

A 5-Finger Grip on the Word



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BONUS SLIDE

— [The Bible is relevant and transforming

- gives **new birth** – 1 Peter 1:23 "Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God..."
- produces **faith** – Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
- stimulates **spiritual growth** – 1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you grow up into salvation..."
- makes possible **holy living** – John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."
- gives **victory over sin** – Psalm 119:11 "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
- delivers **help and comfort in times of trouble** – Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life."
- provides **guidance for life's decisions** – Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
- facilitates **blessed outcomes** – Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."
- adds **substance to our witness** – Luke 21:15 "...for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict."
- connects us to **the wonder of God's plan and will for us** – Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law."

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