Sermon Notes - The Word of God Gives Everlasting Life to Our Lives Hebrews 4:12-13; Isaiah 55:11; Romans 8:13; Matthew 13:18-23

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13

I. The Word of God is God Acting in Our Lives (Hebrews 4:12-13)

- Advice and direction from our earthly fathers are given us through their words.

(Actions, like ______ and _____ emphasize the words.)

- God's Word urges and empowers us to leave the ______ and do the ______

- Nothing enters our lives like the Word of God. It enlivens and shapes our souls, minds and bodies.

- God's Word creates _____.

- God's Word exposes all ______ and _____ in our lives, in souls, minds and bodies.

- God's Word is God's presence among us. The Holy Spirit is connected to the Word,

reminding us what God has and *is* ______ us. (John 14:26)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26

II. God's Word in Our Lives <u>*Will*</u> Guide Us to Know and Do God's _____

- Isaiah 55:11 teaches us that God uses His Word to do His _____

- If we want God's will in our lives, God clearly teaches we should have His ____

in our lives.

III. The Holy Spirit works true, eternal life in our lives.

- Romans 8:13 - Paul teaches us that if we live according to our own minds, and according to the thinking of this world (the flesh) — we are dead and we will die eternally.

- However, the Holy Spirit identifies and shows us what is ______ us before God. The Holy Spirit shows us and empowers us to be living before God.

- The Holy Spirit uses nothing else but the Word of God to clear out sin and death and bring to us divine life. This is the exact design and purpose of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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IV. Jesus clearly teaches us that ______ from God's Word kills us.

- The Holy Spirit puts God's Word into our souls, minds and bodies.

- If the ______ is *allowed* to take away the Word, the person will die now & forever. - Temptations like:

"God's Word has changed; is wrong; doesn't allow; is out of date."

- If because of tribulation or persecution a person ______ "peace" instead of God Word, the person will die now & forever.

- If God's Word is neglected because of "cares" of this world, the person will die now & forever.

- If one hears and understands the Word of God (does it!), the person will live now and