



## **“I have hidden your Word in my heart...” Psalm 119:11**

A little trivia ..... Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Bible and also the longest chapter, with 176 verses.

Do you know what the theme of that Psalm is? It’s learning to love and apply God’s Word in our lives.

There are 22 sections. Each section talks about one aspect of our spiritual relationship with God. Our verse today comes from the section that speaks of **how to keep out of trouble**:

*“How can a young person (old people, too) keep their way pure?  
By living according to your Word.  
I seek You with all my heart:  
Do not let me stray from Your commands.”*

The rest of this section tells us God’s Word is VALUABLE ... we call it the **BIBLE**.

*“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.  
Praise be to You, O Lord: teach me Your decrees.  
With my lips I recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.  
I rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.  
I meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.  
I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your Word.”*

Let’s face it! Not all of us are that excited about the Bible as this writer. How much do we “meditate on Your precepts” or “delight in Your decrees”? Do we “neglect Your Word?”

At JOY we are so excited about our **40 Days in the Word** campaign. This will be a time to :

- **Love** the Word like you never have before
- **Learn** the Word like you never have before
- **Live** the Word like you never have before

Hopefully you have already committed to participate at all three levels:

- Attend each Sunday worship service during the 6 weeks
- Dedicate a quiet time each day for 6 weeks to meditate on the selected verse(s) from the study manual.
- Commit to a time each week for 6 weeks, to meet with a group to watch the DVD teaching and wrestle with a few questions.

Make a point to attend church on Sunday to hear more about this wonderful opportunity. Or call Pastor John right now and get more information.