



**M- Maintain A Firm Grip On The Word Of God**  
**(Psalm 19 & Psalm 119)**  
Sunday, March 10, 2019 AVBC 10:30 am

- A** Acknowledge Christ's power to make a way through the maze.  
**M** **Maintain** a firm grip on the Word of God.  
**A** Accept the support of others along the way.  
**Z** Zoom in on the good stuff in your life.  
**I** Ignore the stuff that is cluttering up your life.  
**N** Navigate your next step by heading towards God's grace.  
**G** Grab hold of the One who understands the struggle you are going through.  
**!** Place your hope in the God of surprising outcomes!

**1. In the midst of the maze I need God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Heb. 4:12)*

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. (II Timothy 4:1,2)*

**2. In the midst of the maze I need \_\_\_\_\_ amongst cacophony.**

*I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:14-17)*

**3. In the midst of the maze I need ongoing doses of \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. In the midst of the maze I need enlightenment to make wise**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)*

The BIBLE is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. In the midst of the maze I need \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.**

*How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. (Psalm 119:9-10)*

This book will keep you from \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ will keep you from this book.

**6. In the midst of the maze I need personal \_\_\_\_\_.**

*My soul cleaves to the dust; Revive me according to Thy word. (Psalm 119:25)*

*This is my comfort in my affliction, that Thy word has revived me. (Psalm 119:50)*

**DIGGING DEEPER**

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Can you think of a time in your life when your failure to "read the instructions" created problems? If so, explain.

Q2: Pastor Dave mentioned that when you are in the middle of a maze the problem is not just "out there"; it's "in here". What are some of internal struggles that a maze can create or reveal?

Q3: II Timothy 4:2 tells us that God will use His Word to *correct, rebuke and encourage*. Can you think of a specific time when a particular passage of scripture impacted your life in one of those three ways? If so, explain.

Q3: Why do you think we may be more susceptible to temptation when in the midst of a maze?

Q4: What do the following verses teach you about the importance of God's Word as it relates to how we think? Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:8, II Corinthians 10:5, Colossians 3:2-5.

Q5: What does the following quote by C.S. Lewis say to you about how we might be tempted to think in a maze? ...*"Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition, when infinite joy is offered to us; like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."*

Q6: Have you ever experienced or witnessed a real-life heart attack? What happened? What was your response? What can this teach us about responding to spiritual heart failure?

Q7: II Tim. 4:2 warns those who "preach/herald" the Word of God to do so with "great patience and careful instruction". Why do you think patience & care are vital to teaching others biblical truth?

Q8: What practical and specific things do you do or need to do in order to "get a grip" on the Word of God?