

## “Great Relationships”

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

“You could always forgive him,” said a woman to her cousin and  
*those five words changed everything!*

**The Power of Words:** What we hear can effect profound change in our lives.

### **Romans 10:13-15 and the radical effects of receiving the Word of God:**

Sent > preach > hear > believe > call upon the name of the Lord > be saved.

### **1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 and the radical effects (v 13) of receiving the Word of God:**

#1 ...often lets us in for persecution and suffering. (vv 14-16)

#2 ...enables us to endure. (v 14)

#3 ...causes believers to bond deeply and to be sources of joy to others—both now and when Jesus appears. (vv13, 17-20)

**Core Truth:** *Receiving the Word of God in faith...effects profound changes in us—radical transformation is the norm.*

**Is it possible that God has a Word from His Word specifically for you today—that He wants to affect profound change in you beginning today by something He said?**

James 4:6, 7	Matthew 6:33	Philippians 4:4-9
Luke 11:4	Matthew 22:37-39	Romans 10:13
Luke 12:32	Matthew 5:28	Matthew 28:16-20
Romans 8:15	1 Peter 1:16	1 Timothy 6:17-19
Luke 12:15	Ephesians 5:25	Ephesians 5:22
Romans 10:13	Ephesians 6:1	Ephesians 6:4

**Now** we have 6 ½ days to allow His Word to do its work inside of us—to submit to profound change inside of each one of us.

# “Walking Papers”

*Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.*

**Core Truth:** *Receiving the Word of God in faith...effects profound changes in us—radical transformation is the norm.*

**Please read:** 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 every day this week.

- **Today.** Can you list five times in your life when words have affected profound change in your life? Were they Words from the Bible or words from others or both?
- **Monday.** Have you “received the Word of God in faith” regarding salvation through faith in Christ and regarding obedience to the Word? What does Colossians 2:6, 7 contribute in regard to faith for salvation and faith for everyday living?
- **Tuesday.** Is there any way in which the Words of the Bible have let you in for persecution? If so how and if so what does the Bible say about dealing with persecution?
- **Wednesday.** How do the Words from the Bible help us with enduring difficulties?
- **Thursday.** How do the Words of the Bible help us in deep bonding with other Christians?
- **Friday.** Please read Romans 10:13-15. What strikes you about the affect of the Word in lives of those who hear and accept It?
- **Saturday.** Which area of life do you most desperately need God to transform your life through the Word? Will you scour the Bible for His Words that speak to this area and submit to those Words?

**Note for Connection Groups:** *The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: [www.cypressbible.org](http://www.cypressbible.org) (Quick Menu / Connect / Sermon Based Small Group Material).*