I Hope in Your Word – Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- This has been the week of Thanksgiving, and I want us to be thankful for the Word of God.
- The frequency, the availability of God's word should not diminish the awe that we feel when we think and read the Word of God.
- I want to encourage you to use it, to read it, to make it a vital part of your lives.

1 Because You Are God

Psalm 119:12

- Because you are God, teach me your statutes.
- He declared him to be God, declared him to be Lord, and said, Because of that fact, teach me your statutes.
- This is where we go to be introduced to God. Here's where we go to learn about God.

2 Because You Love Me

Psalm 119:64

- If you feel your faith waning and diminishing even slightly, this ought to be your motivation for reading the Word of God.
- That faith is going to grow and be replenished when you are reminded of the constant love of God.
- Not only did he love them before he judged them, but he loved them after he judged them.
- That's not only how God loved them, but that's how God loves me.

3 You Are Good and Do Good

Psalm 119:68; Acts 14:17

- You are good and do good. Teach me your statutes.
- The doing good is emphasizing the outward manifestation of that love.
- I need to be reminded that he is good and he does good.
- Nevertheless, he did not leave himself without witness, in that he did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.
- We don't only see the power of God, but we also see the goodness of God in those miracles.
- What would God do to those who are hurting physically? He would heal them. What will he do to the dead? He'll raise them from the dead.

4 Because I Want Your Approval

Psalm 119:33–34; John 14:15; 1 Corinthians 13

- Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

- I want to know your statutes so that I can do something about it.
- I approach them with thanksgiving because I need something to show God how much I love him.
- Thank you, God, for telling me and showing me something that I can do for you.
- If you love me, keep my commandments.
- Give me a commandment to keep. Give me a burden to bear. Give me a cross to carry. Because I want your approval.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you come to Him in obedience this morning? Would you say to God, Teach me your statutes?**

MY NOTES