

Hebrews 4:2 Combining the WORD with Faith

"For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith" (NIV).

The WORD (the commands, promises, and teachings of God) is of no value if it is not combined with faith. A person would be better off not picking up the WORD if they are not willing to combine it with faith. We can know the WORD--Impress people with our knowledge--Put it on a shelf, so to speak, and show it off--Yet if we don't combine it with faith, it is of no value. What would it look like in your life if you began to combine the commands of God with faith? What would it look like in your life if you began to combine the promises of God with faith? What would it look like in your life if you began to combine the teachings of God with faith?

Remember the orange I told some of you about that I found along the way. What if I picked it up and began to admire it, shined it up, and then put it in my pocket and walked away. What if when I got home I put it on my mantle and began to brag to my family and neighbors on what a fine orange I had found along the way? What value would that be? When I found the orange I was thirsty, hungry, and in need of life. What benefit would the orange be if I only beheld it and never partook of it? What value would it be to my thirst? In the same way, if I pick up the WORD (the commands, promises, and teachings of God) and never eat of it, will it satisfy my thirst and hunger? Will it give me the life that I seek?

"Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it Says" (James 1:22).

What is your next step?