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*"He sent His word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions"
(Psalm 107:20)*

To the ever increasing global family of Rhema Christian Ministries, grace to you and peace from God our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the month of April. Spring is in the air and everything around us is blossoming with the vibrancy of rebirth. April is Word Month and here at Rhema we're preparing to receive the refreshing, which only the word of God can bring. Would you consider joining us as we plunge into the living Word of God for thirty (30) days; it will be a mind-altering and life-changing journey.

Here's the roadmap that we will use for the month:

Step 1: Learning God's Word - For thirty days let's give ourselves to the consistent study of God's Word. The discipline of study makes one an informed disciple, and an informed disciple will always be a better servant of Christ. Learning God's Word will equip and empower you to encounter life from God's perspective. The more you know, the greater your faith; the greater your faith, the greater your approval from God. Once you are on this path you will never turn back (2 Timothy 2:15).

Step 2: Listening To God's Word - After learning comes the delicate balance of listening. It's one thing to know, yet it is another thing to obey. Listening to the Word of God on a daily basis will produce the obedience of faith. Those who are wise will always be swift to hear as the Lord speaks. The listening ear gives way to the trusting heart, and out of the abundance of this type of heart the mouth can only speak life (Revelation 2:29).

Step 3: Loving God's Word - Lastly, learning and listening will create a greater love for the precious Word of God. Your desire for His Word will greatly increase as you set your affections on the gentle voice of the Lord. This longing for the voice of God through His Word will cause you to experience a spiritual relationship with Him that transcends all others (Psalm 119:97).

This month, simply log on to www.rhemaonline.ca where a new and exciting Word from the Lord will be there to guide and to encourage you each and every day. I must warn you however, it will change your life and you will soon discover God's blessings overtaking your being.

I am looking forward to walking with you this month, in His Word!

Advancing the Vision,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle

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7:00pm - 9:00pm

Upcoming Events

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July 20, 2008

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Join us in prayer as this great vision unfolds

This Month @

Ladies First Conference 2008 : May 7-9, 2008



The Ladies First Conference is back Wednesday May 7, 2008 - May 9, 2008. Conference admission is free. Stay tuned for more information!

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Vision Monday
April 7, 2008 @ 7:00pm

Fellowship Wednesday
April 30, 2008 @ 7:00pm

Calling all Writers

If you are a scribe of Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Articles, Youth-oriented content, other forms, let us hear from you. Contact us for guidelines

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The Beginning of Your Biggest Miracle - A Mature Word

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Scripture Reading

Mt. 8: 5-13 and Luke 7:2 KJV

Scripture Focus

"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour" Matthew 8: 13 KJV

In the gospels, we read of the centurion who helped the Jews in building their synagogue and, as a result, gained their esteem. When the centurion needed healing for his servant, the Jewish elders in turn rallied around Jesus to plead in favour of this Roman officer. Yet, while Jesus agreed to visit the house of the officer, the centurion stopped Him.

One may wonder why the centurion stopped Jesus at a time when his servant was in dire need, and at a time when it seemed that everyone was desperate to be close to the Master.

While many interpretations about this abound, scholars have retained two credible reasons...[more](#)

Passion for the Word

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As we enter 'Word Month' in this year of New Beginnings, we can take the time to reflect and see how important the word is to our lives in every way. While the statements that we should 'read our Bible' and 'spend more time in the word' are both common and true, if we lack the passion for God's Word, it won't happen. To find that passion, open your understanding to how dynamic, profound, and powerful the Word truly is.

The Word creates: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him: and without him was not any thing made that was made." (John 1:1-3)

The Word gives us faith: "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

The Word is a sword: "And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:17)

The Word was used to defeat the enemy: "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil" (Matthew 4:1). After Christ had fasted for forty days and nights, the enemy sought to trap Him with deceptive words; to each attempt Christ responded with the Word, beginning each sentence with, "It is written..." (Matthew 4:4, 7 and 10)

The Word was made flesh: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

The Word is the way to life: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

The Word is eternal: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." (Mark 13:31)

These dimensions of the Word only begin to cover what there is to discover. There is the praise of the Psalms, the wisdom of the Proverbs, and the accounts of kings, wars and God's great works in the nations of history throughout the Old Testament. There are great testimonies found in Acts, the philosophical debates in Romans and Hebrews, the mighty and mysterious unfolding of events

accounted in Revelations, and the footsteps of Christ, the Messiah, in the four gospels.

When we see that the Word is alive and all that it is to us, the passion will follow our understanding.

Words Have Legs

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Words have legs that are swift to accomplish either good or evil. Our words are our servants. When we speak, our words go forth to accomplish a mission. Some words are on a mission of righteousness, and some words are on a mission of unrighteousness.

The story of Daniel (Daniel 6) provides an ideal example of the influence of words. While Daniel sought the face of God, others sought to destroy him. They consulted together to establish a royal statute, making a firm thirty day decree, 'that whoever made a petition to any God other than King Darius would be cast into the den of lions.' Daniel continued his daily prayers even after the decree was established. Daniel was highly respected by King Darius; however, the king was powerless to free him from the decree. The king reluctantly permitted him to be placed into the lions den. Daniel's fate was seemingly sealed, but God had other plans.

While Daniel was in the lions den, King Darius prayed and fasted earnestly for his protection. The following day King Darius ran to the den and cried; "O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king; O king, live forever."

When we wish well for others good things will be reciprocated to us. When we are blameless, negative messages which are hurled in our direction are redirected to the dispatcher and stamped, "return to sender address unknown."

Life and death resides in the power of the tongue. All of the rulers who plotted against Daniel sealed their own fate by their negative words spoken against him. Consequently they were tossed into the lions' den with their families, where they were devoured by the lions. Meanwhile, the continued praise and prayer of Daniel secured God's favour and protection on his life.

In the midst of Word Month let us consider how we use our gift of speech.

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