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\*THE WORD OF GOD\*

"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God".
\*John 1:1.\*

Our Lord Jesus Christ embodies the whole messages of God as captured in the Holy Bible.

Jesus said:"You search the scriptures because you think they give you eternal life; \*but scriptures point to me"\*
\*John 5:39\*

The Word became flesh(in Jesus) and dwell among us.
\*John 1:14.\*

Two Sundays ago, I was given the task to make announcement during Service in my Church.

As usual, I prayed to God for utterances on what to say before mounting the Altar of God.

In the process of conveying the  info; I decided to admonish the people of the need to be more prayerful as the "general fasting" continues; so
I encouraged them with the Words of Jesus in Matthew:17 :21:
" \*This kind will not go except by prayer and fasting\*".
Suddenly, I said:
"In adddition to prayer and fasting you can add: "The Word"; for you cannot even function without the Word".

I finished the task & returned to my seat. Few minutes later, the Preacher mounted the Altar and started singing a Yoruba song I loved so much as a teenager: 🎤
\*Oro\* re, iye ni. .
Oro re, iwosan ni o. .🥁
Je koro re le ma
gbenu mi. .👏🏾
Kin le se rere.

Translation:
Your Word is life,
Your Word is healing ..
Let your Word continues to dwell in me..
So I can prosper.

As he sang, the  atmosphere became charged    and I felt God's presence heavily as I was singing, hallowing and worshipping God with the consciousness of the impact of the Word of God in that song.

Then Jesus spoke to me:
" \*I did not tell the disciples about the Word then, because I am the Word and I was with them physically".\*

Suddenly, I found myself crying;
What an awesome God! He puts His Word in the heart of people to speak out and then does wonders with the same Word.

The bible: which is the Word of God, is a divinely inspired- supernatural book revealing the person and the glory of God as manifested in His Son- JESUS.

The aim of today's sermon is to buttress the fact that JESUS is the Word of God and without Him we cannot function.

✅Jesus Christ proclaimed:
"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last"
\*Rev. 22:13.\*

The bible says:
"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..."
\*Hebrews12:2.\*

Jesus said to the Jews: "your father- Abraham saw my day and he was glad"; Then, they became confused and He told them:
"Before Abraham was, I am"
\*John 8:55-58\*

Jesus existed in Trinity; even before the creation with God the Father and the Holy Spirit .
\*John 14:6-20\*

✅The worlds were framed by the Word of God.
\*Hebrews 11:3\*

"All things were made & without Him was not anything made that was made"
\*John 1:3\*

The book of Genesis Chapter 1contains record of \*Creation\*.

Repeatedly, we read \*"God said"\* :which indicates God spoke the \*Word\* to bring the world into existence.
\*Gen 1:3-29.\*

✅The Psalmist in Psalm 107:20 says: " He sent His \*Word\* and healed them and deliver them.."

Later, the Bible says: "How God anointed Jesus with Holy Spirit and with Power: who went about doing good and \*healing\* all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with Him".
\*Acts 10:38.\*

Juxtapose the above verses with the song: then you will admit the Word is \*JESUS\*.
Halleluyah...

✅Jesus said : "I am the light of the world...".
\*John 8:12\*.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path";
Psalm 119:105

The Psalmist further affirms:
"The entrance of Your Word giveth light and understanding to the simple"
Psalm 119:130.

✅"We preach not ourselves, but \*Jesus\* the Lord" \*2Cor 4:5\*

\*Jesus\* is our standard and our role model.

Mahatma Ghandi was famous to have said: " \*I like your Christ but I do not like your Christians; for they are so unlike your Christ".\*

Hum; food for thought!

\*Therefore\* :
"Preach the \*Word\* be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine"
2 Tim 4:2.

✅God has highly exalted Him( \*Word\*) and given Him a name: \*JESUS\* which is above every other name" Phill 2:9.

It is not surprising that The Psalmist says God has "magnified His Word above all His name".
Psalm 138:2b.

Words of mouth are powerful; especially the Word of God.

Jesus \*warns\* :
"I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak; they shall give account thereof"
\*Matthew12:36\*
\*Warning\* whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.
\*Prov 21:23.\*

However, when you speak the  \*Word of God;\* you can be sure of the potency of such Word.

The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword
\*Hebrews 4:12.\*

✅Do not harden your heart to the Word of God;

"So faith comes by hearing and hearing through the Word of God"
\*Romans10:17.\*
"Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it"
\*Luke 11:28.\*

\*Lesson\*: Do not despise the Word of God:

This book of the Law: (Word of God) shall not depart out of thy mouth..."
\*Joshua 1:8\*

The bible says:
" \*But they mocked the messenger of God and despised his words and misused the prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy"\*
2nd Chro.36:16.

✅In conclusion, this same Word is the One that saves people from perishing.
\*John 3:16.\*

Consequently, anyone without the Word of God in him is empty and vain.

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? you have the words of eternal life".
\*John 6:68.\*

"I have kept Your Word in my heart that I will not sin against You".
\*Psalm 119:11\*

If you are still living in sin, \*repent now\*;

Invite \*Jesus\* into your life today and allow His Words to shape your life.

I don't know what Word the Lord has spoken into your life that is yet to come to fruition; do not get downcast.
"Faithful is He who has called you; who will also do it"
\*1 Thess 5:24.\*

"So shall my Word  that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it"
\*Isaiah 55:11\*.

Personally, I usually remind God of His Word over my life. I say to \*GOD\* :

"Remember your Word to your servant in which you have made me to hope; this is my comfort in my affliction; for Thy Word has quickened me"
\*Psalm:  119:49&50\*

\*Prayer\*: Father, whatever it will take for your Word to be fulfilled over my life; please make it happened in Jesus name.🙏🏼

\*Shalom.\*

Signed, Bro Cole