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The Power of the Word

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Today's Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

COME TO THE BIBLE BECAUSE THE WORD IS ALIVE

- It is living and active
- Nobody who gets too close to the Word of God will ever be the same
- Be careful about letting the Bible get a hold on you; it might not let you go
- The Bible is the Living Word because of what it does in your life
 - It brings you into the Lord's presence
 - It seats you at the feet of Jesus
 - It dares you to trust Christ in everything

COME TO THE BIBLE BECAUSE THE WORD IS ACTIVE

- The Word of God is living and active
- You can discover the active power of the Word for yourself
- Whatever it touches, it changes
- The Bible dares to confront your life
 - It makes claims
 - It makes promises
 - It demands a reaction

COME TO THE BIBLE BECAUSE THE WORD EXPOSES

- It is sharper than a sword
- It will cut you so that it can heal you
 - By exposing your sin
 - By revealing what you try so hard to hide

- By breaking your heart
- By tearing off your mask

THE WORD GETS TO THE POINT

- It goes straight to the thoughts and intentions of the heart
- If you don't want to be exposed, stay away from the Bible. Don't touch it. It is dangerous.

THE LIVING WORD ONLY HAS ONE MISSION

- To change lives for all eternity by bringing you face to face with Jesus