

# SEEDS OF HOPE

#### DEVOTIONAL

### The Gift of God's Word: A Source of Power

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In 2 Timothy 3:16, we read, All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and

training in righteousness (NIV). The term "God-breathed" is used only once in the Bible and is a unique expression in the New Testament that emphasizes the divine origin and authority of Scripture, indicating that all Scripture is "inspired." To be inspired means to be stirred emotionally, mentally, or spiritually in a way that motivates us to act, create, or transform. This is the power of God's Word—it moves us and compels change.

The Bible is a priceless gift, given by God to guide us through life. In a world of confusion and chaos, it serves as a steady source of peace and direction. But Scripture is more than a devotional for thought and reflection; it is living and active, designed to stir our hearts, challenge our minds, and move us into action. When we read it through the lens of Jesus—His teachings, His character, and His sacrificial love—it stops being just words on a page and becomes a life-changing force.

God's Word is meant to move us to action. It is not meant to be passive—it is a weapon to push back the power of darkness. It has the power to heal, restore, and guide, but transformation only occurs when we apply it courageously. When we embrace its truth, live it out, and let it drive us forward, it changes us—and that transformation has the power to change the world around us.

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# Bask in God's Radiant Light

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You are radiant with light, more majestic than mountains rich with game. -Psalm 76:4 NIV

When I think of that word *radiant*, I think of a light that is full of colours and pulsing with life. In the busyness of our lives, it's easy to forget how marvelous God is. Our spiritual senses grow dull, and our awareness of God can fade into the background. We lose sight of that radiant light.

But as the lyrics from the familiar hymn by Helen H. Lemmel (1922) read:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

Our bodies need the sunlight to function properly. Light dispels darkness, both physically and emotionally. We depend on light to guide the way.

When darkness seems to press in around us, maybe the best course of action is to look to God's Word. Instead of rushing through Scripture, relish it. Dwell on it. See God's glorious face in it. Read until you find one word or phrase that sparks something in you—that lights up and is full of life.

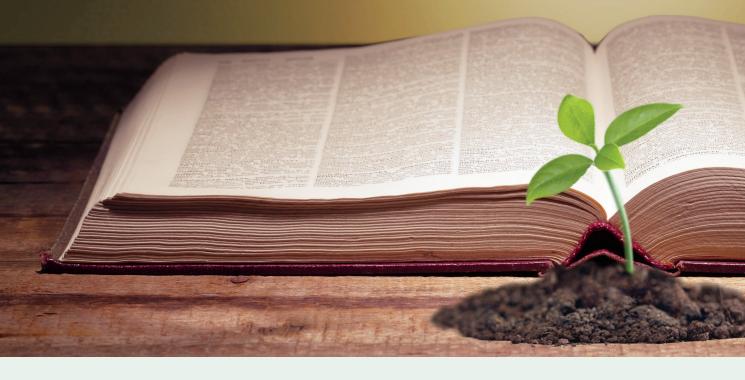
Then pray about that word. Meditate on it. Mull it over. Ask God to speak to you His truth about how this word or phrase can transform your life—like the words "radiant with light." God is shimmering with light that casts out darkness, that's full of a rainbow of colours. So bask in His presence today.



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#### By Andrew Burditt President, The Christian Broadcasting Associates



ow many of you would consider yourselves to have a green thumb? I certainly do not, and only the hardiest of plants survive in my house. Perhaps you take the time to grow your own fruits and vegetables. My grandparents had a beautiful garden, and I can remember rows of fruit bushes growing in their backyard. Fresh raspberries on ice cream after a swim in their pool was a summertime treat that I always looked forward to.

My father-in-law in Scotland is a wonderful gardener and grows all sorts of fruits and vegetables that he and my mother-in-law share with others, or that regularly make their way onto the table for meals whenever we visit.

There is definitely a skill involved in this, but when we plant those seeds, there is also a hope that everything will go the way it should, that something will grow and flourish, and that the cycle will repeat itself year after year. God works in our lives as our relationship with Him grows and matures, and it is our job as believers to plant those seeds in other people's lives.

From March 24–28, **Partner Week** on *The 700 Club Canad*a will examine what all of this means as we present **Seeds of Hope**. During those five days, our hosts and guests, through conversation, teaching, testimonies, and interviews, will focus on what it means to *Grow Hope*, what *Faith in Action* looks like, how we define a *Legacy of Love*, the way in which we are *United in Purpose*, and how all of those elements together are *Transforming Lives*.

The work that we do here at the 700 Club Canada is supported by you, our partners, and countless others, and that investment in hope is making a life-changing difference in the lives of your friends and family.



As believers, we have hope in the promises found in the Bible and know that the Lord guides and directs our paths. When we do follow Him, we choose the joy and hope that comes from those promises, and that joy permeates our lives, despite any circumstances or challenges that we face.

Those of us who are optimistic people must remember that, as much as we need optimism, it's just our perspective on things—like believing that our favourite team will win, that our next job will be better, or that our vacation will be as wonderful as you want it to be.

The hope that we have in Christ is about the promise of a future that is better because of the certainty found in a life with Him. That hope is real because we know Christ lives within us. The assurances found in that reality are far better than even the most optimistic of outcomes.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he provides a wonderful prayer that we can all share with those around us:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13 NIV).

## The Gift of Peace

by EMILY JAMES Co-Host, The 700 Club Canada



Peace often feels out of reach in a world that constantly pulls us in different directions.

The world's version of peace is temporary, dependent on circumstances like moments of quiet, resolved conflicts, or a brief pause from life's chaos. Yet, this fragile peace fades when challenges arise. We see in Scripture that God gives us a different kind of peace.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27 NKJV)

It is a peace that stills our hearts even in the midst of storms, a calm that surpasses understanding. This peace flows not from the absence of trouble, but from the abiding presence of a Saviour who promises never to leave us.

Jesus' peace is also a call to courage: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." These words are a reminder that His peace equips us to face life's difficulties with strength and resilience. We don't need to be overwhelmed by fear or uncertainty because He is sustaining us through every trial.

When we place our trust in Jesus, surrendering our worries to Him in prayer, His peace guards our hearts and minds. It is a peace that invites us to rest in the love and faithfulness of God.

May the peace of God be with you and anchor you to His unfailing love.

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Sharon faced every attorney's nightmare—an attack from a criminal she helped to put behind bars. Barely escaping with her life, she began fantasizing about revenge. But then a message at a church retreat taught her something incredible. See what she decided to do.



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Shannon lost his innocence early on in life. Exposed to criminal activity by his older brothers, he entered a life of crime. But an invitation to church left him wondering if it might be time to give God a try. Watch how his story unfolded.



#### THE MONEY DECISION

Briana was a co-leader of the singles ministry at her church, a YouTuber, and a customer service rep at a bank. However, she was afraid to trust God with her finances. Then one day, she decided to tithe and see what would happen. You won't believe the change!

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### LET LOVE INVADE YOUR HEART



by Gordon Robertson President and CEO, CBN

God loves you just for yourself. His love isn't based on what you do, or how much you have accomplished, or how many good works you have done. He loves you simply because you are His child.

If you're ever in doubt, think about the crucifixion of Jesus.

Luke 23:35-37 tells us: The rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, ... saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Two thieves were crucified next to Jesus. Verse 39 tells us that one of them joined in the mockery and challenged Him, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" He was essentially saying, "If You are really God, show us and get off this cross!"

But the other thief said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (v. 42).



And what did Jesus tell him? His answer in verse 43 is astonishing: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The thief had no time to do good works or anything at all to earn the Lord's approval. Even so, Jesus promised that very day they would be together in paradise!

So let this day, today, be the day when you truly understand that paradise can come to you. Heaven can invade your heart, assuring you of His love and giving you a peace that you didn't know was possible.

God loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that all of His other children-that's uscould be with Him for eternity.

Ephesians 2:8-9 explains, For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. We simply need to accept His great gift. Excerpted from a teaching on The 700 Club. Scripture is quoted from the ESV.

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