



## **Message Reflections**

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***“For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 CSB***

Many of us have learned this verse from Hebrews and know that God's Word is powerful. It teaches us what is true and convicts, comforts, and guides us. But do we turn to the Word as our primary resource for truth? Do we live like we believe the words of Psalm 19, that the law of the Lord is perfect and refreshes the soul?

**Read Psalm 19:7-14.** Ask the Spirit to guide you as you read and reflect on these verses and their meaning.

- How and when have the Scriptures been the voice of God to you? How have they brought you into the presence of Christ?
- Are you regularly reading God's Word and allowing it to transform your life? Do you desire to grow in this area in the coming year?

When we desire to know God more and take the time to read His Word, He will bless us through it. Knowing His truth enables us to stand against any lies or temptations we may face. Jesus used the words of Scripture to stand against the devil's temptations when faced with them in the wilderness (Matthew 4), and we have access to the Word of God so that we may do the same.

“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to all who take refuge in him.” (Proverbs 30:5) Ready yourself with God's Word and allow Him to use it to shield and equip you. If you don't have a plan for how to do that this year, consider using the [Foundations: New Testament reading plan](#). Tell someone your plan and allow them to hold you accountable as you seek to grow in your knowledge of God's Word in 2021!