

## Framed by The Word



### Hebrews 11:3

“By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed and created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.”

Hello Storehouse Fam!

Trust your week is off to a great start.

We have a tendency to think that we can fulfil God’s requirements in our natural capacity. At times, we think of the Holy Spirit as “nitrous”, an extra boost. This would mean that the engine could still somehow run on its own, albeit at a “regular” pace. Perhaps we have convinced ourselves that God is here to make up what we are not able to supply by ourselves, that our walk with him is a little bit of him and a little bit (a lot of?) us. Not exactly.

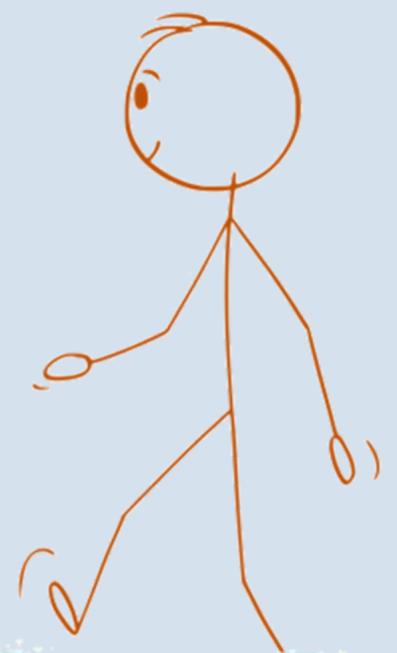


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What we are called to is a new life, the God life. In this life, the boundaries are defined only by the word of God. For example, when Jesus told the lame man to pick up his mat and walk, it wasn't because of any innate capacity the man had. It was purely the power of the word of God – the very word that created feet, floors, and friction that made walking even possible in the first place! (**John 5:2-8**)

Peter somewhat understood this. When he said Lord if it is you, bid me to come to you on the water. Implicitly, he understood that the command from Jesus would make it possible to walk on water. He didn't venture on his own, he responded to the word that created water and determined the laws of physics. (Matthew 14:22-33). There was nothing about Peter that predisposed him to walking on water, that act was simply the power of the word of God.



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Or how about Lazarus? Dead beyond imagination. Dead, but still within earshot of the sovereign word of God. (John 11:38-44) The one who gives life to the dead and calls the things that are not as though they were. God cannot lie. The ultimate reality is that there is a God and that he speaks, and he upholds everything by his speech. It all exists; it is all sustained by his word. (Romans 4:17)



### 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.’”

It is not a cliché that we need the word of God. Jesus himself, responding to the tempter says that we are to live by every word that comes out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3) Think about it, this is how all life started in the first place! A lot of our problems come from ignorance of the word and some from over-familiarity with it. It has become a rigid text, to be spliced, diced, memorized, quoted, and printed on t-shirts. Not that these are wrong, of course not! But we must not forget that the word defines the very fabric of reality.

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So, what has God said concerning you?

**That you are loved. That you are redeemed. Ransomed, bought with a price. Forgiven. Washed. That you are new. Created for good works, created in the image of your Father, with his character. That you are dead to sin and alive to God. That you are holy; sanctified, set apart for glory.**

All we need is a response that acknowledges these words. Just like Peter, Mary, Lazarus, Gideon, Abraham, Sarah, and countless others who have lived to the fullness that they were called to in God.

However, what we often have is doubt and fear.



So, we trust our "sight".

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We put our experience over the word of God. We slip into this alternate but false reality where the word of God is not sovereign. Somehow, we start to think that we are the only beings in the whole of creation that are not subject to the power of God.

We are like the lame man by the pool of Bethesda, right in front of the Almighty, but all we can think about is what we cannot do. And indeed, we cannot do anything. However, he who is able to do beyond what we can ask, or think has come to us for this very reason, to set us free. (Ephesians 3:20; John 8:32; John 10:10)



### Ephesians 3:20

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

### John 8:32

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

### John 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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**Nevertheless, God remains God.**

And when we come to him, it must be in faith, believing that he IS, and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. (**Hebrews 11:6**) And it is this very faith that gives us our assurance, it is the confirmation, the guarantee that regardless of where and what we are today, the word of God over our lives will prevail. (**Hebrews 11:1**)



**Hebrews 11:6**

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Hebrews 11:1**

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

Will you respond to what he has said about you?

Will you yield to him framing your life through his word?

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