

The War Of Words Ps. 103:1-2; Ps. 105:40; 1 Cor.10:3-4; Ps. 1:1-3; Josh. 1:8

Founded, Flowing and Flourishing. - Today begins a ten week study; 2 weeks on Founded in the **Word**, 2-3 weeks on Flowing in the **Holy Spirit**, and 5-6 weeks on Flourishing in **God's goodness** with a connection to the Olympics.

Every born again Christian from child to senior should be memorizing scripture. Because how does a man or woman of God keep their heart pure? By meditating on God's word. You are being challenged to take the scripture from the front of the bulletin each week and memorize it.

God wants to pour His goodness on you each day. That is all that God has in store for us because it's not based on us but on Him and regardless of what is happening in and around us, God is good all the time; all the time God is good. His benefits are only found in one place- the Bible, Word. But many of us don't have time for it. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. **John 1:14**. If we want to be founded, flowing and flourishing we need to make the word our daily bread, the very air we breathe. Some of us are drowning in debt and won't say anything to anyone. Some of our marriages would be intact if we had told someone we're in trouble. Some of us would have better health if we would just confess to harbouring anger or bitterness towards someone.

Are you founded in the word? **Matt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4**.

Satan wants to **Flood** us. **Rev. 12:5-11,15** God has been described as a river, Jesus has been described as a fountain but only the enemy is described as coming in like a flood, and he floods us with his words. God speaks words in order to bring us life; Satan speaks words in order to drown us. And the words we speak over our finances, our homes, and our relationships, have their source in one of those two places. Where do your words come from? Whose words are going to win in our lives, and whose words are we going to repeat? It's the war of words and we determine who wins. Satan is at the throne of God accusing each of us of what we are doing.

Satan wants us to be in a place of **Famine**. He wants us to become malnourished Christians. We may have all the toys, finances, and physical food we need, that doesn't concern him, but are we feasting on God's Word? That is our daily bread, that's what gets his attention. When we take steps towards adding God's word to our diet is when Satan will come at us. If we are reading the Word and getting nothing from it then we are not born again, we are merely religious. It's a problem with our spirit not the Word and not the pastor. Why would Abba Father give us a resource that we can't tap into? This is not a fast food church; we need to spend as much time at the table as the Spirit says.

God wants to **Fill** us **Mark 8:1-21** Jesus can take anything we have and multiply it, but natural food was not the issue. Jesus was concerned that they weren't taking in the spiritual food. Satan is trying to flood us with worry and anxiety over our natural needs and God is concerned over our spiritual condition. Satan wants to flood us and God wants to fill us. **Matt. 7:24** the Rock is about to get crowded because there are people who are finding out that their sandy foundation is not solid and they will be start to build on the Rock. Don't be alarmed over the prayer requests of your family members, God may be allowing their situations in order to call them to the Rock. Storms come the just and the unjust, where are you building your empire? **Is. 59:19** Raise the standard of God's word over your home, your children; you may be the only one between them and destruction.

We need to learn to go to the Bible daily and download God's word for ourselves. He knows what we will face each day and will equip us for it. Allow Him to speak- it's His **daily** bread for us, it's His **sustaining** bread, and it's the **true** bread. R.A.Tory said of the Bible," Sin will keep you from this Book; this Book will keep you from sin." If you are not in the word examine your life and you will find the sin that is keeping you from it. We are going downhill and it's because we're not allowing God's word to speak to us. If we want to flourish it won't be by how to and self-help books. It will only be by the word of God.