**GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S VOICE**

Deeping Your Christian Life - Part 2

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**Psalm 19:7 (NIV) – Memory verse**
The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**Psalm 19:7-14 – Scripture Reading**

Have you stopped recently to think about the benefits of having a copy of Scripture in your own language? Have you ever pondered the thought: What if all the Bibles suddenly disappeared? In our overabundant, more-than-enough world, such thoughts are foreign . . . too impossible to imagine. But for a few moments, try. Think of the spiritual darkness in which you would walk, the uncertainty of your decisions, the absence of absolutes, the confusion you’d feel. God’s Book, the Bible, is the most reliable map available today. As its pages speak, we are wise to hear and heed. As its warnings are revealed, we dare not ignore them

**I. When we are blindsided by life's inevitable crisis, we tend to use one of four crutches to help us manage our losses.**

* **Escapism**
* **Cynicism**
* **Humanism**
* **Occultism (Supernaturalism)**

**II. There is a foundation that everyone can trust**

**The Bible**

God chose to reserve His Word in written form **Scripture**

Luke 24:27, 32

God's Word is **Truth** John 17:14,17

The Bible contains **The Word Of God** 1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Bible is **Living & Enduring** 1 Peter 23-25

**III. The Benefits of Relying on the Bible**

We gain **Stability**

**Psalm 119:98 (NIV)**
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

We gain **Insight**

**Psalm 119:99 (NIV)**
I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

We gain **Maturity**

**Psalm 119:100 (NIV)**
I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.