

# THE WORD BECAME FLESH

## LESSON 10

"I'm sorry to hear that your mom and dad are having problems," said John.

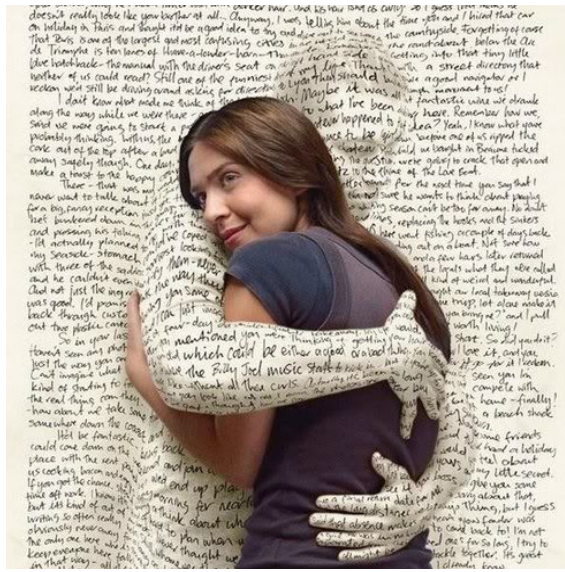
"Yeah, it's been a little stressful lately, but these talks have helped me not to focus on it. I'm really beginning to understand a lot. So, let's keep going!" Tom said.

Then Sarah said, "If that's what you want," as she turned in her Bible to the book of John. "I love how this book begins. Remember how the book of Genesis begins? 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' Listen to how the book of John begins. 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.' Just as you and I use words to help others understand us, God is sending his 'Word' — Jesus into the world so that the world will understand him. God literally had to come in the flesh in order to be understood by humans."

Sarah continued, "Then it says, 'Through him all things were made. Without him nothing was made that has been made.' This shows that Jesus was not only with God when the world was created — the world was created through him!"

"Listen to the next verse," Sarah said. "'In him was life. And that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.' Jesus came offering true life, a light to guide our lives in God's direction. Unfortunately those people who refuse to accept Jesus and his message remain in darkness."

"In the Old Testament," Sarah said, "God prepared the people for the Savior who would some day come into the world. The final prophet that God sent to prepare the way for Jesus was John the Baptist. Verse



5 says, 'There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.'"

Sarah said, "Listen to how it describes Jesus. 'He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.'"

"I love this next verse," Sarah said. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Sarah continued, "'John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, 'This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.'"

"Now look at verse 18," said Sarah. "It says, 'No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.' Jesus came to help us know and love God."

Then John said, "I like the thought of the Word becoming flesh — alive! It's like the words on a page coming to life and stepping off the page and into our lives to show us how much God loves us."

### VOCABULARY:

stressful  
book of John  
literally  
flesh  
verse  
shines  
darkness  
direction  
refuse  
unfortunately  
message

remain  
prophet  
John the Baptist  
witness  
testify  
concerning  
describes  
recognize  
receive  
decent  
decision  
will

dwelling  
among  
grace  
truth  
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fullness  
Moses  
stepping off the page