

This past Sunday, Pastor George ministered:

### **"Hold Fast to the Word"**

Much has been imparted during SWBC, preparing our faith for this end-time season we live in. We see this with the topics ministered this past week.

1. **Kenneth Copeland** - How to Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
2. **Bill Winston** - Word Power
3. **Jeremy Pearsons** - Holding Fast to Faith
4. **Keith Moore** - Receive God's Gift of Rest
5. **Terri Savelle Foy** - This is Your Wake-Up Call
6. **Jesse Duplantis** - Let Your Light Shine
7. **Mark Hankins** - God is at Work While You are Rejoicing
8. **Nancy Dufresne** - Celebrate the Triumph You Have in Christ Jesus
9. **Super Kid Academy** - Theme: Rock Solid
10. **14Forty** - Theme: Established
11. **Pastor Terri** - Prayer Everywhere

### **What's next for us now that the SWBC is over?**

This is like a child going to summer camp. When the week is over, many children have post-camp withdrawal - where's my friends, and what will I do now? But for us, we don't receive that; we go to the Word. God's plan for us is grow, thrive, and walk in more victory. The devil also has a plan; for us to regress, barely survive, and fail.

*2 Corinthians 2:11; (KJV)*

*"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: **for we are not ignorant of his devices.**"*

**Devices** = Evil thoughts and purposes.

(MSG) "We're not oblivious to his sly ways!"

(NIV) "For we are not unaware of his schemes."

*Ephesians 6:11; (KJV)*

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the **wiles** of the devil."*

**Wiles in the Greek** = Methods, or methodology

(NLT) Strategies

What is one of the devil's major strategies after we hear the Word preached?

**Satan comes immediately to steal the Word.**

Each time you go to the Word, remind the devil that you honor and value the Word, and that he will not be successful in stealing it from you. It will grow in your spirit and produce strong lasting fruit.

**Mark 4:14-20**

Vv. 14-17; (NKJV)

*"The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. **When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.** These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have **no root** in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, **immediately they stumble.**"*

**(KJV)** = Offended.

**(AMPC)** = Become displeased, indignant, and resentful.

Vv. 18-19; (NKJV)

*"Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and*

1. **the cares of this world,**
2. **the deceitfulness of riches,**
3. **the desires (lust, pressure) for other things**

*entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."*

V. 19 (AMPC) "Choke and suffocate the Word, and it becomes fruitless."

We can build strong holds which are both positive and negative. Focus on building strong holds that hold on to the truth of God's word.

Pastor George said; True prosperity is maintaining the correct motive.

"My motivation for accumulation is distribution."

(Jesse Duplantis adds: with revelation."

Reference: <https://www.emic.org/blog/jesse/>

Like a bulldog, bite down on the word and don't let go of the word which you received last week!

2 Timothy 1:13-14; (NKJV)

*"**Hold fast** the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That **good thing** which was committed to you, **keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.**"*

**Hold fast in the Greek** = Adhere, cling to, and grab on to something solid. In a storm, sailors would shout, "hold fast" to each other. That phrase refers to sailors grabbing on to something solid and secure to prevent being swept overboard.

God's word is the rock that we hold on to and is the anchor to our soul.

Vv. 13-14 (NLT)

*"**Hold on** to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, **carefully guard the precious truth** that has been entrusted to you."*

V. 14 (AMPC) "Guard and keep with the greatest care."

(NIV) "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."

## **"Hold Fast" Scriptures**

Hebrews 10:23;

*"Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;)."*

(AMPC) "So let us **seize** and **hold fast** and **retain without wavering** the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word."

Hebrews 3:6;

*"But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."*

Revelation 2:25-26; (NKJV)

*"But **hold fast** what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations."*

Revelation 3:11; (NKJV)

*"Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast** what you have, that no one may take your crown."*

We will spend the rest of our life holding fast to the word.

### How Do We Hold Fast to the Word?

1. Live a lifestyle of total immersion.

Joshua 1:8; (AMPC)

*"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it **day and night**, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success."*

Day and night is total immersion.

There should be things you set aside and substitute for the word.

Pastor shared that this September we will have a Daniel fast. This allows us to make deliberate deposits on the inside of us, as we focus on hearing the word.

This past week, Terry Savelle Foy said it is as simple as walking in the bathroom each day, and seeing a note to remind you to "Press the Play Button" to hear the word as you are getting ready.



John 8:31-32; (NASB-1995)

*"So, Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you **continue in My Word**, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

**Continue in the Greek** = Abide, dwell, remain, not to depart but continue to be present. (This sounds like: **Total immersion**.)

Vv. 31-32 (NIV)

*"If you **hold to my teaching**, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

2. Listen to the SWBC messages multiple times. (KCM.org/OnDemand). Asking the question, "How do I apply this Word from God in my life?"
3. Continually meditate the WORD you heard.
4. Continually speak the WORD you heard.
5. Continually be a doer of the WORD you heard.

### **The Result**

Mark 4:20; (KJV)

*"And these are they which are sown on **good ground**; such as **hear the word**, and **receive it**, and **bring forth fruit**, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred."*

(MSG) *"...and produce a harvest beyond their wildest dreams."*