# Stake Your Life on the Word

# Isaiah 40:8

Life Group Discussion - January 13th, 2018

Everything in life will end. Even the things with the highest probabilities are not certain in this life. Those who get perfect grades in school are still unhappy, and those that are safest still end up dying. But the one thing that will never change is the Word of God.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

#### God's Word is Forever

Our life is like the grass and the flowers; they quickly wilt and go away. So what is the one thing that will not die, what do we need to grab on to? It is only the Word of God.

In the city of Jericho, there was only one family that was saved from destruction, and it was the family of Rahab the prostitute. She was saved because she trusted and held on to the Word of God.

When difficulties come into our lives, do not think too much. Don't ponder different scenarios or fall into depression by thinking of different outcomes, just pray. God did not tell us to make plans, He told us to pray.

### God's Word is the Future

The Word of God is not to be taken lightly, it decides what happens in the future. Joshua made a declaration that anyone who tried to rebuild the walls of Jericho would lose their firstborn and anyone who tried to rebuild the gates would lose their youngest. Later we find out that a man named Hiel tried to rebuild, and he lost his two children.

## God's Word Builds our Life

Sometimes we pray and things go the opposite way of what we expect or want. But the only way to truly come close to the Lord is to pray and seek Him. So what should we do?

We must understand that all things in life are to build us to become better men and women of God. He does not forget us or intentionally try to hurt us by allowing obstacles and difficulties in our lives, those are there to build us into greater Christians.

Look at Jacob, who tricked and fooled his entire family. He later was tricked by his uncle, and through this he grew into a great man, he became known as Israel.

## **God's Word is from Jesus Christ**

We need to hear and understand the Word of God through understanding and knowing who Jesus Christ is. He came down from Heaven and saved us, and if we do not have a relationship with Him, all of this is meaningless.

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (Romans 10:17)

So pray and trust in Jesus, and He will guide your steps.

My brothers and sisters,

There is only one thing that will last forever in this world. Our bodies, our reputation, our money is like the grass...they will whither and die. But God is forever and He will last for all eternity. Do you believe this? Have you lived this way in 2018? Are you thinking this way for 2019? If you are not, then change. God's Word is the only thing that endures.

#### SHARING

- 1. There are many times in the Bible that God's Word became true. When was a time in your life when God's Word became true?
- 2. It doesn't matter what your faith was like up to this point, what matters is how you will respond to Him in this moment. What do you feel God is saying to you through this sermon?
- 3. Recently, you should have received a card where you can pray and seek what God's word or phrase is for you in 2019. Share what that word or phrase is.