

As much as we love reading the Bible for its own value, we must remember that our fellowship is not with the Book itself, but with its Author. The purpose of Scripture is to enable us to fellowship with Him who is the Word of Life. The Bible is more than a textbook, more than a storybook, more than a guidebook, and more than a songbook. It is a living Book that brings us into the presence of a living Saviour.

The late pastor, A. W. Tozer, wrote: "As we come to the Word of God, we do not come just for information; we come for an encounter with the living Word of God.... I will not settle for just the text. I want to see beyond that text and encounter Christ - the Word of Life." Our study of the written Word reveals the living Word. The next time you open your Bible, think of it as a conversation in which the Author is speaking through His Book personally to you.

1 John 1:1 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of Life."