

Wednesday Word August 19, 2026

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

I was very fortunate growing up in that I had a mother who valued reading. In fact, she would read to me every night. I grew up on McGuffey Readers, Frog and Toad, Berenstain Bears and choose-your-own-adventure books. Reading opened entire worlds to my imagination and truly helped shape my childhood.

When I was 7 years old, my mom began reading me a book by C.S. Lewis called The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. I was catapulted to another world entirely and was enthralled with the mystery, the characters, the fantasy and the suspense of the story. My mom had read about half of the book to me in one day (due to my persistent begging) and had sent me to bed. If you know the story, she left off where Aslan was tied to the stone table and had been executed. I could not sleep in sheer suspense and wonder as to what was going to happen. I got out of bed and promptly told my mom I could not sleep until she finished the book. She reluctantly agreed to stay up until after midnight finishing the book. While I am sure she was exhausted at the time, we look back on that today with fond memories.

If you know anything about C.S. Lewis, you know he is an insightful Christian author and thinker. The Chronicles of Narnia stories are laced with allegorical lessons straight from Scripture. I read those stories often and have read them to my own children. But I just have to keep asking myself: Am I as captivated with Scripture as I am with stories like these? This is not meant to put down the fun and excitement of a new story full of adventure and mystery; it is meant to challenge how I approach the Word of God. Do I approach the word of God as mundane and repetitive having read it before? Or Am I full of just as much wonder and excitement as if I was reading it for the first time? God’s Word is timeless and it is fresh and new. You can read it a thousand times and still notice something new every time. It is fresh and daily bread.

I have learned so much of it is attitude and heart position before I even open the cover.

Let’s allow the Word of God to remain fresh, new and exciting no matter how many times we have read or listened to a certain passage. This takes an active approach and attitude.

I love you and God loves you!

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