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- Our salvation is based on the Word of God, and so is our spiritual growth. What does Ps. 119:11 teach concerning the role of God's Word in our lives? Making God's Word an active part of our life gives strength to be victorious over sin.
- List different ways you can make God's Word a more meaningful part of your life? Reading it! Also memorizing key passages, in-depth study, journaling thoughts, etc.

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