



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

October 12-14, 2024  
21<sup>st</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

**The Need for Followership: Followers of Christ  
Maintain Proper Priorities.**

Do you have a favorite knife in your kitchen?

What makes it your favorite?

When did you get your first bible?

*"The word of God is alive and active."* What are some ways that you have seen God's Word alive and active in your life?

What is the danger of thinking God's Word is old, dead news, and doesn't keep up with current needs and times?

What are ways we have fallen into the trap of operating as though God's Word wasn't that powerful or important in our lives?

*"Sharper than any double-edged sword."* The short sword was a very useful sword for a Roman soldier that was at their side and could cut in any direction. How is God's Word even more useful and important to you, a Christian?

*"it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow."* It divides the indivisible. It is so penetrating! God's word exposes what is in our hearts, our motives, the secret sins and thoughts we hide from everyone. Why is it important to have our hearts exposed so we see what is really going on and where our waywardness leads?

What can God's Word do to our hearts like a surgeon's reason for cutting someone?

*"it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight."* God's Word is a great tool for sinner-saints like us. We constantly need to be called on our sinful logic and wayward thinking and acting. You can't lie to God. What is the warning and comfort that God sees us for exactly who we are?

Warning:

Comfort:

*"Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."* Why is the writer to the Hebrews telling us this?

Why is this call giant call to repentance for those who think they don't need Jesus or his Word?

Jesus had no deep dark secrets. He lived his life perfectly for us and gave his life on the cross to pay for our deep darkness of sin. That means everything is forgiven in Christ and in him alone. God sees the faith he has planted in our hearts and he calls us his own. How will Jesus' work for you motivate you to learn, read, and grow in God's Word?

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