

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.

With heartfelt appreciation and anticipation,

Pastors Joel & Patricia Gregory

