximately forty authors over a span of about sixteen hundred years, the Bible was written in three languages and across three continents. Consider the significance of that. Forty authors, many of whom never knew one another, yet their writings align with remarkable consistency and unity. It's difficult to get even five people in a single time and place to write on the same subject and remain fully aligned, yet the Scriptures do so with forty people across centuries. This points to something supernatural.

In addition, the Bible has the power to transform lives. No wonder the enemy fights so hard to keep us from studying and understanding the Scriptures. It's not merely about reading words on a page; it's about discovering the living reality of the risen Christ, Jesus Himself. It would help us to see the Bible as the map of God's plan for our lives while we are here on earth. It shows us how to pray, how to worship,

what to look for in a spouse, and how to please God and walk in relationship with Him. The Bible is relevant for all situations and circumstances. Within its pages, we find answers to life's most important questions. We learn about men and women who followed God and the fruit of their obedience as well as those who chose otherwise and the consequences that followed. The Bible is the map that leads us directly to God through Jesus Christ. It's not meant to sit on a shelf; it's meant to be written on our hearts and lived out daily.

Accept the Challenge

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). Are you hungry? Do you have an appetite for the Word of God? If so, get ready. God will fill your life to overflowing. Jesus promised that those who hunger and thirst will be satisfied. Accept the challenge and watch Him exceed your expectations.

One of the biggest hindrances for many people in pursuing God through His Word is simply knowing where to begin. Since we are living under the New Covenant and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the New Testament is a practical starting point, beginning with the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Get to know Jesus not just through what you've been told but through what the Scriptures reveal. The question becomes personal: Who is Jesus to you?

Summary

- ◆ **Spiritual Food** – Jesus teaches that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from God, reminding us that our spirits need nourishment from His Word just as our bodies need food. When we neglect feeding the spirit, it grows weak and more vulnerable to the enemy's attacks.
- ◆ **Crave the Word** – Like a newborn craves milk, we are called to crave the Word of God so that we may grow spiritually. Just as we pursue foods we strongly desire, we should pursue God's Word

with the same intensity because it leads us into the fullness of the life God intended.

- ◆ **No Ordinary Book** – Scripture teaches that the Bible was written by holy men who were moved by the Holy Spirit, revealing that it is far more than an ordinary book. Though written by about forty authors over sixteen hundred years, its message remains remarkably unified and points us to the Person of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ **Accept the Challenge** – Jesus said those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled, inviting us to develop a real appetite for the Word of God. A great place to begin is in the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—where we can personally discover who Jesus is.

Scriptures

- ◆ **Matthew 4:4**
Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”
- ◆ **Ephesians 6:11-12**
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- ◆ **Hebrews 4:12**
The word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- ◆ **1 Peter 2:2**
Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment.



♦ **2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)**

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

Talk About It

1. What does developing a hunger for the Word of God look like to you? Why do you believe this is important as a follower of Christ?
2. Have you ever considered the Bible to be a "Living Book"? How might your life change if you approached Scripture as a living, supernatural message from God rather than just a book?
3. What motivates you most to pursue God through His Word? What challenges have you faced when trying to remain consistent reading the Bible?

Weekly Action

Jesus teaches that our spirits must be nourished by His Word just as our bodies are nourished by food. This week, set aside at least ten to fifteen minutes each day to read a portion of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) and ask yourself one question: What does this passage reveal to me about who Jesus is?

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. Why is God's Word important to you?

2. How do you feel when you spend time with God compared to when you don't?



*Talk About It - **Middle and High School***

1. What does your current “spiritual diet” from God’s Word look like? In what ways can you intentionally increase your appetite for the Word of God?

2. What does it look like for you personally to “hunger and thirst” for God? How can you grow that desire in your daily life?



Week **TWO**

Hearing the Word with Understanding



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Romans 10:17 (KJV)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Faith Seeds

Faith is a vital aspect in the life of every believer in Christ. We live by faith. We walk by faith. We stand by faith. It is impossible to please God without faith. So much of a believer's experience has its roots in faith. So it is important to understand how that faith comes about: by hearing the Word of God.

Faith is not something that comes one time all at once. It is a perpetual flow as we align our hearts and position ourselves to hear the Word of God. When faith comes, it is accompanied by a confidence, a belief, and an unshakeable trust in God to act on what God's Word promised you. The Bible is forever relevant. Its content is inexhaustible.

Faith and God's Word are synonymous (John 1:1). The same faith you have in God is the faith you have in His Word.

The Bible is full of seeds on wisdom, healing, faith, finances, marriage, parenting, and so on. There is a seed for every need we have in this life. Just like natural seeds must be planted into the ground, watered, and nurtured, the seeds from God's Word must find their way to the spiritual ground of your heart, be watered, and be nurtured to bring forth fruit.

Heart Soil

Your spirit is the soil. It needs the seeds from the Word of God to produce the things He desires for you in this life. We must plant the seeds of God's Word into our hearts by reading, meditating on, studying, and speaking God's Word out of our mouths. "The sower soweth the Word" (Mark 4:14 KJV). The heart is the ground that receives the Word.





Jesus spoke of four types of ground in Mark's gospel (chapter 4). First there is the wayside soil of a hardened heart. These are distracted, isolated, or indifferent people who do not allow the seed of the Word to penetrate their hearts. The Word is heard but not understood, and it is immediately stolen.

Second is the stony ground of a shallow heart. These individuals receive the Word with joy, but the moment they experience pressure, they fall away because they have no root system to keep them grounded. It's head knowledge, not heart revelation. They respond emotionally in the moment but do not last when the storms of life come.

The third type of ground is the thorny ground of a crowded heart. The Word is choked by the cares, riches, and desires of this life. These people have the Word competing for its first-place position in their hearts due to their other priorities.

Last but certainly not least, the good ground of a receptive heart represents those who hear the Word, understand it, accept it, and bear fruit. These people are open, ready, and willing to receive. As a result, their lives change.

A heart that is not prepared to receive the Word will not produce fruit. Farmers must till the ground, and the production of the harvest is contingent upon the ground being prepared. In the same way, our hearts must be aligned and positioned properly to receive the Word. We must keep things like offense, unforgiveness, strife, bitterness, resentment, and fear away from the fertile ground of our hearts.

Understanding is Vital



Mark 4:15

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.





One of the greatest dangers we face as believers is allowing our hearts to become hardened. A hardened heart has lost its ability to receive. The Word may be preached clearly and powerfully, yet it just sits on the surface because there is no softness, no openness, no depth for it to settle into. Thus, the enemy comes immediately to steal what was sown before it ever has a chance to take root.

Satan fears you getting an understanding of love, forgiveness, God's ability to heal you emotionally, biblical stewardship, and your identity in Christ. He knows that what you understand can never be taken away from you. And if you grasp those things fully, you can whip him with the Word every time!

God's Word must take root in your spirit before it can become fruit you bear in your life. If it doesn't take root, there can be no fruit.

Spiritual hunger isn't satisfied by just hearing more information; it is satisfied by laying hold of the revelation of what God is saying. Are you reading the Bible to understand what you're reading, or are you reading to check a box on your duty list? We can gather information and still not experience transformation. We can attend church regularly and hear the Word but not be changed by it if we don't understand what we're hearing or are not applying it to our lives. Understanding anchors the Word in our hearts, protects it from being stolen, and positions it to produce fruit.

Go Deeper

Decide today to go deeper in your knowledge and understanding of God's Word by studying it, meditating on it, and applying it to your life.

Plant the seed of God's Word in the ground of your heart where it can grow. Water it with your faith-filled confession. Then watch God increase and manifest the things you are believing Him for. In all your getting, get an understanding!



Summary

- ◆ **Faith Seeds** – Faith is foundational to the life of a believer. It shapes how we live, walk, and stand, and it is essential to pleasing God. It grows as we consistently hear, study, and receive God's Word. When faith is present, it produces a deep confidence and unshakable trust in God and His promises.
- ◆ **Heart Soil** – Your spiritual heart is the soil that receives the Word of God, and what is planted there determines what grows in your life. As you consistently read, meditate on, study, and speak the Word, you are sowing seeds that produce spiritual fruit. The Word must be intentionally planted in your heart for it to take root and bring results.
- ◆ **Understanding** – Satan fears a disciple of Christ who not only hears the Word of God but truly understands it. Why? Because that person can apply what they've heard and experience real, supernatural transformation.
- ◆ **Go Deeper** – We must commit to growing deeper in our understanding of God's Word by studying it, meditating on it, and applying it daily. As we plant the Word in our hearts, God will bring growth and manifestation.

Scriptures

- ◆ **Proverbs 4:7**
Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And "in all your getting, get understanding".
- ◆ **Matthew 13:19**
When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

◆ **Mark 4:13-20**

He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. 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. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 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. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, 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. 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.”

◆ **Romans 10:17**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Talk About It

1. Which type of “ground” do you most relate to right now (wayside, stony, thorny, or good)? Explain your answer. What do you think needs to change in your heart or habits to allow God’s Word to go deeper and take root in your life?
2. The Bible has a seed for every need we have in life. What is one specific need you’re facing right now? [Take a moment and look up scriptures to support that need.]
3. One of the greatest dangers we face as believers is a hardened heart. In what ways can you intentionally keep your heart soft and responsive to God’s voice?



Weekly Action

This week, identify at least one “thorn” in your life: a care, desire, or priority that may be competing with God’s Word. Take intentional steps to realign your priorities so that consistently hearing and receiving the Word becomes central in your daily life. Remember, hearing the Word on Sunday is not enough to sustain you for the entire week. Create space throughout your week to stay rooted, refreshed, and strengthened by God’s Word.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. What is one thing that sometimes takes your attention away from spending time with God?

2. What is one simple way you can make time to hear or read God's Word this week?



*Talk About It - **Middle and High School***

1. What is one “thorn” in your life right now that might be competing with your time in God’s Word?

2. What specific change can you make this week to prioritize hearing and engaging with God’s Word beyond just on Sunday?





Week **THREE**

Believe the Word



Believe the Word

Mark 9:23 (KJV)

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

Can You Believe?

A father brings his demon-possessed son to Jesus after the disciples couldn't help. Jesus turns the focus from the problem to the man's belief. The issue wasn't Jesus' ability to heal but rather whether the man could trust Him. The father's honest response is just as important: "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9:24 KJV).

God has placed the capacity to believe inside each of us. We already have what it takes to believe; the question is whether we will choose to. This father represents many of us in our struggle to fully trust the Word of God. When the Lord speaks, it's not a matter for debate; it becomes a decision to believe or to drift into unbelief. The limitless power of Jesus is connected to our willingness to believe Him. As Jesus said, "all things are possible" to the one who believes. Can you believe? Yes, you can!

Unbelief is a Thief

If the Lord Jesus Himself said that "all things are possible to him that believeth," what could stop the limitless power of God from operating in our lives? One word: unbelief. It's subtle. It's lethal. It's dangerous to our faith and a robber of the blessings of God. Non-belief doesn't exist. We all believe in something. Even the atheist who says "I do not believe in God" believes that he does not believe.

Unbelief is believing something other than what God has already said. If God said in 1 Peter 2:24 (KJV), "By whose stripes ye were healed," why do we say things like "One of these days I'm going to get my healing?" Jesus healed our bodies over two thousand years ago when He was nailed to the cross. Unbelief does not stop God, but it will stop us from receiving what He has already provided.

Faith is Now

The moment we take the promises of God and push them into the future, we reveal that we have not yet settled them as a present reality, and as a result, we do not receive. True biblical faith does not put the promises of God off to the future. Anytime you hear yourself saying “God is going to heal me” or “God is going to do it,” you are postponing a present promise to a future date. Faith is not in the future, it is now.

How should we handle things when our physical bodies are attacked, our minds are distressed, and our finances are depleted? We must anchor ourselves in God’s Word. Find out what Scripture has to say about our current situation and stay in that posture until the light comes on. “The entrance of thy word giveth light” (Psalm 119:130 KJV). Locate Scriptures to base your faith on. Get rooted and grounded in the Word by hearing and doing it. Then you will begin to see the fruit.

Unbelief wants to rob us of the blessing of receiving. Don’t let it! Your healing is now. Your deliverance is now. Your provision is now. Your breakthrough is now.

Trust the Word

Trusting God’s Word is not optional for us as believers—it’s vital. If Satan is effective in anything, it is in creating doubt and uncertainty about God’s Word. He aims to pull us into a position of unbelief to stagnate or stop our faith. Then he comes and whispers, “See? God doesn’t care about you. You’re still struggling financially. You’re still in pain. The bills still aren’t paid.” His goal is to convince you that God is distant, indifferent, and unwilling to respond. But he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). God has done everything He is going to do about your situation. It is up to you to get in faith and receive what He has already provided.

We must rise with the authority of God’s Word in our mouths and stand firm in what He has said, refusing to entertain the lies of the enemy.



When we speak the Word with boldness and authority, the devil will take off. He doesn't want to be around while you are wielding the sword of the Spirit. In those seasons of life when things look uncertain, the storms of life are raging, and the winds are blowing, our trust must remain in His Word.



Get Persuaded

God made a promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3) that he would be the father of many nations, even though he and his wife, Sarah, were far beyond childbearing years. His circumstances contradicted the promise. His body was “as good as dead” (Romans 4:19 NLT), and Sarah’s womb was barren. Yet Abraham chose to believe what God said. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. Abraham didn’t ignore reality; he simply refused to let it override God’s Word. He believed without doubt, even when circumstances said otherwise, because he was fully persuaded that what God promised He was both willing and able to perform (Romans 4:20-21).

Being fully persuaded means your heart is firmly established in what God has said. It is a deep, unshakable conviction that God will do exactly what He has promised. You no longer require external evidence to believe. God’s Word is enough. Even when nothing has changed in the natural, your confidence remains steady. God’s Word becomes the bedrock upon which your faith stands. You are persuaded. You believe the Word of God. And you are positioned to receive from Him.

Summary

- ◆ **Can you believe?** – God has placed the capacity to believe inside each of us. You have what it takes to believe; the question is whether you will choose to. When the Lord speaks, it’s not a matter for debate. We must choose to believe God’s Word or drift into unbelief. The limitless power of Jesus is connected to our willingness to trust Him.

- ◆ **Unbelief is a Thief** – It's subtle. It's lethal. It is dangerous to your faith and a robber of the blessings of God. It is believing something other than what God has already said. Unbelief does not stop God, but it will stop us from receiving what He has already provided.
- ◆ **Faith is Now** – True biblical faith does not put the promises of God off to the future. Faith is now. The moment we take the promises of God and push them into the future, we reveal that we have not yet settled them as a present reality, and as a result, we don't receive.
- ◆ **Trust the Word** – Trusting God's Word is not optional for us as believers—it's vital. We must stand firm in what God has said, refuse to entertain the lies of Satan, and put our enemy in his place through unwavering belief and trust in the Word.
- ◆ **Get Persuaded** – We must become fully persuaded, with our hearts firmly established in what God has said. This requires developing a deep, unshakable conviction that He will do exactly what He has promised. When we reach this place, we no longer depend on external evidence to believe. God's Word is enough.

Scriptures

◆ **Genesis 12:2-3**

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

◆ **Mark 9:23-24**

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

◆ **Romans 4:20-21**

He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.



♦ **Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

♦ **1 Peter 2:24**

... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Talk About It

1. What does it practically look like in your daily life to shift your focus from the problem to trusting what Jesus has said? Have you ever recognized yourself drifting into unbelief? How did you realign your heart back to faith?
2. What are some subtle ways doubt tries to influence your thinking about God's promises in difficult seasons? How can you respond with God's Word when negative thoughts or circumstances challenge your belief in God's Word?
3. What does it look like for you personally to treat God's Word as enough, even when you don't see immediate results or external evidence?

Weekly Action

Jesus said, "All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23 KJV). God has placed the capacity to believe inside each of us. We must choose to believe and resist the temptation to slip into doubt, fear, and unbelief. Remember, faith is now. This week, in your time in prayer, ask the Lord to reveal to you any area in your life where you are operating in unbelief. Write it down and find Scriptures that speak to those specific areas. Meditate on them until the Word becomes more real than the circumstances you face.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. When something feels scary or hard, how can you choose to trust God and believe what He says?

2. What is one promise from God's Word (like "God loves me" or "God is with me") that you can remember this week?





Talk About It - **Middle and High School**

1. What is one area of your life where you may be struggling with doubt or unbelief? Take a moment to open the Bible and find one or two Scriptures about that situation.

2. What are some practical ways you can grow your knowledge of God's Word; e.g., reading, studying, or sharing it with other? What obstacles are you facing that may be preventing you from going deeper? Share your thoughts.



Devotionals

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Week **FOUR**

Speak the Word



Week 4 - Connect 40



Speak the Word

Matthew 8:8 (KJV)

"The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."

Word Authority

A centurion, an officer in the Roman army, approaches Jesus seeking help for his servant. Jesus responds, "I will come and heal him" (Matthew 8:7 KJV). The centurion recognizes authority. As a man under authority himself, he understands that Jesus doesn't need to be physically present. He believes that a single word from Jesus is sufficient to produce healing. Despite his position, he doesn't see himself as worthy of having Jesus come under his roof, yet he still believes. Jesus marvels and says, "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" (verse 10).

Why was Jesus amazed with the centurion's faith? He required no external evidence or proof. He trusted the authority of Jesus' word, that it would deliver just as efficiently as if Jesus were there in person.

How many of us would turn down the opportunity for Jesus to come to our homes? Yet this man understood something powerful: the words of Jesus carry weight and authority. The same ability is available to us. Like the centurion, we can choose to put our confidence and trust in God's Word. Speaking His Word in faith has the power to change everything in our lives.

Words Matter

God's creative power operates through spoken words when they give voice to faith. As we learned during our Connect 21 Prayer and Fasting season, words matter. We live in a word-based world. This earth itself was created by God through faith-filled words (Genesis 1).

Since the fall of Adam, the enemy has worked relentlessly to influence our speech—tempting us to speak fear, failure, defeat, doubt, and death. But God desires that we fill our mouths with His Word. His words carry life, abundance, health, healing, and wholeness. Whichever voice you yield your tongue to will prevail. Scripture reminds us that “death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Proverbs 18:21). Too often, we blame the enemy for difficult seasons, but we should examine the role our own words have played. The words we speak can either align with God’s truth or contradict it. God has given each of us the power of choice, including the words we speak. It is a powerful gift and a serious responsibility. Choose your words wisely, because words matter.

Heart Full

The spiritual heart of man is a reservoir. You can fill your heart with love, or you can fill it with hate. You can allow offense to remain in your heart toward an individual, or you can allow forgiveness to reign. You may think that because no one can see what’s in your heart, no one knows what you are dealing with. But your words locate you. Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34). Whatever your heart is full of will eventually find its way out of your mouth.

If you suffer from uncontrollable scrolling on social media, if you watch the negative news on a consistent basis, and if you surround yourself with people who talk fear, failure, and defeat, it won’t be long before you are speaking the same things. Protect your heart with all diligence, for out of your heart flow the issues and forces of life (Proverbs 4:23).

Spread the Word

Do you want to give Satan a black eye? Share the revelation and insight you’re receiving from God’s Word with someone. There’s a twofold benefit to this. First, it has the power to bless, encourage, and inspire the person you’re sharing with. Second, it strengthens you because the

more you communicate what you're learning, the more deeply that truth becomes established in your own heart and mind.

We live in a world where many people are desperate to understand their purpose. And we have been entrusted with the most important message ever given: the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to be ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). When you share the gospel, you are sharing the Word of God. You are communicating a message that has the power to move someone from spiritual death to spiritual life, from darkness to light, from being lost to being found. There is nothing more powerful, or more fulfilling, than sharing the Word with someone.

Summary

- ◆ **Word Authority** - **Jesus'** words carry weight and authority. When we put His words in our hearts and allow them to come out of our mouths, faith comes and circumstances change. Like the centurion, we can choose to trust the Word. Great faith in the eyes of Jesus is faith in God's Word and its authority.
- ◆ **Words Matter** - Words release authority. God's creative power operates through spoken words. Words give voice to faith and carry creative power. We must take accountability and responsibility for the words that come out of our mouths.
- ◆ **Heart Full** - Whatever fills our hearts will eventually flow out of our mouths. As Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). Therefore, we must be diligent stewards of our hearts, guarding them from the negativity of this world while intentionally filling them with the truth of God's Word.
- ◆ **Speak the Word** - Speaking the Word means allowing your heart to become so full of God's truth that when challenges arise, you don't let your feelings have the final say; instead, you yield to the Word. It's intentionally speaking the Word in the face of circumstances, situations, and predicaments, trusting it will produce exactly what is said.

Summary

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Scriptures

- ◆ **Genesis 1:3**
Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light.
- ◆ **Proverbs 4:23**
Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life.
- ◆ **Matthew 8:8,10**
The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. ... When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"
- ◆ **Luke 6:45**
A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
- ◆ **2 Corinthians 5:18-19**
Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Talk About It

1. When you're under pressure, are you more inclined to speak God's Word over the situation or focus on and speak about the problem? If it's the latter, what practical adjustments can you make to begin aligning your words with God's Word?
2. The heart is like a reservoir, storing what we continually allow in. How does this perspective shape your awareness of the content you take in from news, social media, and other influences? What practical steps can you take to guard your heart from negative or unhealthy input?
3. Sharing the Word with others can be one of the most fulfilling parts of your day. When was the last time you shared your faith with someone? What steps can you take to be more intentional about doing this consistently?

Weekly Action

We carry the most powerful message on the planet: the good news of Jesus Christ. This week, be intentional about sharing your faith with others. Start simple. Take some notecards, a sheet of paper, or your digital device, and write down five Scriptures that speak about salvation. Then step out in faith and share those Scriptures with people in your family, workplace, or school. As you do, watch how the Holy Spirit helps, guides, and gives you confidence in the moment. Share your testimony with your group next meeting.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

2. What are some kind or good words you can say to help someone feel better this week?



Talk About It - **Middle and High School**

1. Do you believe your words reveal what's really in your heart? How might your words change if you knew every word you spoke could come to pass?

2. In what situations do you find it hardest to speak God's Word? Share your answer with the group.

Week **FIVE**

Obey the Word

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John 14:15 (TPT)

Loving me empowers you to obey my commands.

Love Fuels Obedience

The more we grow in our love for Jesus, the more empowered we become to live according to His Word. Our love for Him compels us to obey. When we find ourselves struggling to follow His Word, we must pause and ask why. Have we allowed the things of this world to distract us, pull us away, or dull our devotion to our first love? As we deepen our love for Jesus through obedience to His Word, time in prayer, and moments of praise and worship, our desire to please Him grows stronger. Obedience becomes less of a duty and more of a natural response.

Jesus modeled this perfectly. He said, “I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father” (John 14:31 ESV). His obedience was rooted in love, and His love was expressed through obedience. Jesus was fully committed to His relationship with the Father, and we are called to that same kind of devotion.

Jesus, Our Example

Jesus was the perfect example of how to love God, and He obeyed His commands completely. Jesus said, “The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him” (John 8:29 NIV). Think about that. Jesus always pleased the Father. That’s love. This didn’t happen overnight. Even as a child Jesus experienced favor with God and man because of His commitment to do the will of His Father. He learned obedience through the things He suffered (Hebrews 5:7-9). Jesus suffered much while on this earth, but His love for Father God kept Him focused. He left us a blueprint of how to please the Father. Once we learn to trust and obey God in the smaller trials, we are better

prepared to trust and obey Him in the larger ones. Have you ever faced a situation you thought you wouldn't make it through, only to look back and see how God carried you, step by step and day by day? In those moments, your love for Him grew stronger.

Faith is built through daily trust and obedience to what God has said in His Word. As we continue to grow in our love for Him, we come to realize that God truly knows what is best for our lives. His Word is clear, and His ways are trustworthy. Jesus modeled this kind of life—one of consistent trust, unwavering obedience, and complete confidence in the Father.

Obey What's Written

Many people want to hear God speak audibly. They look for a “word from God,” moving from conference to conference, church to church, and prayer meeting to prayer meeting, hoping to hear His voice. What we often fail to recognize is that the Bible is the Word of God. All we have to do is open it and read. The question is never whether God is speaking but whether we are listening. The Bible is God's voice in print. When we obey the written Word of God, we are, in fact, obeying God. It really is that simple.

For example, when Scripture says, “Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth” (Ephesians 4:29), we are immediately confronted with a clear instruction. At that moment, we have a choice: continue in old patterns, letting careless words cause damage, or repent and align ourselves with the truth of God's Word.

In our own strength, we may struggle to control our speech to stop cursing, gossiping, or speaking negatively. But with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives within every believer, transformation is possible. It begins with a decision to embrace what God has said rather than ignore it. The Word is enough. Obey what's written.

Rock Solid

It's not only the Word we hear that benefits us but the Word we obey. Jesus said, "Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock" (Matthew 7:24 CEV). Would you like to become rock solid in your faith? Would you like to experience an increase in the wisdom of God in your personal life, family, business, or career? Build your life on the rock of God's Word through hearing and obeying. Faith comes by hearing, but if you do not act on what you hear, nothing will happen. Transformation takes place when we hear and obey.

The storms and challenges of life come to everyone. What determines whether you can withstand them is whether your life is built on the Word, the solid rock, or on something else. Jesus said that anyone who hears His teachings and does not obey them is like a foolish person who builds a house on sand. Even the most beautiful sandcastle, crafted with detail and care, will be flattened when strong waves, wind, and storms hit. But when your life is built on the Word through faith and obedience, the storms may come and the winds may blow, yet you will still be standing, because your foundation is secure in God's Word.

Quick Obedience

Do you want to grow spiritually? Are you hungry for a genuine experience with God and His Word? Start right where you are. When you recognize truth in Scripture, respond with immediate obedience. Transformation doesn't come from good intentions; it comes through action. Train yourself to obey what God reveals to you in His Word. As you do, you'll find that your sensitivity to His leading increases. The more you obey, the more clearly He guides. It all begins with the Word. Read it, meditate on it, study it, and put it into practice. As you do, you will see God move in your life in tangible ways.

Summary

- ◆ **Love Fuels Obedience** - As we deepen our love for Jesus through obedience to His Word, time in prayer, and moments of praise and worship, our desire to please Him grows stronger. Obedience becomes less of a duty and more of a natural response.
- ◆ **Jesus, Our Example** - Jesus was the perfect example of how to love God, and He obeyed His commands completely. He modeled a life of consistent trust, unwavering obedience, and complete confidence in the Father. As disciples of Christ, we must do the same.
- ◆ **Obey What's Written** - God is always speaking through His Word, and our responsibility is to listen and obey. When we align our lives with Scripture, relying on the Holy Spirit, we position ourselves for true transformation. The Word of God is sufficient for both direction and change.
- ◆ **Rock Solid** - Life's storms are inevitable, but stability is not. A life grounded in God's Word through faith and obedience will stand firm, no matter the pressure.
- ◆ **Quick Obedience** - Spiritual growth begins with responding to God's Word in obedience. As we consistently act on what we learn, we become more sensitive to His voice and experience real transformation.

Scriptures

◆ **Matthew 7:24-27**

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.

◆ **John 8:29**

The one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.

◆ **John 14:15**

If you love me, obey my commandments.

◆ **John 14:30-31**

I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going.

◆ **Ephesians 4:29**

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Talk About It

1. A life grounded in God's Word through faith and obedience will stand firm, no matter the pressure. How have past challenges revealed the strength or weakness of your spiritual foundation?
2. How can you become more intentional about both hearing and obeying God's Word in your daily life?
3. What is one truth from God's Word you feel prompted to obey most quickly in your life right now? What is one practical step you can take this week to act on that truth and begin living it out consistently?

Weekly Action

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This week, as you spend time with God in prayer and in His Word, ask Him to reveal areas where obedience is needed. It may be in how you treat others, walking in love, being kind, showing generosity, or confronting negative thought patterns that have taken root. Whatever God reveals to you through His Word, choose to obey.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. What is one way you can listen to Jesus and be kind or helpful to someone today?

2. Name two things Jesus teaches us that you can try to do this week at home or at school.

*Talk About It - **Middle and High School***

1. What is one area in your life where you know what God's Word says but you find it challenging to obey? Why?

2. How can choosing to obey God's Word change the way you respond to real-life situations like friendships, pressure, or conflict?

Week **SIX**

Living the Word Daily

Live the Word

Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)

“The word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

The Living Word

The Word of God is alive, active, and full of power. It is living because it is a Person: Jesus Christ. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:1, 14 ESV). Jesus is the Word of God personified. To live the Word is to apply its truth to every area of our lives.

If the Word was there in the beginning, then we must ask ourselves: What is at the beginning of our marriage, our family, our business, our career, and our relationships? The Word must be the starting point in every area of life. If it hasn't been, we can return and begin again planting the seed of the Word in those specific areas and allowing it to take root and grow. What may feel dead in our lives can be brought back to life, as we have access to the living Word of God. His Word is supernatural, and when it is applied consistently, it has the power to transform us from the inside out.

Consistent Application

Living the Word is not an experience but a lifestyle. It is a day-by-day, moment-by-moment relationship with God through His Word. This requires steady, diligent, consistent application of the Word to our lives. What does your “Word life” look like? Are you intentional about spending time with God through His Word? Or do you only open your Bible or Bible app when you attend a church service? Are you serious about living the Word, or are you satisfied with appearing to be a follower of Christ? These are questions we must ask ourselves to locate ourselves.

Consistency in the Word is not about occasional inspiration; it's about daily dependence. Job said, "I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). He didn't treat God's Word as optional but as essential.

Is the Word essential in your life? Just as we wouldn't skip eating for days, we don't go without the Word. Consistency is built in the ordinary moments. It's choosing the Word again and again until it becomes the foundation of how we think, respond, and live.

Full Surrender

Living the Word is exchanging our life for His. Jesus said, "Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25). Living the Word means letting go of control, laying down our own desires, and embracing God's will above our own. It's about yielding our lives to Him—not our will be done but His. What is amazing about this is that we do not lose anything, but we gain everything God originally intended.

As we embark on this journey, we must remember that growth doesn't happen overnight. We must give ourselves grace to learn, develop, and mature. As we commit to consistently applying the Word to our lives, we will need the help of the Holy Spirit. This is not self-help; it is faith-filled, grace-empowered action that depends more on God than on our own strength. Our flesh is very much alive and placing it on the altar daily (1 Corinthians 15:31) is not something it will naturally choose to do. We must be intentional about crucifying our flesh with the Word of God. And with God's help, our growth will be evident and undeniable.

A Living Reflection

When the Word of Christ dwells in us richly (Colossians 3:16), we reflect its light. Our walk changes, our talk changes, and even our attitude is transformed. The Word of God impacts every part of us: spirit, soul, and body. Imagine being so solid in your faith that you are no longer wavering or tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine



but firmly grounded. You are living the Word, standing in your God-given authority, and advancing the kingdom of God.

This is God's design for our lives: to be living, walking, talking reflections of His Word, revealing Christ in the earth. It's not about looking into the mirror of the Word, getting excited, and then walking away unchanged. A life that reflects Christ belongs to the one who not only hears the Word but does it, who puts it into practice and lives it out boldly. It's time for you to become a living reflection of the Word!

Summary

- ✦ **The Living Word** – Jesus is the living Word, and His Word is meant to be the foundation of every area of our lives. When we intentionally apply it, we allow God to establish and grow what matters most.
- ✦ **Consistent Application** – Consistency in the Word means treating it as a daily necessity—reading, meditating on, and applying it until it becomes a natural part of how we live.
- ✦ **Full Surrender** – Living the Word requires daily surrender. It is exchanging our lives for His, choosing God's will over our own, and trusting that true life is found only in Him.
- ✦ **A Living Reflection** – When God's Word fills your life, it transforms how you live and positions you to reflect Christ with stability, confidence, and authority. True transformation comes not from hearing the Word but from living it.

Scriptures

- ✦ **John 1:1**
In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ✦ **John 1:14**
So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.



◆ **Matthew 16:25**

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

◆ **Colossians 3:16**

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.

◆ **James 1:22-25**

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

Talk About It

1. Living the Word is not about knowing Scripture intellectually but allowing it to transform us until it is lived out daily. In what areas of your life is God inviting you to move from simply knowing His Word to truly living it out?
2. Job treated the Word of God as essential. What would need to change in your daily routine for God's Word to become as necessary to you as food? What practical step can you take this week to begin making God's Word a consistent and nonnegotiable part of your day?
3. What areas of your life are being shaped, or need to be shaped, by the Word of God right now? What is one practical way you can move from hearing the Word to actively living it out this week?



Weekly Action

This week, create a plan to make God's Word a consistent part of your daily life. Consider committing to a daily devotional, setting a goal to read through the Bible in a year, or partnering with someone who can help keep you accountable as you grow spiritually and learn to live the Word. To live the Word, you must first know the Word—and that comes through consistent engagement: reading, studying, meditating on, and applying it. If God's Word is already part of your daily routine, find someone who could benefit from what you have learned and walk with them for a season.

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*Talk About It - **Preschool/Elementary***

1. Why is the Bible important to you?

2. How can you show God's love to others this week?



Talk About It - Middle and High School

1. What is one way you can make time for God's Word in your daily routine, even with school, activities, and friends?

2. Can you think of a situation this week where you could apply something from the Bible instead of just reacting how you normally would?



Conclusion



Thank you,

Congratulations on completing Connect 40! We hope these past 40 days have equipped you with insight and tools that encourage you to grow deeper in God's Word and helped you recognize the significance of being in community with other believers.

Throughout the journey, we believed that your time in your group would inspire you to take the next step—connecting with a spiritual family and continuing that commitment in the upcoming semesters by joining a Connect Group or continuing in your current group.

Even though this spiritual concentration has ended, we encourage you to continue stepping out in faith, meeting in community, and growing in your faith.

As you reflect on the last 40 days, know that the same principles you've learned can carry into every area of your life. Making these practices part of your daily walk will deepen your relationship with God and propel you forward in faith.

We'd love to hear how God moved in your life during this time. Don't keep your testimony to yourself—your story could be the encouragement someone else needs to keep going! Share it with us by emailing info@linkedup.com or submitting it through the Linked UP Church App.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. May everything you've learned lead to a future full of faith, hope, and abundant blessings.

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