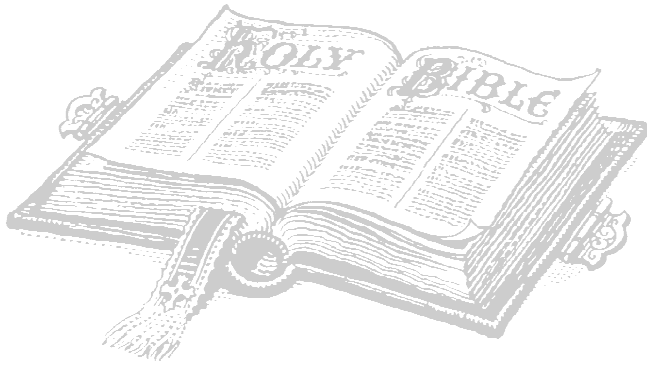


# Read Your Bible Every Day



## God spoke to me! Here's what happened ...

Although I was brought up in a Christian family and became a Christian when I was 16, there came a time in my life when, for many years, I deliberately avoided reading the Bible. I was petrified that God would use it to penetrate my defences and reveal my disobedience. (Somewhere along the line I had overlooked the fact that that He might also choose to speak to me of His love and His willingness to forgive my disobedience).

The trouble was that I was not willing to submit my will to His will and I knew very well that there would be a conflict of interests if I opened myself up to God's word.

As it turned out, I couldn't have been more wrong. The first time I came to Moulton Church, I was overwhelmed by the relevance of God's word; it spoke directly to my heart; it had life; it had power; it engaged me; and it produced the desired effect of changing my attitude from stubborn disobedience into joyful submission to God. No conflict of interest, he simply changed my heart.

As we read in Hebrews 4:12, God's word is living ... active ... powerful ... penetrating ... revealing. Maybe that sounds scary to you, as it did to me, but be reassured that the Bible is only scary if we approach it thinking that we know better than God.

So, as Peter's final sermon encouraged us as a church family to depend upon God's word, to turn to it for guidance and to support one another in growing towards spiritual maturity, my encouragement for us all would be to:

Read God's word every day. Even just a few verses. Every little helps!

Join a home group and get the most out of our home group studies. Let's endeavour to read the study notes in advance and bring our questions!

Sign up for the Day conference on 8th October 'The God of Love in a World of Suffering'.

Go along to the Mum's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings or the Women's Bible Study on Friday mornings.

If you've never done the Christianity Explored course, go along and find out what it means to be a Christian - straight from God's word. Or take a friend who may be interested in finding out more.

Use some of the excellent tools available for digging deeper into the Bible. These will help with our understanding of difficult passages and provide a structure for more effective study. See 'Dig Deeper' by Andrew Sachs **ISBN-10: 1844741036** and 'God's Big Picture' by Vaughan Roberts **ISBN-10: 1844743705**

If we want God to speak to us, we need to read the Bible. It's that simple.

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