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### God's Word—Faith in God

(Jesus speaking: ) When you go into a dark cave you need a light. When you prepare a cooked meal, you need heat and a way to get it into the food. When you go to get water from a stream, you need a bucket or pot. When you go about your day, you need Me in your pocket and in your head. How can I fit there? In a book, of course. Remember the "little book" that scripture talks about, that the prophet was given? Keep My Words of instruction very near to you—in a booklet, or an mp3 or other audio player; and certainly commit much of My Words to memory. How happy you'll be then, because it will be like a light to show you the way. It will be like heat in your heart to keep your light burning brightly. And it will be like a vessel of fresh water to share with others, or to wash your heart and mind with, keeping you fresh and clean.

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(Jesus speaking: ) Use the Word of God like a teacher uses the answer key to check if test answers are correct. Check your reactions and your actions with what God has said to do and how to behave. If you are having tests in life that you don't know the right answer to—and you don't know how to behave or how to react, because you haven't learned about that yet from God's Word, then take a special class on it. Otherwise you'll keep flunking and failing, when you could have been teaching others. Learn first, then share the information with others. Pretty soon many more people will be making better choices. It's hard to choose to do the right thing when you have not been taught it. But it's all there in the Master's Text book—the Bible. And the best teacher to help you is the Holy Spirit, who is sent to guide you into all truth. Enjoy class, and enjoy the rewards of a happier life too, because you are getting more and more things right on, and God rewards those who follow in His way, and heed to His counsel.

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(Jesus speaking: ) Imagine a delicious picnic, and it's all spread out in a delightful display. Imagine you have been climbing a mountain and are good and hungry, and now you can sit down to enjoy a mountain picnic. You can look way down at the valley below, while you breathe in the fresh air and have some tasty delights. Umm! Then you drink some fresh water from a mountain rock where it was trickling out. Now that is what it is like when you work hard, and then stop for time with Me, Your Lord and guide. I make the tastiest delights for your heart, all the hearty goodies that your heart and soul need. I refresh you, inside and out. Even your body feels better after a good picnic of Bible studies, and the water of a message from My Spirit to yours. You are glad then that you

took the effort to climb the hill of Salvation, and kept working hard on things that were good for you. I feed you when you stop to be refreshed. Reading My Word, or listening to Me speak to you makes you heal faster too, and keeps your mind thinking clearly. There are so many benefits to taking time to give My Word your attention.

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(Jesus speaking: ) My Word is Me. When you read My Word or hear Me speaking right to your heart, it's Me there with you. Don't ever think it's just words on a page, or your own thoughts. I want to teach you and guide you, and get you out of troublesome places. Use My Word as a way to stay free from the enemy's snares. It will build a fortification around you, a shield, and empower you to do the will of Your Lord and Master. I don't just tell you what to do, but My Word, while speaking to you, gives you the spiritual empowerment to carry out that task.

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(Jesus speaking: ) My Word activates the energy you have within you. It's like turning on a machine that is battery operated. The energy is there—like My spirit and power within you. But if the machine isn't turned on, it won't function. When you take time with Me to get to know My thoughts and to read My Words, and to listen to what I want to tell you personally, then it's like you get turned on. You can then move and do and create.

Without taking time with Me, you might look nice, or have a cool job and function you could do. But the main purpose of your life won't be achieved. Some machines—like types of Dictaphones—are voice activated. And that's like you. You need My voice to activate you and get you turned on and functioning. Listen to Me, and then you'll be able to fulfil the purpose for which I created you. My Word gets you moving and going, otherwise you'll be merely ornamental, just a nice decoration that gathers dust.

When you begin wondering if you are doing any good on this Earth—"What am I here for anyway?"—that's because you haven't been turned on in a while. You've sat around too long not being moved by My Spirit's voice. You have to start with listening to Me, and then activity begins, energy flows through.

After the filling of the Holy Spirit, then comes the time of fulfilment, and a joy that you are functioning in the way you were designed to be. Keep open to what I want to say to you, all throughout the day, and your spirit will just keep buzzing with energy all day long. My Word activates you, because that is the way you were made to react. Those who are sitting around looking lifeless and dull must not have been attuned to My voice. For when I speak, and My voice is heard, My creations get active and look alive, and rejoice at the sound of My voice.