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At Work In You

My word is at work in you. You can be sure of that. How is your word at work in me? How can I be certain that your word is working in me? **You have been receiving my word. You are taking my word into your heart and mind. You have been studying my word. You have been meditating on my word. You have been memorizing my word. You have been putting my word into practice. It is obvious to me that you consider my word to be worth far more than any other words that you will hear in life.** Why is that so obvious? **You have been listening attentively to my word. You are hiding my word in your heart. My word is constantly on your mind. You have been seeking my word as if it were more valuable than silver or gold.** Your word is more valuable than silver and gold. **Yes it is. You have also been putting my word into practice. You cannot receive my word into your life so fully and not have it powerfully working in your life. My word is living and active and powerful.** Yes, it is. **My word will accomplish my purposes and plans in your life.** Yes, it will. I believe what you are saying to me with all my heart.

Haven't you noticed how my word has been changing you? You don't need to answer that question. You can have a seat and take a rest. I will tell you how my word has been powerfully working in your life. I would like that a lot. **Your thoughts are changing. Your thoughts have been coming into alignment with my thoughts. I have been renewing and transforming your mind with my word. You are thinking thoughts that are pleasing to me.** Yes, I am. **Your heart is changing. Your desires are coming into alignment with my desires. You want to do my will. Actually it is your delight to do my will.** Yes, it is. **You are setting aside old thoughts and desires. Your old thoughts and desires are being replaced with thoughts and desires that are pleasing to me.** Yes, they are. **You are coming to know me better every day. Your love for me is growing more passionate every day. Your faith in me is growing stronger every day. Isn't this all true?** Yes Lord, you have been completely changing my heart and mind and life with your word. Your word has been powerfully working in me. **Lets also remember that my word is powerfully working through you. As you have been remaining in my word you have been bearing an abundance of fruit for my kingdom. You have been bringing glory to my name. Now are you certain that my word is at work in you? Now do you believe that my word has been working through you?** Yes Lord, I am certain. Yes Lord, I believe in you. Let your word continue to do your work in and through me. **It will. Continue in my word.**

Lord, your word is far more valuable than any other words I will hear. I welcome your word into my life. I will study and meditate on it. I will memorize and put your word into practice. Use your word to help me to know you better. Grow my faith with your word. Amen

Knowing God *Received The Word*

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

NIV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received The Word*

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

ESV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received His Message*

Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.

NLT 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received The Word*

For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

NKJV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received The Word*

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

NRSV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Got The Message*

And now we look back on all this and thank God, an artesian well of thanks! When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers!

MSG 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received The Message*

And we also [especially] thank God continually for this, that when you received the message of God [which you heard] from us, you welcomed it not as the word of [mere] men, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe [exercising its superhuman power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it].

AMP 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Accepted What We Said*

And we will never stop thanking God for this: that when we preached to you, you didn't think of the words we spoke as being just our own, but you accepted what we said as the very Word of God—which, of course, it was—and it changed your lives when you believed it.

TLB 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Received The Word*

For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

NASB 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Knowing God *Heard His Message*

Also, we always thank God because when you heard his message from us, you accepted it as the word of God, not the words of humans. And it really is God's message which works in you who believe.

NCV 1 Thessalonians 2:13

Received The Word Of God

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Knowing God – 1 Thessalonians 2:13

In Context: *Read 1 Thessalonians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, your word is far more valuable than any other words I will hear. I welcome your word into my life. I will study and meditate on it. I will memorize and put your word into practice. Use your word to help me to know you better. Grow my faith with your word. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you received God's word into your life by studying it?

When have you received God's word into your life by meditating on it?

When have you received God's word into your life by memorizing it?

When have you received God's word into your life by putting it into practice?

How have you come to know God better by receiving His word into your life?

How has your faith in God grown as you have received His word into your life?

How has God changed your thoughts, words and deeds as you have received His word into your life?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Receive God's word into your life so that He can use it to work in you according to His purposes and plans.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God will use His word to change your thoughts, words, and deeds in ways that please Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you have come to know God by receiving His word into your life.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you receive God's word and allow it to work in your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will receive your word and allow it to work in my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want your word to work in my life today?
