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*Matthew 4:4 (NIV)*

## Living On My Word

I am thankful that I have your word. **Why is that?** Your word is living and active. Your word is powerful and effective. **How So?** Just as food feeds my physical life, your word feeds my spiritual life. As I have fed on your word it is changing everything about me. **I would like to hear you say more about that.** Your word is changing the thoughts of mind. No longer am I letting my mind be conformed to the patterns of this world. No longer am I thinking just like everyone in the world thinks. I am not accepting the patterns, practices and values of the world. **What are you doing?** I'm letting your word dwell in me richly. **How so?** I'm reading your word. I'm studying your word. I'm meditating on and memorizing your word. I'm praying your word and I'm putting your word into practice. As I take a hold of your word, it is taking a hold of me. I'm thinking thoughts that you give me to think. **That is very good.**

**What else?** Your word is changing my heart. **Say more.** At one time, it was a big battle of my will and sacrifice on my part to be willing to go and do your will. Often, I did so very reluctantly. **I noticed.** Now, it is the desire of my heart to go and do your will. I want to do what is pleasing to you. It is my joy to follow and serve you. **That is very good.**

**What else?** I've already begun to tell you how my mind being transformed and my heart being changed has begun to impact the deeds of my life. It has now become my goal to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to shine brightly as your witness in the world. In every way I want to go and do your will. One day I hope to hear you say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." **Yes, I have heard you express that desire many times. Where do you think that desire has come from?** It has come from you. **That's right. Will I grant desires that I give to you?** Most certainly. **Yes, I will.**

**What else?** Your word has been changing the prayers of my heart. Without your word, I would not know how to pray. Often times, I pray the promises in your word. I ask that what you promise in your word will be true in my experience. **What do you mean by that?** I don't want to be only a hearer of your word. I want to put your word into practice. I want to live out your word in my daily life. So, I am allowing the subject of your word to become the content of my prayers. **That's good. Keeping living on my word.** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

*Heavenly Father, thank you for your word. I will live on every word that comes from your mouth. I will allow your word to change the thoughts of my mind, words of my mouth, deeds of my life and prayers of my heart. Speak to me. I will listen carefully to you. Amen*

**Prayer** *Every Word*

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

NIV Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

ESV Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

NLT Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

NKJV Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

NRSV Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Steady Stream Of Words*

Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth."

MSG Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But He replied, It has been written, Man shall not live and be upheld and sustained by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

AMP Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But Jesus told him, "No! For the Scriptures tell us that bread won't feed men's souls: obedience to every word of God is what we need."

TLB Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Every Word*

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN shall not live on bread alone, BUT ON EVERY word THAT PROCEEDS out of the mouth of GOD.'"

NASB Matthew 4:4

**Prayer** *Everything*

Jesus answered, "It is written in the Scriptures, 'A person does not live by eating only bread, but by everything God says.' "

NCV Matthew 4:4

# Every Word

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer** – Matthew 4:4

**In Context:** *Read Matthew 4*

**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?)***

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**What It Means:**

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

How are you making it your practice to meet with God in His word so you can hear from Him?

How is God’s word feeding your spiritual life like food feeds your physical life?

**How is God’s word changing all you think, say, do and pray?**

How has God guided your life as you have put His words into practice?

How has God protected your life as you have put His words into practice?

**How has the content of God’s word become the subject of your prayers?**

**What from God’s word would you like to turn into a prayer to Him?**

**Living It Out:**

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

Make it your practice to live on every word that comes from the mouth of God

**Seeing It Happen:**

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

Have faith that you can live on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

**Get Ready To Share:**

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

Share with another person or your small group how you are living on words that have come out of the mouth of God.

**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you live on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Heavenly Father, I will live on every word that comes from your mouth.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can I live today on words that come from your mouth?*

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