The Word of God
Heb 4:12-13

Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Story – Getting new contacts, improved my long distance sight greatly, but I could not read the Bible verses…I realized this on Sunday while preaching..Very interesting morning

Story – Getting sunglasses that magnified the color green
Went to the ballgame, field looked spectacular…great improvement

God looks at us through His Word:
John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
We look spectacular to God
When God sees us, He does not see our sin…He sees us clothed in the righteousness of Jesus…He looks upon as His children….When He sees me, He sees Jesus in me

1. REGENERATION
1 Pet 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Word of God gives LIFE
Dead batteries need a charge….Then the generator keeps them charged

2. FEEDING
1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Word of God gives NURISHMENT
The body must be replenished…The spirit must also
Story – Richmond after 3 months, he wanted more than just milk…He needed meat
I can tell when Richmond is sick…He's not hungry

3. SANCTIFYING

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The Word of God gives us a STANDARD

2 Tim 3:15-17 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Salvation
Correction
Good Works

4. UPBUILDING

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

The Word of God gives SUPPORT

Story – Going to court, giving support…Judge reduced the sentence
Saw hope in the man because of power of Word on his life

5. ENLIGHTENING

Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The Word of God gives LIGHT

Story – Battleship, seeing a light coming at the ship….Sends a message for them to change course. Message came back, you need to change your course. Sent another message to change course, reply came back negitive, you will have to change your course. Last message sent, "I am Admiral of USS Battleship and I am commanding you to change your course or face attack"…Reply came back, "I am a lighthouse, and for our own good you better change course."