

# Punctuated *Life*

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## ***Quotation Mark***

To read the full article I refer to, please see “What Happens When Parents are Rude in the Hospital” in *The New York Times* (2/27/2017).

### **Introduction**

#### **1. The Nature of God’s Words**

“<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.” (Genesis 1:3, ESV)

“<sup>27</sup> And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup> Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”” (Genesis 32:27-28, ESV)

“<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.” (Ezekiel 37:4-10)

## 2. The Place of God's Words

"<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV)

## 3. The Quotation Marks of God's Words

"<sup>12</sup>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." (Hebrews 4:12, ESV)

*What is the vision of God?*

*What is my point of need?*

*What is my point of sin?*

*How does Christ resolve this?*

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## Digging Deeper

This week's passages:

Monday: Psalm 119:1-32

Tuesday: Psalm 119:33-72

Wednesday: Psalm 119:73-104

Thursday: Psalm 119:105-144

Friday: Psalm 119:145-176

Weekend: Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day's passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God is saying to you. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word ("*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*" James 1:22).