

# FAITHFUL FOUNDATION

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## INTRODUCTION:

- A. It is true that we need a faith that really works in today's world...in our daily lives.  
B. Jesus' knows this need of ours – and He is not surprised by anything. That's why He says:

***“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rain and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”***

**Matthew 7:24-27**

- What are the torrents, rising floods, and gusty winds that you are experiencing in your life?

- C. (David) ***“...I put my hope in your word.”***

**Psalm 119:81**

***“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives...God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.”***

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

## I. TREAT GOD'S WORD AS PERSONAL GIFT

***“The Lord says: “My people, I promise to give you my Spirit and my message. These will be my gifts to you and your families forever.”***

**Isaiah 59:21**

***“Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the light in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth (spiritual) to us by giving us His true word. And we, out of all creation, became His prized possession.”***

**James 1:17-18**

- A. 5 aspects of God's personal gift:

1. God's Word is a “**good**” gift.
2. God's Word is a “**perfect**” present.
3. God's Word is an “**un-changing**” contribution.
4. God's Word is life giving source of Spiritual **Re-“birth.”**
5. God's Word is a “**true**” treasure of wisdom.

## II. HUMBLY RECEIVE IT

***“So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.”*** James 1:21

- Make room and nourish it...be willing to do some weeding!

## III. STUDY IT AND APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE

- A. ***“But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says... But if you look carefully into the perfect law...and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.”***

**James 1:22, 25**

B. Getting blessed by God's Word:

- We will be blessed when we "**listen**" to God's word.
- We will be blessed when we "**do what it says.**"
- We will be blessed when we "**look carefully**" and study God's Word.
- We will be blessed when we memorize God's Word so we "**don't forget.**"

**CONCLUSION:**