

# **This is the Day...Monday**

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## **Let the Word Find You**

*“Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.” (Psalm 51:15-17)*

In my years as a pastor, there have been times when I was also the leader of the youth group of the church. I would organize and lead youth activities as well as leading the youth Bible study time each week. I always enjoyed my time with the teenagers. They were old enough to communicate their feelings and concerns but still trying to connect their life experiences to God and His Word. One of the exercises I used to play with them was a Bible activity I called Word Find. It is not the same word find puzzles that you find in books or newspapers. In my Word Find game, the teenager would work to allow the Word to find them. God’s Word.

In the exercise, I would ask the teens to hold their Bible in their hands and simply close their eyes and think about a situation in which they needed guidance. Maybe they were worried about something or having a relationship problem. While they were quietly sitting and thinking about their life, with their eyes still closed, I asked them to open up their Bible to a random page and begin reading the first verse that caught their attention. I told them to read until the Holy Spirit guided them to a verse that spoke to their situation. Now, my goal was simply to get these young folks to open their Bible’s and read something. But I was always amazed at how the teens would find verses that spoke directly to them in their situation. Through the exercise, they learned the power of God’s Word through the Holy Spirit to lead and guide our lives in every situation. Each time a young person would begin reading a verse that spoke to their situation, I would say, “The Word has found you!”

Sometimes situations occur in our lives that leave us speechless. Unable to find the words to make the situation better. We seek counsel from family and friends, but their words fall short and do not guide us to the path we should take. In those times of confusion and searching, it is best to allow God’s Word to be our guide. It doesn’t take sacrifice for God to guide you. He has already provided the miracle of His Word for you. It takes a contrite heart and a willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to the Word for you.

On this day God has given you, quietly go to God’s Word. Allow the Word to speak to you and guide you in your situation. Stop trying to find the words and let the Word find you.