

## UNSTOPPABLE TRUTH

The Transformation for Adult LifeGroups

We trust God's Word.

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### TODAY'S TEXT

*Text: II Timothy 3:16-17*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> that the man of God[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**Hebrews 4:12**

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

### FIRST THOUGHTS

- ° We don't have to defend the Bible, we don't have to answer all questions concerning the accuracy, reliability, and/or trustworthiness of the Bible. "The Word of God is like a lion. You don't have to defend a lion. All you have to do is let the lion loose, and the lion will defend itself." – Charles Spurgeon
- ° Think about it:
  - Question: How do you inoculate someone against a disease?
  - Answer: You give them a weakened version of it, and they develop an immunity to the real thing.
  - Question: how do you inoculate a culture against Christianity?
  - Answer: ???

### Watch the Video

**Theme:** God has spoken; we have His Word. Share His Word, then Trust His Word to work in the lives of those we share it with.

### UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT

- The Book of Hebrews exalts the person and the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When you realize all that you have in and through Him, you have no desire for anyone else or anything else!
- The tragic thing about these believers is that they were at a standstill spiritually and in danger of going backward (Heb. 5:12ff).
- "How can you go back into your former religion?" the writer asked them. "Just take time to evaluate what you have in Jesus Christ. He is better than anything you ever had under the Law."
- One of the major reasons we stop growing spiritually or even seem to be going backwards, has to do with how we approach the Word of God. Too often we are not allowing God's Word to do its work in our lives. We may be studying the Bible but we are not obeying the Bible. We may be reading the Bible but not allowing the Bible to read us. The book of Hebrews addresses this issue head on.

### DISCUSS THE VIDEO

What stood out to you from today's video? What keeps you from trusting God's word more?

#### Five Warnings from the book of Hebrews regarding the Word of God:

##### > Read Hebrews 2:1-4 - Drifting from the Word — (neglect)

- ° The message of the Bible is so important. What causes us to drift away from it? What can we do to correct drift? What can we do to prevent it?

##### > Read Hebrews 3:12-19 - Doubting the Word — (hard heart)

- ° What's the difference between evil thoughts and doubts? What is the remedy to them according to these verses?

**> Read Hebrews 5:11-14 - Dullness toward the Word**

° How do we become dull? Who are these verses directed at?

**> Read Hebrews 10:26-31 - Despising the Word**

° Who are these verses directed at? What is the message the author is telling them?

**> Read Hebrews 12:25-29 - Defying the Word — (refusing to hear)**

° What is acceptable worship to God?

**Key Words Describing God's Word**

**Living** - The Word of God is alive – something that is living interacts, moves, responds, grows, reacts. . .

To be alive implies activity. God's word is active . . . and it will challenge you to be active through obedience.

**Active** – God's Word is at work in the one who receives it, it is effectual – which means it will carry out its intended purpose, it is powerful – God's Word taken by God's Spirit will accomplish its purpose in your life.

**Sharper** - to cut as if by a single stroke. Decisive. Nothing and no one escapes the sharp scrutiny of God's Word.

**Two-edged** – the implication is that nothing is missed by the Word of God, as the Word searches your heart, all is laid bare by the Holy Spirit. God's living Word must be the ultimate test of our profession of faith. God's Word cuts right through all profession of faith, stripping away that which is merely natural from that which is truly spiritual.

**Sword** – This same word for sword is found in Ephesians 6:16-17 - In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

**Piercing** – to penetrate, to reach through. A person may weep at the Lord's Table or shout his hallelujahs at the testimony meeting; however, his emotions may be carnal just as easily as spiritual. God's Word divides between the soul and the spirit.

**Discerning** – the root of this word means to judge, the Word of God is a critic of the your thoughts and intentions. It is only the Word of God, brought to bear upon the issues of life, which can reveal what is carnal and what is spiritual. As we read the Word of God, it probes into the inner recesses of our beings and explores all our motives. God's Word not only challenges what I am doing, but why I am doing it.

**Take 20 . . .**

Choose one or more of these Take 20 Challenges to complete this week:

- Take 20 seconds and begin memorizing II Timothy 3:16 & 17
- Take 20 seconds and begin memorizing Hebrews 4:12
- Take 20 minutes and write an encouraging note to someone – include a verse or two that mean a lot to you . . . and trust God to use it in their lives.

**UPCOMING LESSONS**

Focus more on the idea of God's Unstoppable Truth by reading in your Personal Devotional Guide.

9/30	Unstoppable Love—We love all people.
10/7	Unstoppable Families—We partner with families.
10/14	Unstoppable Community—We practice community.
10/21	Unstoppable Generosity—We give generously.
10/28	Unstoppable Mission—We live beyond ourselves.

**READ THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**24th** – Ezra 1; Psalm 84-85; Luke 7 | **25th** – Ezra 2-3; Luke 8 | **26th** – Ezra 4; Psalm 113, 127; Luke 9 | **27th** – Haggai 1-2; Psalm 129; Luke 10 | **28th** – Zechariah 1-3; Luke 11 | **29th** – Zechariah 4-6; Luke 12 | **30th** – Zechariah 7-9; Luke 13