



Week 3 of Challenge #4  
Week of July 26 – July 30  
Chapter 11

## WORD

Years ago, I once asked a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to write in their journals. This was the writing prompt: “What if you couldn’t go to school?” There was a myriad of answers, mostly words of joy at the thought of not going to school. But there was that one answer that I will never forget from a sincere Hispanic student that had recently come to the US. He said, if I didn’t have school I wouldn’t be able to learn. That was a profound statement.

Now as of this point, I’ve not even peeked into what Ann Spangler will be teaching us this week in chapter 11, but I know from the table of contents our name of Jesus this week is **WORD!** Here’s what thoughts keep popping in my mind. So.....for today’s thinking prompt I’m posing a most profound thought, what if the **WORD** had never become flesh and dwelt among us? John 1:1- “In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.”

- What if Jesus had never left His comfortable throne in heaven to walk among us and bear the weight of sin for us?
- What if Jesus had been unwilling to fulfill His ultimate purpose for all of mankind – dying on the rugged cross of Calvary so that we could be free?
- What if Jesus had changed His mind and decided He didn’t love us anymore?
- What if he had allowed Himself to be tempted by Satan and had succumbed to that temptation?
- What if He were unwilling to intercede to the Father on our behalf because He decided He was too busy doing other good things?
- What if He didn’t allow us to be part of His great big story because He has the power to do it all on His own?
- What if? What if? What if?

Thankfully, all these “what ifs” are wrapped up in the promises of God that are YES and AMEN! 1 Corinthians’s 1:20 says that “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” The what ifs were answered in the “it’s done, it’s finished which is “Grace” which is the “**Word!**” Summed up: Jesus the **WORD** became the GRACE of God offered for all! So that bids further “what if” questions requiring our response!

- Stats say that 82% of people that don't attend church would go to church if someone asked. What if you were that someone that became part of their coming-to-Jesus story?
- Stats say that only 2% of Christians are actually inviting people to come to church with them. Often times because of the fear of rejection. A "no" answer isn't a roadblock but a fork in the road for them. You aren't responsible for their decision. You are responsible for the ask. What if they say "no"? BUT what if they say "yes"? You may be the one to bring eternal hope to someone desperately seeking.
- Stats say that only about 5% of Christians actively share their faith. We at Evangelism Explosion have discovered first hand-our EE OJT (On-the-job-training) stats show that about 50% of the people we approach on the street allow us to share and about 50% of them make a profession of faith or an assurance of salvation. What if the 95% of Christians were actively sharing? How would this change our culture?

### ***Daily reflections as we consider our WORD:***

**Monday:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. What's keeping you from being Christ's ambassador? Ask Jesus, the **WORD** to give you courage and boldness to implore your friends and family to be reconciled to God.

**Tuesday:** Read Romans 12:6-8. What gifts has God equipped you with that you aren't using for His highest calling? Ask Jesus the **WORD** to highlight the gifts He has given you and to show you how you can use them to attract people to Him.

**Wednesday:** Read Isaiah 55:11 and I Corinthians 3:6-7: Ask Jesus the **WORD** to give you boldness to ask someone to come to church with you this week.

**Thursday:** Read Exodus 4:1-13. If you are His, you are qualified! You are the one! We've all be chosen by God to be His mouthpiece to the world. Forget the thoughts that say you can't! Hear the voice of Jesus, the **WORD** saying "You can!"

**Friday:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What if? Let your what ifs become God's promises wrapped up in "yes" and "amen"!

**EE Prayer Network  
Weekly Prayer Requests  
July 26, 2021**



**A**doration: Father you deserve our highest praise and worship and we bring it to You today!

O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth below; You keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart. (1 Kings 8:23; 2 Chronicles 6:14)

I know that You alone, whose name is the Lord, are the Most High over all the Earth. (Psalm 83:18)

- Yahweh, we adore you for being alive and near, and eternally present!
- LORD of hosts, we are most impressed with your faithfulness; the way that you keep your promises is awe inspiring. We adore the fact that you build our lives on the promises that you give us and that your promises are a sure foundation for our lives. You have granted to us Your precious and magnificent promises so that by them we may become partakers of your divine nature.
- Word of God, we praise You for leaving your royal inheritance and living a perfect, sinless life so that we might become your ambassadors.
- God Almighty, we are amazed that you are faultless; we never have to fear finding you to be anything but truthful and full of integrity. Our perfect example! The perfect Lamb of God!
- We praise You our God, all glory and honor to you the Lamb that was slain and has taken our sins and has cleansed every stain.
- Hallelujah and honor we give to You, alone.

***Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.***

**C**onfession: In light of your promised forgiveness we honestly admit the following sins:

A person's wickedness will punish him;  
His backsliding will reprove him.  
I know, therefore, and see that it is evil and bitter  
To forsake You, the Lord my God,  
And have no fear of You. (Jeremiah 2:19)

- Father, forgive your church for the division and strife that is ever apparent. Forgive us and help us to focus our attention on unity and oneness as you desire. We need to be ONE so that the whole world may hear.
- God, we call to you, confessing the many times we fail to recognize you in our daily lives. Sometimes shame tightens our hearts and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes we allow fear to keep us from being strong. Sometimes doubt causes hopelessness and we forget the Your power.
- Holy God, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. We carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a courageous witness for you. Remind us to be who You would have us to be regardless of what we are doing and who we are with.
- God forgive us for forgetting your many benefits and blessings that you pour out daily. We quickly pass over your blessings on our lives, our churches, and our nation. God, remind us when we forget that it is your good hand that is upon us.
- Lord, forgive the walls we build up to protect us from our enemies because those walls shut us off from receiving your love. Break down these walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through

the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you.

***Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.***

**T**hanksgiving - Our mouths will speak in praise of the Lord!

#### **Praise God For:**

- the **HFK Launch** at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Ripon CA where Christine Thompson taught 5 people. Praise God all participants were excited and encouraged with the training presented. Theresa is going to use training to connect with a local preschool director and try to implement HFK concepts for preschool age kids for weekly programming.
- for HFK going weekly at Iglesia de Dios Comunidad de Amor Tucson, AZ
- for HFK going weekly at Whittier Church of God with 30-40 children Whittier, NC
- for HFK going weekly at Alianza Cristiana y Misionera El buen Pastor Mission, TX
- the Transformational Leadership coaching program as it moves forward into Phase 2, getting National Directors around the world to be coached.
- the COVID restrictions are being lifted and the interest of pastors is increasing greatly for EE training.
- for the growth that is taking place in people's prayer journey through the impact of Ann Spangler's book **Praying the Names of Jesus** and the prayer connections being made through the network.

**S**upplication- The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

- all of the plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2022.
- many on-site prayer warriors to cover each Equip America training.
- all of the plans associated with the **Equip America** on Aug 28th in Manteca CA, Wilmar MN, and Dale City VA. Pray for Pastors to be encouraged and challenged to equip their churches to share the Gospel.
- the TDC Bolivia Training at Seminario Teológico Presbiteriano in Santa Cruz Bolivia July 5 - 31.
- for pastor's and churches who are under attack by divisive people within and outside of Your churches. We pray for unity in the Spirit through the bond of peace. Remind us to pray for our enemies.
- for Godly wisdom for the leaders in America. We pray that the Holy Spirit would guide all governmental officials in decisions of all kinds.
- for You to raise up bold and courageous leaders who are willing to go to the dark places to spread the light of Jesus.
- for the HFK's training at Brookstone Church in Weaverville NC that begins Aug 11 for 13 weeks!
- Marla Howell as she helps to lead the weekly HFK with Ronda at First Baptist Church with 60-70 children Newcastle, OK
- for Discovery Week August 2 – 5, this is orientation for EE Missionary Candidates, a time for them to find out more about joining EE and searching for God's will for their lives.
- For true revival that moves believers to love You above the world and its sinful ways.

**(Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope For Kids, Mentoring for Multiplication)**

<b>SYFW</b>	7/30-31/21	First Baptist Church	Liberty TX
<b>SYFW</b>	7/31/21	New Life Baptist Church	Norlina NC
<b>SYFW</b>	8/11-29-21	Vietnamese Alliance Church	Orlando FL
<b>SYFW</b>	8/18/21	Trinity Lutheran Church	Atchison KS
<b>SYFW</b>	8/21/21	First Baptist Church of Rogers	Rogers AR
<b>SYFW</b>	8/21/21	Destination Church	Fletcher NC
<b>SYFW</b>	8/21/21	Philema Road Baptist Church	Leesburg GA
<b>SYFW</b>	8/21/21	St. Thomas Evangelical Church	Warminster PA
<b>SYFW</b>	8/28/21	Lakeview Baptist Church	Delray FL
<b>SYFW</b>	9/4/21	First Baptist Church	Clarendon AR
<b>SYFW</b>	9/18/21	Trinity Lutheran Church	Atchison KS
<b>SYFW</b>	9/18/21	Harmony Community Church	Peachland NC
<b>EV2 Launch</b>	8/6 – 8/7	Brookstone	Asheville NC
<b>EV2 Launch</b>	8/19 - 8/20	First Baptist Church	Rogers AR
<b>MFM</b>	8/13 -14/21	Online	Arden NC
<b>XEE</b>	9/10-11/21	New Geneva Community Church	Paducah KY
<b>XEE</b>	10/14-16/21	CC Palabra de Vida	Raleigh NC