



Your Word...Our Comfort Food

It never fails...whenever I get sick, I long for a hot bowl of tomato soup and a warm grilled cheese sandwich. The milk must be 2% and the bread must be sourdough. Silly as it sounds, it makes me feel better on the inside. It seems that everyone you talk to about comfort food has a different dish that conjures up delight. A special homemade cake that you eat each year on your birthday. The smell and texture of a hot apple pandowdy when the leaves start to change color in the fall...(Yes pandowdy, you will have to look it up for yourself...lol!). Whenever we feel down in the dumps, the comfort a plate of meatloaf and mashed potatoes can bring, is truly an amazing thing.

The Word of God can be like that as well. A dose of comfort and strength can be ours as we read the Word of God in those moments of stress and defeat. Recognizing that the words contained in Scripture were written to us by God through the inspiration of His Holy Spirit; the truth of His word can be a game changer. Even Jesus, our precious Savior, spoke words to us that are recorded in the Bible. This book, *The Word of Truth* is truly a love feast for the tasting. Amazingly, this all-encompassing collection of creation, history, truth, power, ceremony, love and loss, prophesy, religion, commandments, promises, and revolutionary ideas are all wrapped up in one edition. The Bible is written by 40 authors and collected for us in 66 books. This spread is a comfort meal that will stick to your ribs! A banqueting table like none other. Created for us by God himself. It reads like a huge banner of love and comfort over our lives. Next time you are feeling low and you need comfort for your soul...pick up the most riveting love letter ever written. Pull up a chair, use your sharpest knife and dig right in!

Homework:

Let's take just a few minutes together and feast on the Word of God. According to James 1:17-18, God is perfect and never changes. "I believe it!" We were birthed as God's children by the Word of truth for His divine purposes. "We are special! We have been redeemed! Thank You Lord!!"

As we read more, we can *taste and see that the Lord is good.*(Ps. 34:8) *Your Word O God is is living and and powerful, and sharper then any two-edged sword, piercing even to the soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* (Hebrews.4:12) "Father, reveal your truth to me and change my heart as you discern my thoughts." We read that we are to speak boldly the Word of God. To not only read it and listen to it but keep it and to live by it. We are to do the Word! (Acts 4:31, Matt 4:4, Luke 11:28) Your Word abides forever. (1 Peter 1:23) Every word of it is pure (Prov.30:5).

Let's Pray:

Father, Your Word is pure comfort for my tired and weary soul. In Revelation 19:13, I read that the name of your Son is *The Word of God*. How amazing that John was able to proclaim that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us in John 1:14. Your Son Jesus, who the prophet Isaiah prophesied about in Isaiah 9:6 calling His name *Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. How sweet to know such a Savior! Your Word is ever-active and ever-true. Your Word satisfies my soul more than any comfort food ever could. Thank you for Your Son.

In Jesus' name I pray!