

# FAITH'S FRIENDS

Faith is never alone on this faith journey for it has many travelling companions. We will examine two important ones in this message, the Word of God and God of the Word.

## The Word of God

- God exalts above all things His name and His Word - Psalm 138:2
- Faith comes by hearing the Word (rhema) of Christ - Romans 10:17
- Man lives by every word (rhema) that proceeds from God's mouth - Matthew 4:4
- The sword of the Spirit is the Word (rhema) of God - Ephesians 6:17  
'Rhema in that passage refers not to the whole Bible but to individual scripture which the Spirit brings to our remembrance in time of need.' - Vines Expository Dictionary (it is useful to store scripture in you mind so the Spirit has more to remind you of)

Two words are used for the Word of God in the Bible, Logos and Rhema. Sometimes they are used interchangeably in the Bible, but in John's gospel we see a difference.

## LOGOS

1. The whole universal Word
  2. A general statement
  3. Sum total of God's utterances
  4. True everywhere and under all circumstances
  5. The Word / objective truth
  6. The Message
  7. The content of the message
  8. The entire Bible
  9. God's complete revelation
- Jesus is the Logos, God's final and complete revelation to man. He is the Word to end all words and divine. Logos is the full expression of God's thoughts to Man. - John 1:1**

## RHEMA

1. Specific individual word
  2. Precise statement
  3. A word spoken for specific occasion
  4. Contemporary, for that occasion only and not for everybody
  5. A Word / subjective
  6. The Message spoken
  7. The communication of the message
  8. A verse from the Bible
  9. One revelation needed now
- Jesus has different rhema words for his disciples. Peter tries to compare his word to John's. - John 21:18-23. God still speaks to us in various ways, but all things must not violate any scriptural truths**

- We **prove God** true when we obey a rhema from God. eg. Israel crossed the Red Sea based on a specific command from God - Exodus 14:15-22
- We **tempt God** when we copy somebody else's rhema. eg. The Egyptians drowned in the same waters the Israelites passed through because they had no rhema word from God. That is called **presumption**.

## The God of the Word

The Word of God is living (zoe) and powerful (energes) = active, effectual. God's word has energy because Almighty God is behind that Word. Our faith is not a 'blind faith' or a leap into the dark. It is an entrance into the light of God's presence and power. What makes God Word alive? It is God's Spirit. Just as rain and snow come from heaven to water the earth to bring a harvest.....

**'So is my word that goes out from my mouth (breath of the Holy Spirit) It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.'** - Isaiah 55:11

**God's Word bears fruit when accompanied by the Holy Spirit.**

We know that the Word of God was written down under the Spirit breathed inspiration. 2 Timothy 2:16. However, it only comes alive to us personally when the Spirit is present, otherwise those wonderful words can just seem lifeless to us. **We must never separate the Word of God from the God of the Word.** Whenever we read the Bible, we should ask the Holy Spirit to help us to receive what he wants to say to us. Jesus wants us to abide/remain in Him and His word to abide in us - John 15:7. Sometimes I allow my busyness in preparing teachings to interfere with my personal time with God. I can sense the difference in my life. My personal communion with God to feed my own soul does not come from study times. Research, study and writing is a blessing in many ways to me and others, but fellowship with God through his Word is more intimate as it touches my heart and God's. Jesus wants us to sup with Him. We have a message called **Eating Supper with God** in the King of Kings section. The religious leaders in Jesus' day studied the scriptures but they failed to see Jesus in the Word.

**'You diligently study the scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life . These are the scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.'** - John 5:40

**A wedding ring displays a precious diamond jewel.**

**The Bible is like a wedding ring, it displays a precious jewel**

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