

♥ *Ring of Fire Ministries Outreach Newsletter – September 2026*

The Words in Red...

So often people will say they cannot hear from the Lord or that He never speaks to them, neglecting to take into consideration He has indeed spoken already... in *His Word*, found within the pages of the Bible. Jesus was the Word made flesh and yet every Word written in the Bible is God inspired and Holy Spirit formulated for our instruction and application in that both our souls prosper and grow and we are nourished by the washing of the Word penned before us.

Our souls need fed, just as our physical bodies do for so many reasons. And if we correlate the two, we will more readily understand why it is important we eat of God's Word daily. Just as without food and water our bodies would weaken, become sickly and perish; the same is true for our souls without continual partaking of the Scriptures.

Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst again" in John 4:14

I often convey to people; not only is it imperative we read God's Word, but the true fulfillment comes to us when we apply what is written into our own lives through obeying what is written as if our very lives depend on it, because they do. It may be profitable to know the Scriptures, however it is better to live them daily, to the best of our ability, for true and authentic change and growth. Just as you would not order a full meal at a restaurant and simply look at it for it to sustain you, you must eat of it taking it inside of you. The same is true for God's Word... we do not only read and observe it, but instead partake of it through surrendered obedience held within our hearts. Without God's Word, we feel very empty inside, void and even hopeless to the point we are lonely, emotionally wither and die. Yet, when we do as He commands us and by obedience read His Word with a heart to follow it, the joy of the Lord strengthens us through the power of the Holy Spirit and we are uplifted to face another day.

Therefore, you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and your soul... Deuteronomy 11:18

Life altering miracles happen when we obey what God has spoken, including our souls becoming alive again; full of hope, joy and peace. Back to the *Words in red*... These precious words are found in the New Testament of the Bible only. And the unique attribute of these specific words is that they are direct quotes of Jesus, Himself speaking as "Teacher" to those with ears to hear and a heart to receive of Him. I truly felt the Lord lay upon my heart to invite each of you to get to know Jesus a little more through the focused reading of what He taught and what He shared as the greatest importance for one who is seeking to have unmovable faith as His child centered within the glory of the Lord. My own personal favorite message which reflects Jesus's pure heart, is found in the Book of John, Chapters 14-17. Just in case you need a good place to start! If you do not have a Bible that contains *Jesus's Words in RED* in the New Testament, please reach out to us so we can send you a new Bible right away!

It is my prayer you not only hunger and thirst for the Lord's Word, but that you would take the next step and daily apply it through surrendered obedience; nurtured to the point that no matter what you face each day, you sense His presence, knowing you are never alone for He is with you and loves you! ♥

♥ *In His Love Always – Angela*

From the Desk of... Mare I want to open my heart and share something that has been stirring deeply within me about the times we are living in. These days are not easy to walk through, especially when your hope and faith are anchored in Jesus. Not everyone sees the World the way we do. Some do not notice how the spiritual weather is changing, or how many hearts seem to be growing colder. It feels as though the testing of our faith; that refining fire Scripture speaks of is coming with greater intensity and speed, as everything continues to unfold around us. Recently, my son completed a 24-hour charity bicycle ride, and with his permission, I want to share his story with you. This was the first time he had ever taken on something so demanding. He had never ridden that far, for that long, through that much pain. He committed himself to raising money for a second-chance youth camp for troubled teens and by the end of the ride, it had taken everything he had. His goal was to ride 100 miles in 24 hours. At first, it may have seemed simple enough, almost manageable. But as the hours passed and the miles continued to add up, the weight of it began to press harder on him with every turn of the pedals. By the time the 24 hours were over, he had ridden 125 miles. He had poured out every last bit of his strength. When he looked back on it, he told me, "Mom, every muscle and fiber of my flesh was screaming. The pain was so intense, and there were so many times I truly wanted to give up. I went through so many emotions. I felt discouraged, defeated, weak, and at times completely hopeless. But something deep inside me kept pushing me forward. Something in me said, keep going." Then he shared something that touched me in a way I will never forget. He said he thought about Abraham, when God asked him to lay Isaac down as a test of loyalty, surrender, and love. He said it would have been easy to stop, to say, "I cannot do this," or to make an excuse; even something as simple as a muscle cramp. But the question that kept echoing in his heart was this: How far will you go before you turn away and say it is too hard? Then he said, "I can honestly tell Jesus now that I gave it my all. And still, I am not satisfied, because I know I can go farther next time if I am given the chance. I am willing to risk the pain again, because it is worth it. What price can be placed on such a small offering if it helps even one teenager receive a second chance? A chance to turn away from a life of sin, a life that was leading to death." There was so much of his own heart in that mission. He understood those young people, having a pure heart to help them because, in many ways, he had once been one of them. He knew what it meant to need another chance. He knew what it meant for someone to believe there was still hope for him. *Someone had done that for him. His name is Jesus.* And when I think about the pain my son endured, as real and costly as it was, I cannot help but remember the suffering of Jesus. What my son gave was beautiful, but what Jesus gave was beyond measure. He endured the cross so that we could know Him, be forgiven by Him, and call Him Lord. That kind of love reaches into the deepest places of the heart and reminds us that no offering given in Faith is ever wasted. It's my prayer you be encouraged and press in for the higher mark.

God Bless you! *Ring of Fire Ministries - Mare*

The Perfect Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us the day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

- Gives Praise unto God while keeping His Name Holy
- Asks for God's Kingdom and will to happen here on Earth, just as it does in Heaven
- Requests He provide our daily needs of sustenance and protection
- Praises Him for His mercy and forgiveness; lifting us up when we forgive those who wrong us

A Message from a Friend... Julie

The Savior Who Carries Your Burdens ~

Life can bring seasons of deep sorrow, anxiety, fear and discouragement. Yet the Holy Bible reminds us that Jesus Christ of Nazareth is greater than every burden we carry. He never promised a life without suffering, but He did promise never to leave nor forsake those who belong to Him. Jesus understands human pain because He entered it Himself. He was betrayed by friends, wept at the tomb of Lazarus, agonized in Gethsemane and willingly endured the cross for our salvation. There is no valley so deep that our Savior has not walked through it.

The world tells us to depend on ourselves, but Scripture calls us to cast our burdens upon the Lord because He cares for us. Through His death and glorious resurrection, Jesus Christ defeated sin, death and the power of darkness. Because He lives, despair does not have the final word, shame is not your identity and fear is not your master.

Whatever burden weighs upon your heart today, bring it to Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He is still the Prince of Peace, the Savior who forgives and the risen King who faithfully carries those who place their trust in Him.

You are not alone in your suffering... We have been there too & I pray for you!

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are **hard-pressed** on every side, yet **not crushed**; we are **perplexed**, but **not in despair**; **persecuted**, but **not forsaken**; **struck down**, but **not destroyed**; always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that **the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.** 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

♥ ***Please Note...*** The Lord has appointed ***Ring of Fire Ministries*** to feed spiritual food to you and to help you grow intimately in your walk with Jesus, in that you partake of Him and are content, in plenty and in want. If you desire a Bible and do not have one or a Bible Study, please write to us and we will provide you with the materials you need to spend more time with Jesus each day. In addition, should you know of an inmate who would benefit from our Pen Pal services or need a Bible or Bible Study, please have them write to us making that request at:

Ring of Fire Ministries, PO Box 5282, Grand Island, NE 68802 – www.ringoffireministries.com

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Keep Shining for Him!

*We pray for you! Should you have a particular prayer request, please do not hesitate to reach out to us so we can lift you up in prayer to the Lord. Many precious souls financially support **Ring of Fire Ministries** on your behalf; please keep them covered in prayer that Jesus bless them with His love and joy for their lovingkindness and generosity!*