

# SHARPENING



# YOUR SWORD!

THEY ARE NOT JUST IDLE WORDS FOR YOU...  
THEY ARE YOUR LIFE!

DEUTERONOMY 32:47

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# LOOK

When you picture The Word what comes to mind?

Is it a what or a who?

Where do you look when you come to the Word?

Do you look for a formula or seek to know God?

How you answer these questions will have a profound impact on your life.

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 1

**LOOK:** Read John 1:1-3, 14. Write below the verse that stands out to you:

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What difference can knowing this make in your life?

How might this help you sharpen your Sword?

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do in response to this?

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 2

**LOOK:** Read Genesis 1. Write below the verse that stands out to you:

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What difference can knowing this make in your life?

How might this help you sharpen your Sword?

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do in response to this?

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 3

**LOOK:** Read JOHN 5:39-40. Write below the verse that stands out to you:

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about the Word from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** How can knowing this spur you on to sharpen your Sword?

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do in response to this?

*"It is Christ Himself, not the bible, who is the true Word of God. Too often people confuse the two. The Bible read in the right spirit and with the guidance of teachers will bring us to Him. We must not use the Bible as a sort of encyclopedia out of which texts can be taken for use as weapons." C. S. Lewis*

**2 Peter 1:1-4** Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 4

**LOOK:** Read 2 Peter 1:3-4, 16-21.  
Record the verse that stands out to you.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this?

**2 Peter 1:16-21** For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 5

**LOOK:** Read Exodus 33:13. Record this verse below.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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# LISTEN

Do you realize what a blessing it is to be able to hear?

Do you come to the Word expecting to hear from God?

What are you listening to?

What gets in the way of you listening to God?

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 6

LOOK: Read Matthew 13:16. Record this verse below.

LISTEN: What do you learn about God from this?

LIVE IT OUT: What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 7

**LOOK:** Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Write below the verse that stands out to you:

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that can help you sharpen your sword?

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do in response to this?

Isaiah **55** “Hey, all who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money, come!

Buy and eat!

Come! Buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost!

**2** Why pay money for something that will not nourish you?

Why spend your hard-earned money on something that will not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me and eat what is nourishing!

Enjoy fine food!

**3** Pay attention and come to me!

Listen, so you can live!

Then I will make an unconditional covenantal promise to you,  
just like the reliable covenantal promises I made to David.

**4** Look, I made him a witness to nations,  
a ruler and commander of nations.”

**5** Look, you will summon nations you did not previously know;

nations that did not previously know you will run to you,

because of the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel,

for he bestows honor on you.

**6** Seek the Lord while he makes himself available;

call to him while he is nearby!

**7** The wicked need to abandon their lifestyle and sinful people their plans.

They should return to the Lord, and he will show mercy to them,

and to their God, for he will freely forgive them.

**8** “Indeed, my plans are not like your plans, and my deeds are not like your deeds,” says the Lord,

**9** “for just as the sky is higher than the earth,

so my deeds are superior to your deeds and my plans superior to your plans.

**10** The rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return,

but instead water the earth

and make it produce and yield crops,

and provide seed for the planter and food for those who must eat.

**11** In the same way, the promise that I make does not return to me, having accomplished nothing.

No, it is realized as I desire and is fulfilled as I intend.”

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 8

**LOOK:** Read Isaiah 55. Write below one verse that stands out to you:

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this verse? Record your thoughts below.

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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## PARABLE OF THE SOILS!

**Luke 8:4-15**

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one town after another, he spoke to them in a parable: 5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled on, and the wild birds devoured it. 6 Other seed fell on rock, and when it came up, it withered because it had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and they grew up with it and choked it. 8 But other seed fell on good soil and grew, and it produced a hundred times as much grain.” As he said this, he called out, “The one who has ears to hear had better listen!”

First place seed fell:	Second place seed fell:	Third place seed fell:	Fourth place seed fell:
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**Luke 8:9-15**

9 Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, “You have been given the opportunity to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that although they see they may not see, and although they hear they may not understand.

11 “Now the parable means this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in a time of testing fall away. 14 As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 But as for the seed that landed on good soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word, cling to it with an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with

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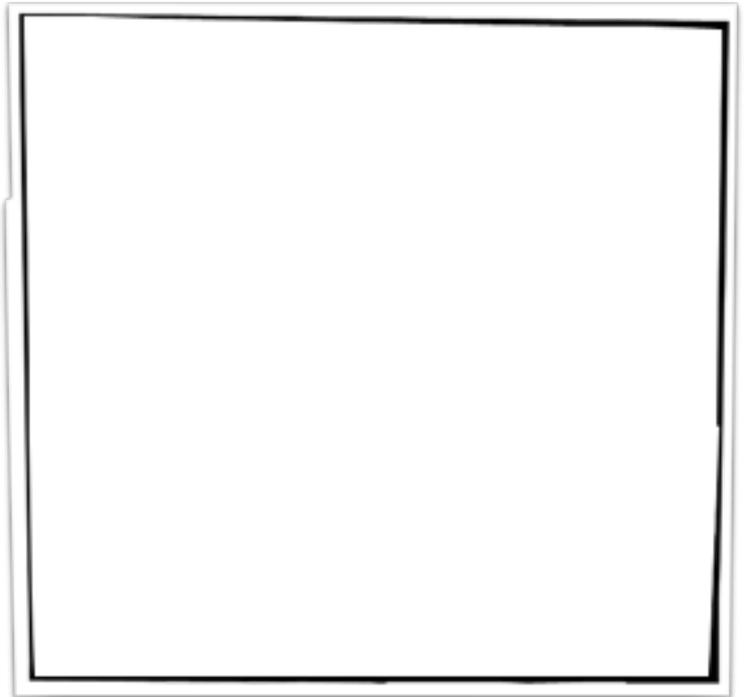
## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 9

**LOOK:** Read Luke 8. Record below the main verse that stands out to you.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this? Record your thoughts below.

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword? Draw a picture to illustrate your main takeaway:

What do you sense the Lord wants you to do in response to this?



Hebrews 4:1-12

Therefore we must be wary that, while the promise of entering his rest remains open, none of you may seem to have come short of it. 2 For we had good news proclaimed to us just as they did. But the message they heard did them no good, since they did not join in with those who heard it in faith. 3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my anger, 'They will never enter my rest!'" And yet God's works were accomplished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he has spoken somewhere about the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works," 5 but to repeat the text cited earlier: "They will never enter my rest!" 6 Therefore it remains for some to enter it, yet those to whom it was previously proclaimed did not enter because of disobedience. 7 So God again ordains a certain day, "Today," speaking through David after so long a time, as in the words quoted before, "Oh, that today you would listen as he speaks! Do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken afterward about another day. 9 Consequently a Sabbath rest remains for the people of God. 10 For the one who enters God's rest has also rested from his works, just as God did from his own works. 11 Thus we must make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by following the same pattern of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the point of dividing soul from spirit, and joints from marrow; it is able to judge the desires and thoughts of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from God, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. 14 Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest incapable of sympathizing with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we need help.

## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 10

**LOOK:** Read Hebrews 4:12.  
Record this verse below.

**LISTEN:** Read all of Hebrews 4 so you can read this verse in context and circle every time you see the word "rest." What do you learn about God from this?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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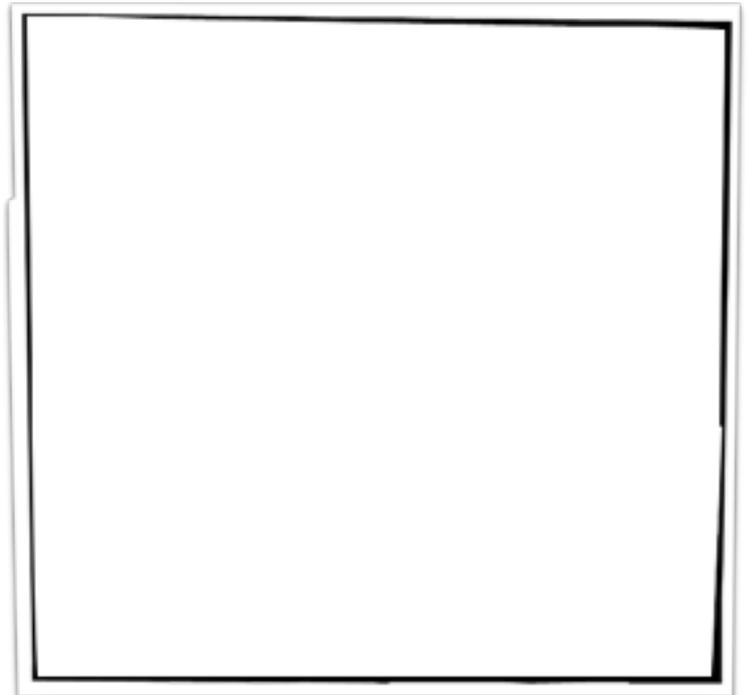
## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 11

**LOOK:** Read Job 23:12. Record this verse below.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about the Lord from this verse?

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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# LIVE IT OUT

Are you setting yourself up for a fall?

Do you deceive yourself when you read and study the Bible?

Why does The Word need the Word to live?

How much are you using your sword in battle?

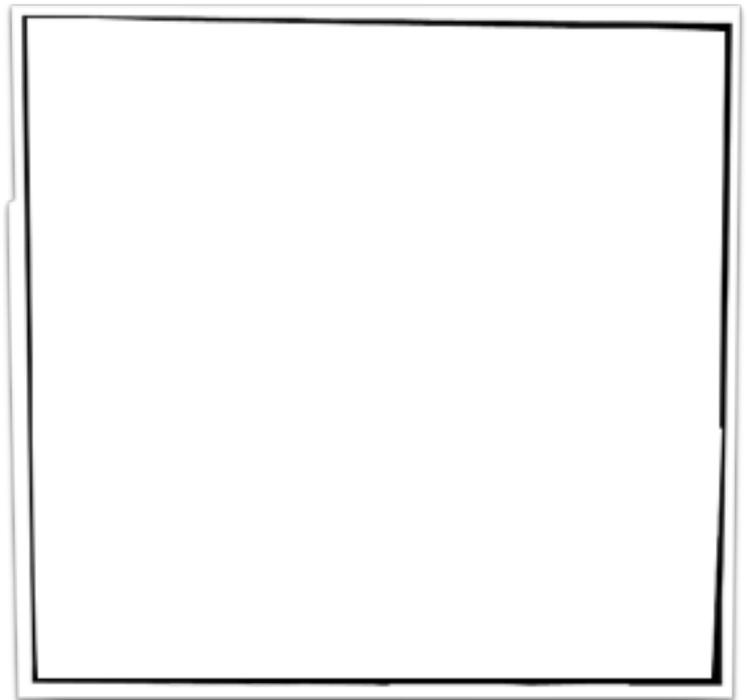
## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 12

**LOOK:** Read Matthew 7:24-27. Record below the main verse that stands out to you.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this? Record your thoughts below.

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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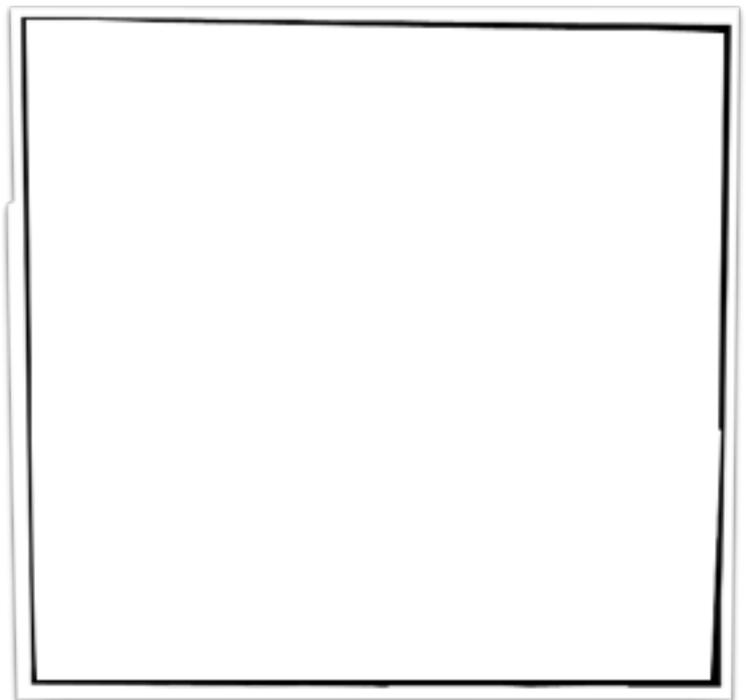
## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 13

**LOOK:** Read James 1:22-25. Record below the main verse that stands out to you.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this? Record your thoughts below.

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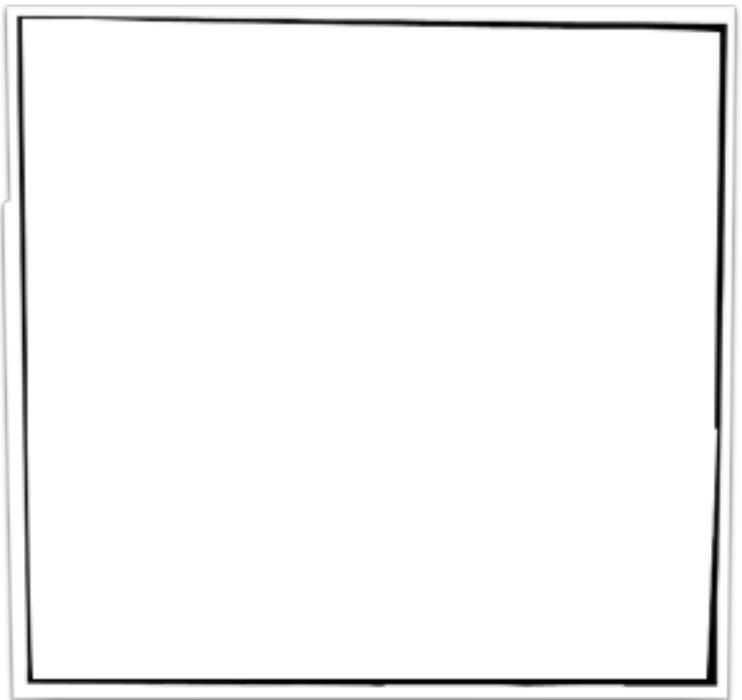
## SHARPENING YOUR SWORD: DAY 14

**LOOK:** Read Matthew 4:1-11. Record this verse below.

**LISTEN:** What do you learn about God from this? Record your thoughts below.

**LIVE IT OUT:** What do you learn from this that spurs you on to sharpen your Sword?

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"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

**Ephesians 6:10 - 18**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED,  
A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED  
AND WHO CORRECTLY HANDLES THE WORD OF TRUTH.  
2 TIMOTHY 2:15