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Faith & Trust

## God's Word in Divine Appointments

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

Some time ago, I had an appointment—Scripture shows that God also works through appointed moments. In key Bible stories, God sends His word to bring healing, fulfill what seems impossible, and deliver those trapped in destructive bondage. This study traces how God's word arrives with authority, and how people respond when restoration comes.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Psalms 107:20

Mark 5:2-20

Genesis 18:9-14

Psalms 1:7

## Key Takeaways

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- God can turn an appointment into a moment of divine intervention through His word.
- God's word is not only information—it is power that heals and rescues (Psalms 107:20).
- Deliverance can be dramatic, but its fruit is restoration to wholeness and stability (Mark 5:2-20).
- God's promises confront human limits and unbelief with His timing and faithfulness (Genesis 18:9-14).
- God's word calls for a response: receive it, align to it, and live out its outcome.

## Introduction

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Life is full of scheduled moments—meetings, visits, and conversations. Scripture reveals that God also works through appointed moments, not as accidents of timing but as occasions where He initiates restoration. In these passages, God sends His word with authority: to bring healing, to bring deliverance from destruction and bondage, and to fulfill a promise that human reasoning labels “impossible.” This study focuses on recognizing God’s initiative ...

initiative and responding in faith and obedience when His word comes.

## Scripture Reading

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- **Psalms 107:20** — A concise testimony of God’s method: He sends His word to heal and to deliver from destruction.
- **Mark 5:2-20** — A narrative of Jesus confronting severe bondage and restoring a tormented man to peace, dignity, and a renewed life.

## Scripture Reading (cont.)

- **Genesis 18:9-14** — God reaffirms His promise with appointed timing, addressing doubt and asking whether anything is too hard for the Lord.
- **Psalms 1:7** — Read as provided for reflection on living by God's word and letting it shape an aligned life.

## Key Points

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1. **Recognize the Appointment Moment** — Genesis 18:9-14 portrays a moment that looks ordinary on the surface—visitors asking questions—yet it becomes an appointment where God's promise is spoken with clarity and timing. The passage highlights that God is not limited to "religious" settings; He can speak into real life with specific purpose. This kind of divine appointment begins with God's initiative. The key shift is moving from trying to control outcomes to learning attentiveness: God may use

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## Key Points (cont.)

1. **Recognize the Appointment Moment (cont.)** — a moment to surface what is hidden (fear, doubt, fatigue) and then address it with His word. A practical marker of an appointment moment is when God's word confronts both unbelief and resignation. The promise does not ignore human limitation; it exposes it and then reorients attention to God's ability and timing.
  - Pray for alertness to recognize when God may be arranging an appointment moment in ordinary life.
  - When doubt rises, name it honestly before God and bring it under His promise rather than letting it quietly rule decisions.
  - Practice listening to Scripture with expectation: ask, "What is God initiating here?" not only "What should I do?"
  - Write down one area that feels "too hard" and place it alongside the question in Genesis 18:14 as a faith exercise.

Scripture: Genesis 18:9-14

## Key Points (cont.)

2. God Sends His Word to Heal — Psalms 107:20 ties healing directly to God's word: God sends His word, and the word does real work—healing and rescuing from destruction. This emphasizes God's active involvement, not merely human effort or optimism. The verse also connects healing with deliverance: rescue from destruction is not only relief from pain but a reversal of a downward path. God's word interrupts what is collapsing and introduces restoration. Because healing is anchored in God's word, the response is more than seeking a change in circumstances; it is ...

## Key Points (cont.)

2. God Sends His Word to Heal (cont.) — receiving what God speaks and trusting His authority to restore what has been damaged.
  - Read Psalms 107:20 slowly and turn it into a prayer for healing and rescue in specific areas of need.
  - Identify one “destructive” pattern (thoughts, habits, relationships) and ask God to send His word to interrupt it.
  - Choose a practice of steady Scripture intake that keeps God’s word central rather than occasional in crisis.
  - When facing need, speak Scripture back to God in prayer as an act of trust in His word.

Scripture: Psalms 107:20

## Key Points (cont.)

3. God's Word Breaks Bondage and Restores Wholeness — Mark 5:2-20

shows a person trapped in severe bondage, isolated and harmed by forces beyond self-control. The encounter with Jesus demonstrates that deliverance is not a theory; it is a decisive intervention of God's authority into a destructive situation. The fruit of deliverance in the passage is clear and observable: the man is no longer defined by torment, chaos, or isolation. He is described as restored to stability and soundness, able to sit, relate, and live differently. Restoration is not merely the absence

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## Key Points (cont.)

3. God's Word Breaks Bondage and Restores Wholeness (cont.) — of oppression; it is the return of dignity and a renewed life. The narrative also highlights that responses to God's intervention can differ: some fear change and push it away, while the delivered person desires closeness to Jesus. God's word calls each person and community to value restoration over familiarity with brokenness.
- Ask God to reveal areas of bondage that have been normalized and bring them into the light through prayer and Scripture.
  - Look for “fruit of deliverance” to cultivate: stability, self-control, restored relationships, and a sound mind.
  - If fear arises when God changes something, confess it and ask for courage to welcome restoration.
  - Share a simple testimony of God's restoring work when appropriate, focusing on the changed life rather than dramatic details.

Scripture: Mark 5:2-20

## Key Points (cont.)

4. God's Promise Confronts Impossibility with His Timing — Genesis 18:9-14  
brings the tension between human limitation and divine promise into focus. The promise seems impossible from a human perspective, and the passage does not hide the reality of doubt. Instead, God addresses it directly. The central question—whether anything is too hard for the Lord—reorients faith. It shifts attention away from measuring circumstances and toward trusting God's power and faithfulness. The appointment moment is not only about receiving a promise, but also about having one's perspective corrected. God also emphasizes His ...

## Key Points (cont.)

4. God's Promise Confronts Impossibility with His Timing (cont.) — timing: the promise is tied to an appointed season. This protects faith from two extremes—forcing outcomes prematurely or giving up entirely. Waiting becomes active trust anchored in God's word.
  - When facing “impossible” situations, replace outcome-control with surrender: “God, I trust Your promise and Your timing.”
  - Distinguish between God’s delay and God’s denial by returning to what He has actually spoken in Scripture.
  - Ask: “What would obedience look like while waiting?” and take one faithful step rather than staying passive.
  - Practice faith-filled speech: refuse to use impossibility as a final verdict over what God can do.

Scripture: Genesis 18:9-14

## Key Points (cont.)

5. Respond to the Word with a Changed Life — Across these passages, God's word is not meant to be admired from a distance; it calls for response. Psalms 107:20 emphasizes receiving God's word as healing and deliverance. Mark 5:2-20 shows that deliverance leads to a restored, publicly recognizable life. Genesis 18:9-14 calls for trust in God's promise despite doubts. A faithful response includes receiving the word, aligning choices to it, and living out ...

## Key Points (cont.)

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5. Respond to the Word with a Changed Life (cont.) — its outcome. Where healing or deliverance has occurred, the new life must be practiced—stability, obedience, and continued trust. Where a promise is being awaited, the response is persevering faith that honors God's timing. Psalms 1:7 (as provided) is included for reflection on letting God's word shape daily living. An appointment ...

## Key Points (cont.)

5. Respond to the Word with a Changed Life (cont.) — moment becomes enduring transformation when the word continues to govern attitudes, decisions, and relationships.
  - Make a clear response to God's word: write one sentence of commitment that aligns with healing, deliverance, or promise.
  - Identify one habit that supports a changed life (prayer, Scripture reading, accountability, restored boundaries) and begin it immediately.
  - Review areas where old patterns try to return; use Scripture to resist and re-align to the restored life God gives.
  - If God has given hope through His promise, practice patient endurance rather than impulsive shortcuts.

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## **Group Discussion**

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

### **Observation**

- In Psalms 107:20, what actions does God take, and what outcomes are explicitly named?
- In Mark 5:2-20, what details describe the man's condition before and after deliverance?
- In Genesis 18:9-14, what is the promise, and what does the passage reveal about God's timing?
- What words or phrases in these passages show the authority or effectiveness of God's word?
- What different responses do people have to God's intervention in Mark 5:2-20?

## Interpretation

- What does it mean for God to “send His word” (Psalms 107:20) in terms of healing and deliverance?
- Why might deliverance in Mark 5:2-20 lead to both fear in some and deep desire for Jesus in the restored man?
- How does God’s question in Genesis 18:14 confront doubt without ignoring reality?
- How do these passages together define the purpose of a divine appointment moment?
- What is the relationship between God’s promise and God’s timing in Genesis 18:9-14?

## Application

- Where might a current appointment (a conversation, a decision point, a crisis, a transition) become a moment to listen for God’s word?
- What kind of healing do you most need—heart, mind, relationships, patterns—and how will you seek God’s word for it?

## **Application (cont.)**

- What would “fruit of deliverance” look like in daily life (habits, relationships, stability), and what is one step toward it?
- What promise of God feels difficult to believe right now, and how will you respond to the question: “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”
- What specific change would show that you are aligning your life to God’s word rather than only agreeing with it?

## **Prayer Focus**

- Lord, help me recognize Your appointed moments and respond with faith.
- Send Your word to heal what is broken and restore what has been damaged.
- Deliver me from destructive bondage and establish lasting wholeness.
- Strengthen my trust in Your promise and Your timing when doubt rises.

## Next Step

Choose one Scripture from the study and pray it daily, asking God to align your responses and decisions with His word in every appointed moment.

## Conclusion

God meets people in appointed moments and sends His word with authority to heal, bring deliverance, and fulfill His promise. The consistent invitation is to receive His word, trust His timing, and live as someone restored. As these passages are revisited, look for God's initiative, welcome His intervention, and practice the changed life that follows.