



MEN OF SHADES

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

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### "LOVING THE WORD"

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My name is Mike Bowman, and my wife and I have been members at Shades for the last 5 years or so. One of my favorite programs at Shades is Man Church, as that was the initial draw for me to our wonderful church. Here is the text of a recent daily devotional entitled "Loving the Word" from Dr. David Jeremiah and is worth sharing.

#### **Psalm 1:2 "but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law, he meditates day and night."**

Pastor Nick Hall wrote an op-ed during last year's quarantine and admitted, "For several years of my Christian life I did not love God's Word...I read the Bible. I knew it. I preached it. But I didn't love it. And I came to the point where I had to repent and say, 'God, I don't love Your Word.'"

His heart warmed to Scripture, and his mind began to crave his time of reading the Bible. In his article, Pastor Hall suggested we (1) set aside time to meet with God; (2) meditate on God's Word; (3) use resources to guide our reading; and (4) read with others.

"Consider this," he said, "the Bible has the ability to change your confidence, your authority, your anxiety, your depression, your relationships and your generosity. Meditating on God's Word is about hearing God's voice."

Do you have a regular daily time for prayer and Bible study? Those who read and meditate on Scripture are like trees whose roots reach down into the canals and rivers for constant hydration. Their branches don't wither, and their fruit never ceases.

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