

SERMON TEXT - JOHN 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

CORE VALUES: GOD'S WORD

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Theme: *We believe the Bible is the story of God's love reaching into our lives!*

#1 The Story of God's Love

- A. God is Telling His Story: *In the beginning was the Word* (v. 1)
- B. He Controls the Story: *All things were made through him* (v. 3)
- C. It is a Love Story: *In him was life* (v. 4)

#2 Reaching Into Our Lives

- A. There is Darkness Within Us: *The light shines in the darkness* (v. 5)
- B. He Defeats the Darkness: *The darkness has not overcome it* (v. 5)

Other Passages

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.