

Truth, Life, & Power

I was really excited to hear that the theme this year is *Heart to Heart: Women of the Word*. It's exciting to find inspiration, comfort and growth in the word God has left for us. I am passionate about the word. I'm sure that comes partly from my upbringing in a pastor's home. My father is a walking Bible. Know anyone like that?

There is a song I sang with a choir several years ago. One line of that song has always stuck with me, ministered to me, and brought joy to my spirit. The words are, "The word is truth, the word is life. It has the power to change your life. Faith, hope, and love is in the word."

God has a lot to say about truth, life, and power through the Word of God. Here are a few scriptures to look up.

Truth: Isaiah 45:19, "...I, the Lord, speak the *truth*."

Life: Three times in the book of Revelations the word is referred to as, "the book of *life*." (Revelations 13:8, 20:12, & 21:27)

Power: 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of *power*, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Reflection:

- ♥ Do we believe that God's Word is all *truth*? With your neighbor, discuss where or when have you found truth in God's Word?
- ♥ Do we receive *life* from the Word? With another neighbor share with her where or when you have received life from the Word?
- ♥ Are we finding *power* in our walk with God from our studies of the Word? Now with a completely new person, talk about how you are finding power in God's Word these days.



Closing Prayer:

Heavenly father, there is truth in your Word. We can receive life and great power from your Word. It has the power to change our life, home, church, or any circumstance that is challenging. Thank you, Father, ahead of time because we know that you are faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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