## Hear the Word

Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-14; Romans 1:16; 10:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 3:20



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LEAD-IN: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (John 1:1-4, NASB)

## LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## The Word: in Weakness and in Power

In the beginning, into the silence of nothingness came the Word of God. The Sovereign of the universe expressed His will, and it became reality.

The Word of God spoke, and creation came to be, and all the morning stars sang for joy.

His powerful Word continues to resound, sustaining all that is.

Into the darkness of our sin came the Word of God. God spoke His loving will, not as an almighty conqueror, but as a helpless infant.

He didn't shout; He whispered.

He didn't command; He invited.

The Word of God spoke, not in power, but in weakness.

And when His Word speaks to us, He still speaks in weakness, not in power. He doesn't demand in harsh tones. He speaks gently, inviting, drawing us to Himself.

But at a time He alone has chosen,
the Word of God will again speak with absolute power.
The Sovereign of all reality will express His will,
and all that is will respond.
Creation will again be an Eden of
holiness and beauty,
truth and love,
completely one with its Maker.
To those who have listened to His inviting Word,
this will mean sharing the fullness of His life forever.
To those who have ignored His Word,
this will mean eternal exclusion, separation from Him, and death.

He is is still speaking in a gentle whisper, calling, inviting, drawing.
Hear the Word.
Receive the Word.