

A silhouette of a person standing in a dark, blue-toned environment, holding a glowing lantern in their right hand. The person is facing right, and the lantern's light illuminates the scene. The background is a deep blue gradient, suggesting a night sky or a dark landscape.

HOW TO HEAR FROM **GOD**

THROUGH SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

GOD'S WORD IS MEANT TO BE APPLIED

GOD'S WORD IS NOT MERELY INTENDED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION; IT IS MEANT TO BRING TRANSFORMATION. WHILE THE BIBLE CONTAINS WISDOM, HISTORY, AND INSTRUCTION, ITS ULTIMATE PURPOSE IS TO **SHAPE OUR HEARTS, RENEW OUR MINDS, AND GUIDE OUR LIVES**. SCRIPTURE IS LIVING AND ACTIVE (HEBREWS 4:12), DESIGNED NOT JUST TO BE READ BUT TO BE APPLIED, LEADING US INTO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND A LIFE THAT REFLECTS HIS TRUTH. **IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE BUT ABOUT EXPERIENCING GOD'S PRESENCE, WALKING IN OBEDIENCE, AND BEING TRANSFORMED BY HIS TRUTH.**

A silhouette of a person holding a glowing lantern against a dark blue background. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the lantern is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is a solid dark blue color.

GOD'S WORD IS OBJECTIVE NOT SUBJECTIVE

BECAUSE IT IS ABSOLUTE TRUTH,
UNCHANGING AND INDEPENDENT
OF PERSONAL FEELINGS,
OPINIONS, OR CULTURAL SHIFTS.
IT PROVIDES A FIRM FOUNDATION
AND A STANDARD FOR RIGHT AND
WRONG THAT TRANSCENDS
HUMAN PERSPECTIVES, GUIDING
US WITH CLARITY AND
AUTHORITY.

PSALM 119:98,104-105

[98] YOUR COMMANDS MAKE ME WISER THAN MY ENEMIES, FOR THEY ARE MY CONSTANT GUIDE.

[104] YOUR COMMANDMENTS GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING; NO WONDER I HATE EVERY FALSE WAY OF LIFE.

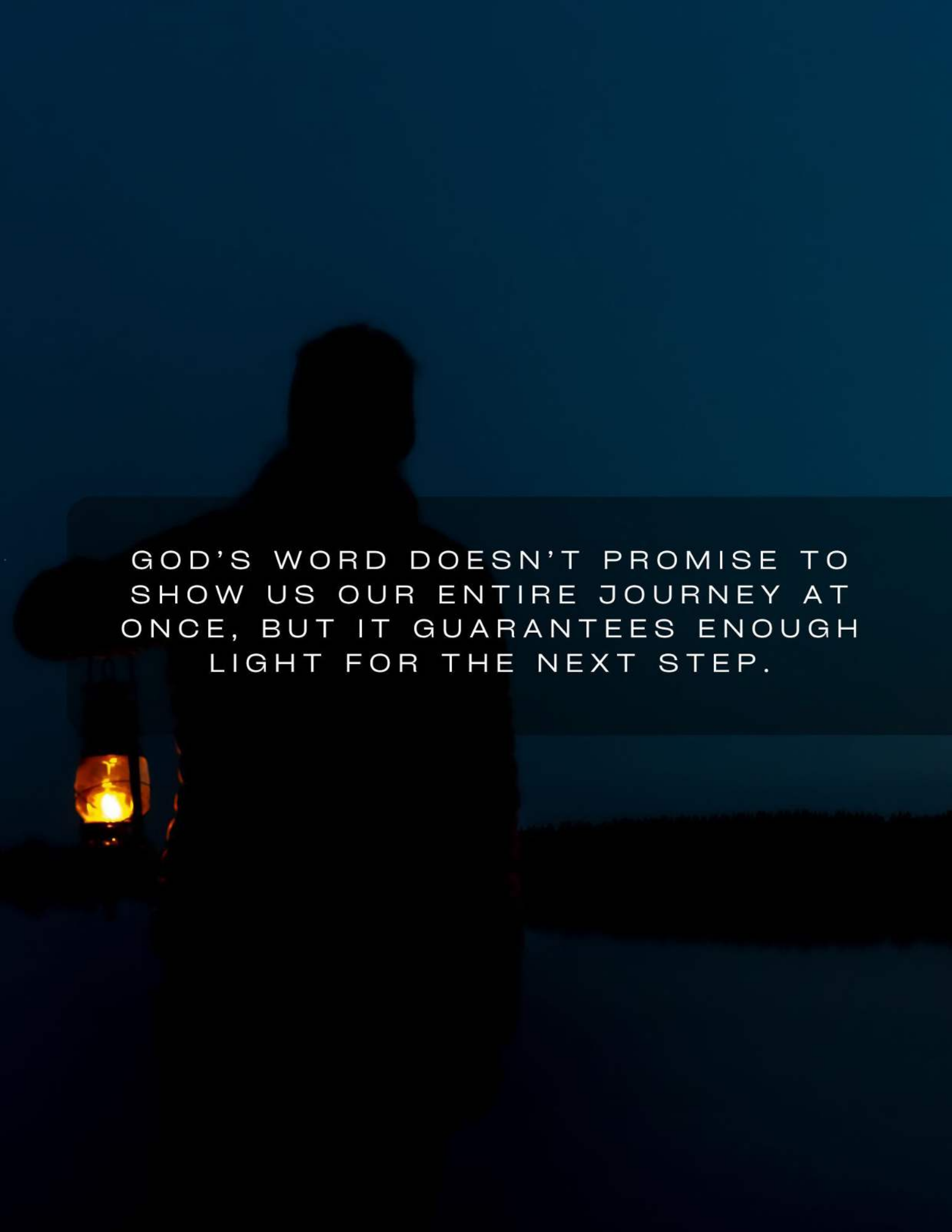
[105] YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO GUIDE MY FEET AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.

A silhouette of a person holding a glowing lantern against a dark blue background. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, and the lantern is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is a deep, dark blue, suggesting a night sky or a dark interior. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

“YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH.”

• **LAMP TO MY FEET** – GIVES LIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE STEPS, GUIDING OUR DAILY CHOICES.

• **LIGHT TO MY PATH** – PROVIDES A LONG-TERM VISION OF GOD’S DIRECTION IN OUR LIVES.

A dark blue background with a silhouette of a person on the left side, holding a glowing lantern. The person is facing right. The lantern is lit, casting a warm yellow glow. The background is a gradient of dark blue, with a horizontal band of slightly lighter blue across the middle. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

GOD'S WORD DOESN'T PROMISE TO
SHOW US OUR ENTIRE JOURNEY AT
ONCE, BUT IT GUARANTEES ENOUGH
LIGHT FOR THE NEXT STEP.



(PSALM 119:98-105)

**GOD'S WORD MAKES US WISER
THAN OUR ENEMIES (VS 98)**

**GOD'S WORD GIVES US
UNDERSTANDING (VS 104)**

**GOD'S WORD CAUSES US TO HATE
THE FALSE WAY OF LIFE (VS 104)**

**GOD'S WORD DIRECTS OUR
STEPS AND SHOWS US THE
WAY. (VS 105)**

A person is silhouetted against a dark blue background, holding a glowing lantern. The lantern's light illuminates the person's hand and the text below. The text is presented in three paragraphs, each centered on the page.

GOD'S WORD DOESN'T PROMISE TO
SHOW US OUR ENTIRE JOURNEY AT
ONCE, BUT IT GUARANTEES ENOUGH
LIGHT FOR THE NEXT STEP.

WALKING IN FAITH MEANS TRUSTING
HIS GUIDANCE EVEN WHEN WE DON'T
SEE THE FULL PICTURE.

THE MORE WE LEAN INTO HIS WORD,
THE MORE CLEARLY WE SEE THE PATH
BEFORE US.

A silhouette of a person stands in the dark, holding a glowing lantern in their right hand. The lantern emits a warm, yellow light, illuminating the person's hand and the lower part of their body. The background is a deep, dark blue, suggesting a night sky or a dark landscape. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

BE FAITHFUL IN YOUR NOW

A silhouette of a person holding a glowing lantern, set against a dark blue background. The person is facing right, and the lantern is in their right hand, casting a warm, yellow light. The background is a gradient of dark blue, with a faint horizon line visible in the lower half.

JOHN 8:12 CEB

**"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER
FOLLOWS ME WON'T WALK IN DARKNESS
BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."**

MESSAGE DISCUSSION

1. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SEE GOD'S WORD AS MORE THAN JUST INFORMATION? WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF READING, UNDERSTANDING, AND APPLYING SCRIPTURE IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD'S WORD IS UNCHANGING AND ABSOLUTE (OBJECTIVE NOT SUBJECTIVE) RATHER THAN BASED ON PERSONAL OPINIONS OR EMOTIONS? WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT FOR OUR FAITH? HOW DOES THIS CHALLENGE THE POPULAR CULTURAL MESSAGES LIKE "FOLLOW YOUR HEART" OR "DO WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY"?

3. PSALM 119:105 SAYS GOD'S WORD IS A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH. HOW IS GOD'S WORD A LIGHT FOR OUR PATH? HOW HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED GOD'S WORD GUIDING YOUR OWN LIFE?

4. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD GIVES US JUST ENOUGH LIGHT FOR THE NEXT STEP INSTEAD OF SHOWING US THE WHOLE JOURNEY AT ONCE?

5. VERSE 98 SAYS THAT GOD'S WORD MAKES US WISER THAN OUR ENEMIES. HOW CAN SCRIPTURE HELP US NAVIGATE CHALLENGES, TEMPTATIONS, OR DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS?

6. VERSE 104 SAYS GOD'S WORD HELPS US HATE EVERY FALSE WAY OF LIFE. HOW DOES GOD'S WORD HELP US RECOGNIZE AND TURN AWAY FROM THINGS THAT DON'T ALIGN WITH GOD'S TRUTH?

MESSAGE DISCUSSION

7. WHAT ARE SOME COMMON WAYS PEOPLE TODAY RELY ON FEELINGS OR CULTURE INSTEAD OF GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD? HOW CAN WE STAY GROUNDED IN TRUTH?

8. HOW CAN WE APPLY THE TRUTH THAT SCRIPTURE IS NOT JUST FOR KNOWLEDGE BUT FOR TRANSFORMATION IN OUR DAILY LIVES?

9. JOHN 8:12 SAYS JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. HOW DOES FOLLOWING HIM KEEP US FROM WALKING IN DARKNESS?

PERSONAL DISCUSSION

WHAT ARE SOME PRACTICAL WAYS YOU CAN INTENTIONALLY RELY ON GOD'S WORD TO SHAPE YOUR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?

HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO TRUST GOD'S GUIDANCE & VIEW GOD'S WORD AS A LIGHT GUIDE IN THE DARK?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE SURE YOU'RE ALLOWING GOD'S WORD TO TRANSFORM YOUR HEART IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE?