

<p><b>Theme:</b> By the Book</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 18 November 2011</p>
<p>“I will never forget they commandments: for with them though hast quickened me. They word is a lantern unto my feed: and a light unto my paths.” Psalms 119:101-102 (King James Bible)</p>	<p><b>Comment</b> On Wednesday we had the great honour of attending the Service of Celebration to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible at Westminster Abbey. It was a timely reminder of how God’s Word has undergirded so much in our history, our laws, language and culture. But more than that, the Bible is able to feed us and cause us to grow in grace, wisdom and love. When we pray prayers that include thoughts and promises from Scripture we can expect it to make our faith stronger as we are reminded of God’s goodness in the past and the hope that he is for the futures. Sharing the Bible together even a few verses such as the ones above – cannot but enrich our marriage relationship.</p> <p>Do we reach for a Bible often enough when we are spending time together discussing important issues and planning for the future? Should we consider getting hold of a book of short daily devotional reading sand notes to share together and ask God to speak to us through it?</p>
<p><b>Prayer (as a couple):</b> Almighty God, we praise you for the gift of your holy word. May it be a lantern to our feed, a light to our paths, and strength to our lives. Take us and use us to love and serve all people in the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name. Amen. (from a prayer said in Wednesday’s service)</p>	<p><b>Prayer (for others):</b> Dear Lord and Father we lift _____ and _____ to you who are still in the early years of their relationship. Please inspire and empower them to put You first and in their lives and create the habit of reading the Bible and praying together regularly. Amen.</p>
<p><b>Final quote:</b> <b>God’s word is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit ... It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12</b></p>	

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