

Logos, Rhema, and the Dead Letter Trap

(Intro Video) The metric for Sonship is how much of Father's power, grace, mercy, and intervention you can hear in Heaven and release on Earth. To do that, we have the conversations and get the Living Words.

Most teaching on *the word* (Logos and Rhema) gets it backwards. The common error goes like this: "Logos is the written Word (Bible), and Rhema is when a specific verse jumps out at you." This turns Father's invitation to conversations in the Council into a glorified intellectual Bible-study method.

What the Greek Actually Means (Why We Need to Know)

Logos (λόγος) – The Word, the comprehensive revelation, **Christ Himself**. "In the beginning was the Word (Logos), and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**" (John 1:1). This is the full expression of who God is—Jesus is the Logos incarnate, the complete revelation. **Logos is a person, not a book.**

Rhema (ῥῆμα) – The spoken word, the utterance, the specific word spoken in a moment. Not a verse that catches your attention, but **actual words proceeding from Father's mouth right now.**

Scripture (γραφή, graphē) – The written text, the Bible, the God-breathed writings from several thousand years ago. Whenever the New Testament refers to the Bible, it uses "**scripture**" (**graphē**), never "logos." For example: "**All Scripture is God-breathed**" (2 Tim 3:16), "**the Scriptures testify about me**" (John 5:39), "**Search the Scriptures**" (John 5:39). The New Testament authors knew the difference—they never called the Bible "logos" because **Logos is Living Words, Jesus, not a text.**

What Jesus Actually Said

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhema) that proceeds from the mouth of God (Mt 4:4)

Notice what Jesus didn't say:

- He didn't say "by every verse you find in Scripture."
- He didn't say "by memorizing Bible passages."
- He didn't say "by daily devotional reading."

He said "**every word that PROCEEDS**" (present tense) "**from the MOUTH of God.**"

Proceeds = coming out, in process, ongoing

Mouth of God = actual spoken words from Father (or Jesus and the 7 Spirits of God)

This is about **relationship and conversation**, not study and memorization.

The Dead Letter Society Error

Here's where most teaching derails: It takes Mt 4:4 and translates it as "you need to read your Bible daily." Then it defines "rhema" as "when the Holy Spirit highlights a verse for you."

The problem? This keeps you dependent on the written text as the primary source for hearing God, instead of the living voice of Father in conversation. It actually keeps you trapped in intellectualism.

- Information from Bible study prompts you to share the insights – preaching (microphones).
- Conversations in the Council prompt you to share the experience – Love (Co-labor).

Don't misunderstand—Scripture is vital. It's God-breathed, authoritative, and confirms everything Father says. But Scripture's purpose is to testify of Jesus and lead you into relationship (Jn 5:39-40), not to replace direct conversations and co-laboring with Him.

The distinction matters:

- **Dead Letter approach:** Read Bible → Hope for verse to stand out → Call it "rhema" → Try to apply it
- **Living Word approach:** Ascend to Council → Hear Father, Jesus and 7 Spirits speak → Receive Living Words → (confirmations from Scripture) → Put Words to Work, Greater Works on Earth, in your biz.

One is scavenging for mental breadcrumbs in a book. The other is dining at a banquet table with the Author.

Sons Hear Their Father's Voice

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). Not "My sheep find relevant verses." **Hear. My. Voice.**

When you're a son or daughter seated in heavenly places (Eph 2:6), you have access to the Council—Father, Jesus, and the Seven Spirits. You're not guessing what God might be saying through a verse. **You're hearing what Father IS saying in the conversation.**

This is what "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" looks like:

- Father shows you your identity as His chosen son (Identity conversation)
- Jesus redeems your story and reveals your destiny (Story conversation)
- Holy Spirit aligns you with Father's current purpose (Purpose conversation)
- Wisdom reveals strategy for what Father is doing (Strategy conversation)
- Understanding opens doors and releases creativity (Tactics conversation)
- Counsel gives you nations as your heritage (Heritage conversation)
- Might provides resurrection power for courage (Courage conversation)
- Knowledge brings clarity on the way forward (Clarity conversation)
- Fear of the Lord reveals corporate culture and shared purpose (Culture conversation)

These are Living Words—rhema—proceeding from Father's mouth in real time. ([Click for live Links](#))

What Sons Bring Back to Business From 9 Conversations in the Council

Our Hunger

Who Am I?
Why Am I Here?
Sons With Purpose

How Lord?
Ascend and Align

Where Am I Going?
Passion for Reformation

God's Council

Father

(I AM Yahweh)

Jesus

(I AM Your Redeemer)

Holy Spirit

(I AM Bread, Spirit of Truth)

Wisdom

(I AM the Light)

Understanding

(I AM the Door)

Counsel

(I AM Good Shepherd)

Might

(I AM Resurrection Life)

Knowledge

(I AM the Way)

Fear of the Lord

(I AM I the Vine)

Transformations from Conversations

→ **Identity** – I'm a Chosen son, a Solutionary; overcomer

→ **Story** – My past, present, and future are redeemed for destiny

→ **Purpose** – I'm in step, in sync with Father's purpose

→ **Strategy** – Living Words release Father to *add all these things*

→ **Tactics** – Living Words release my creativity, initiative, open doors

→ **Heritage** – Ask and I will give you the Nations, Ps 2:8

→ **Courage** – you can resurrect from loss, multiply from Victory

→ **Clarity** – Sons convert Living Words to Greater Works on Earth

→ **Culture** – I see what people carry, *Ecclesia@Work* = shared purpose

Rhema Births Faith, Produces Fruit

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God" (Romans 10:17).

Not by reading. By **hearing**. The kind of hearing that happens in conversation.

When you receive rhema—Living Words from Father—several things happen:

1. **Faith ignites** – You know what Father is doing, so you co-labor with confidence.
2. **Creativity flows** – You're not copying; you're creating from what Father showed you.
3. **Authority manifests** – You speak what you heard, and it carries weight as the Spirit of Truth.
4. **Fruit remains** – Because it's Father's initiative, not your idea.

This is why Jesus said, "*The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing*" (John 5:19). He wasn't reading scrolls to figure out God's will. **He was seeing and hearing in relationship.**

Spirit AND Truth

Here's the safeguard: **Rhema without Scripture produces unstable subjectivity.** If you claim to hear from God but it contradicts Scripture, you're not hearing from God—you're hearing from yourself or worse.

But Scripture without Rhema produces dead religion. If you have all the Bible knowledge without the Living Voice, you become a Pharisee who knows the text but doesn't know the Author.

Jesus modeled Spirit AND Truth:

- He knew Scripture perfectly (God-breathed text).
- He heard Father's voice constantly (Living Words/Rhema).
- He IS the Logos (the full revelation in person).
- *The words I speak to you are spirit and they are life* (John 6:63).

Sons operate in this same both/and:

- **Scripture is authoritative**—it confirms, corrects, and grounds us (graphē).
- **Living Words are directive**—they release Father's current purpose and power (rhema).
- **Jesus is the revelation**—He's the Logos, Living Words we're relating to in Council.
- Together, they produce **Spirit-and-Truth sons** who know the Author, His voice, and His Book.

From Breadcrumbs to Banquets

Paul prophesied the transition:

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears... For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Cor 13:9-12).

- **Breadcrumbs (knowing in part):** Hoping for a verse to speak to you, waiting for prophetic words from others, collecting random bits of direction from Holy Spirit.
- **Banquets (face to face):** Direct access to Council, ongoing conversations with Father, Living Words that are Spirit and life, Living Works on Earth that lead to Reformation.

The progression isn't from "no Bible" to "lots of Bible." It's from **partial knowledge through secondhand sources to full knowledge through face-to-face conversation**—while Scripture remains the authoritative standard confirming it all.

The Bible Points to Conversations

The fundamental theme of the Bible is that God speaks to His people. He has never stopped speaking. Citing Bible verses to prove that He only Speaks through the Bible is circular reasoning, not sound doctrine and it misrepresents Christianity, our life in Christ.

LOGOS - Commonly Misinterpreted as "The Bible"

- John 1:1, 14 - "In the beginning was the Word"
- Hebrews 4:12 - "The word of God is alive and active"
- 2 Timothy 2:15 - "Rightly dividing the word of truth"
- 1 Peter 1:23 - "Born again through the living word"
- James 1:21-22 - "Humbly accept the word planted in you"

RHEMA - Commonly Misinterpreted as "Bible Verse That Speaks to You"

- Matthew 4:4 - "Every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"
- Romans 10:17 - "Faith comes by hearing the word of God"
- Ephesians 6:17 - "The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"
- John 6:63 - "The words I speak are spirit and life"
- Luke 1:38 - "May your word to me be fulfilled" (Mary)
- Ephesians 5:26 - "Cleansing by washing with water through the word"
- 1 Peter 1:25 - "This is the word that was preached to you"

Bottom Line:

The widespread teaching that "Logos = Bible, Rhema = verse that speaks to you" has NO BASIS in how the NT actually uses these words.

Every single verse where Logos or Rhema appears is talking about:

1. Christ as Living Word (Logos)
2. Spoken words from God (Rhema)
3. Gospel message proclaimed (both)

NEVER about the Bible as a closed book of verses to study.

This misinterpretation keeps people from what Jesus, Paul, Peter, and John all experienced: Direct conversation with the living God through His living, spoken Word.

They used the Bible to discern and confirm Living Words, not to get them.

Acts 17:11 - *Now these people were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word (Logos) with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

Jn 14:5 – *so how can we know the way?*

6) *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.*

The answer is in the person of Jesus, not a recipe book.

To treat the Bible like a rule book is to miss its message.

- Father is not boxed in a temple
- He is not silenced by a book
- He is not bound by anyone's systematic theology

The Invitation

"Come near to God and he will come near to you" (James 4:8).

Not *study about God and you'll understand Him better*. **Come near**. Have the conversation. Hear His voice. Receive Living Words (rhema) from His mouth, participate in what Father is doing.

Have the experiences:

- 1) Hearing Living Words, seeing what Father is doing in Heaven (develop your Seer gift)
- 2) Bringing those Living Words and Greater works to Earth (Learn to Co-labor)

That's what Mt 4:4 has always meant: *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word proceeding from the mouth of God.*

Proceeding. Present tense. Right now. In the Council. Father speaking to sons.

This is your inheritance:

- Not a better Bible-study method.
- Not waiting for verses to jump out at you.
- But **actual face-to-face conversation** where Father speaks and you hear.

Logos (Jesus, the full revelation) invites you into relationship.

Rhema (Living Words) flows from that relationship in the Counsel with Father, Jesus, 7 Spirits.

Scripture (God-breathed text, the Bible) confirms and anchors it all.

That's how sons live—by every word proceeding from Father's mouth.

This blog was inspired by a Council Session you will enjoy:

- [2026-05-09 Council – Living Words](#)
- [2026-05-11 Council - Living Words Water](#)

For more

on accessing the Council and hearing Father's voice, see:

- [Ascending to the Council Made Simple](#)
- [Sonship & the Divine Council](#)
- [Court & Council Tool Kit](#)
- [The Roadmap to Sonship](#)
- [Lead your Tribe Into Sonship](#)
- [Lead Your Tribe Playbook](#)
- [Speaking to the Heart](#)

Cutting Room Floor

The Bible Points to Jesus, Sonship, and Reformation

From Adam to David, Scripture progressively reveals:

1. Who He Is: The Living Word who dwells with His people (Emmanuel)
2. Who We Are: Sons redeemed to be Prophets, Priests, and Kings
3. What He's Doing: Reversing Adam's sin, Gen 6 corruption, and Babel's scattering through sons who co-labor with Him

The Biblical Reality that was lost – From the beginning, God wanted conversation:

- Adam walked and talked with God (Gen 3:8)
- Abraham negotiated with God (Gen 18:22-33)
- Moses spoke face-to-face as with a friend (Ex 33:11, Num 12:8)
- David was confided in (Ps 25:14)
- Jesus promised: "My sheep HEAR my voice" (John 10:27)
- Paul: "We shall see face to face, know fully as we are known" (1 Cor 13:12)
- John: "We declare what we have HEARD, what we have SEEN with our eyes" (1 John 1:1-3)

This is why Scripture is vital—it testifies of Jesus (John 5:39) AND testifies of who we are as His sons. It's not just a history book; it's the documented plan for redemption through the Seed and His seed (Christ and His sons).

*Jn 5:39 – You study the Scriptures diligently
because you think that in them you have eternal life.
These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,
40) yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

Every covenant points to the same reality:

- 1) Father dwelling with sons (Emmanuel),
- 2) Empowering sons (Prophets/Priests/Kings),
- 3) and redeeming creation and Nations through sons (Reformation).

This is the foundation for understanding Council access—we're not inventing a new theology; we're stepping into the reality these covenants always pointed toward. It's recovery of what Scripture has ALWAYS taught: God wants conversation with sons, not just commands to servants. From Adam walking with God to Moses speaking face-to-face to David being confided in, to us seated in heavenly places - the Bible is one long invitation to relationship through Living Words.

How Scripture Points to Jesus, the Redemption of Sons, and Reformation

Covenant	Jesus as Living Word (Emmanuel, God with us)	Sons Redeemed as Prophets, Priests, and Kings	Father's Redemptive Strategy For Earth via Sons (Reformation)
ADAMIC (Gen 1-3)	Gen 1:1, 3 - "In beginning God created... God said" (Word speaking creation) Gen 1:26 - "Let us make man in our image" (Trinity/Word present) John 1:3 - "All things made through Him" (Logos as Creator) Gen 3:8 - the LORD God walking in the garden (conversation) Gen 3:15 - "Seed of woman crushes serpent" (Protoevangelium - first gospel)	Gen 1:26-28 - "Have dominion" over creation (kingly mandate) Gen 2:15 - "Tend and keep garden" (priestly service - shamar/abad) Gen 2:19-20 - Naming animals (prophetic/creative speech) Gen 1:28 - "Be fruitful, multiply, fill, subdue" (royal-priestly commission)	Original Design Established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sons made in God's image (Gen 1:26-27) • Sons ruling as priest-kings in Garden-Temple Redemption Announced at the Fall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen 3:15 - Seed crushes serpent (redemption) • Gen 3:21 - God makes covering (sacrifice) • All subsequent covenants fulfill this promise
NOAHIC (Gen 9)	Gen 9:13, 16 - Rainbow covenant sign: God remembering mercy 1 Pet 3:20-21 - Salvation through water (baptism type) Gen 9:27 - "God shall dwell in the tents of Shem" (Emmanuel) Gen 6:13, 8:15, 9:8 And God said to Noah	Gen 9:1 - "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth" (sonship mandate restored) 2 Pet 2:5 - Noah as "preacher of righteousness" (prophet) Gen 8:20 - Noah building altar, offering sacrifice (priest)	Redemption from Adam's fall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New beginning for humanity • Preserving righteous line to Messiah • Establish government through sons (Gen 9:6)
ABRAHAMIC (Gen 12, 15, 17, 22)	Gen 22:18 - "In your seed (Christ) nations blessed" (Gal 3:16) Gen 15:1 - "I am your shield, your very great reward" (Word came to Abram) Gen 17:1 - The LORD appeared to Abram and said Gen 18:1 - and Abraham spoke with Him	Gen 18:18-19 - Abraham teaching children righteousness (prophet) Gen 22:13 - Abraham offering ram, sacrifice (priest) Gen 17:6 - "Kings will come from you" (royal line) Gen 18:22-33 - Abraham intercedes/negotiates with God	Redemption from Babel scattering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reversing curse: "All nations blessed" vs. scattered • Creating people through whom Messiah comes • Faith > works, grace > law foreshadowed
MOSAIC (Ex-Deut)	Deut 18:15, 18 - "Prophet like me" (Jesus, ultimate Prophet) Ex 25:8 - "I will dwell among them" (Tabernacle = God with us) John 1:14 - "Word became flesh and tabernacled among us" John 6:48-51 - "I am the bread of life" (manna fulfilled)	Ex 19:6 - "Kingdom of priests, holy nation" James 2:23 - Abraham was called God's friend Ex 33:11 - <i>The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.</i> (Sonship, Num 12:6) Num 11:29 - Moses: "Would that all were prophets!" Deut 17:14-20 - Promise of king from among brothers	Redemption from Gen 6 Watchers' corruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law exposing sin, defining boundaries • Sacrificial system: blood covers sin • Separating Israel from nations' corruption • Pointing to ultimate Sacrifice
DAVIDIC (2 Sam 7, Ps)	2 Sam 7:14 - "I will be his Father, he will be my Son" Ps 2:7 - "You are my Son, today I have begotten you" Ps 110:1 - The LORD said to my Lord (God & Messiah distinct) Isa 9:6 - "Unto us a child is born... Mighty God" Ps 95:7-8 - Today, if only you would hear his voice	Ps 110:4 - "Priest/King forever after order of Melchizedek" 1Sam 13:14 - A man, son after my own heart (Acts 13:22) 2 Sam 7:12-13 - David's seed establishing eternal kingdom Ps 2:8 - "Ask of me, I'll give you nations" (sons inheriting) Rev 1:6 - "Made us kings and priests to God"	Redemption for all three falls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vs. Adam: Seed of woman crushes serpent • vs. Gen 6: Son of Man judges fallen watchers • vs. Babel: Son given all nations as inheritance • Ultimate: Eternal kingdom that cannot be shaken

Key Themes Across All Covenants

1. Jesus as the Living Word (Emmanuel)

Each covenant progressively reveals God dwelling with His people:

- **Adam:** Word speaks creation, walks with Adam in Garden (Gen 3:8)
- **Noah:** God remembers covenant (faithfulness maintained)
- **Abraham:** God speaks, makes promises (Word to patriarch)
- **Moses:** God tabernacles, gives manna (physical presence, daily bread)
- **David:** God births Son, establishes eternal throne (incarnation foreshadowed)

Fulfillment: John 1:14 - "The Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us"

2. Sons as Prophets, Priests, and Kings

Each covenant expands the priestly role:

- **Adam:** Image-bearer with dominion (prophet-priest-king in one)
- **Noah:** One righteous man intercedes for humanity (priest for family)
- **Abraham:** Father of nations interceding, offering (priest expanding)
- **Moses:** Whole nation as "kingdom of priests" (Ex 19:6)
- **David:** King who's also priest after Melchizedek order (Ps 110:4)

Fulfillment: Rev 1:6, 5:10 - "Made us kings and priests... we shall reign on earth"

3. Father's Redemption Strategy Through Sons

Redemption from Adam's Fall (Sin and Death):

- **Adamic:** Promise announced immediately: Seed crushes serpent (Gen 3:15), first sacrifice covering sin (Gen 3:21)
- **Noahic:** Preserves righteous seed through judgment → resurrection type
- **Abrahamic:** Righteousness by faith, not works (Gen 15:6, Rom 4:3)
- **Mosaic:** Law reveals sin, sacrifice covers sin (Rom 3:20, Heb 9:22)
- **Davidic:** Eternal King crushes serpent's head (Ps 2, Gen 3:15)

Redemption from Gen 6 Watchers' Fall (Corruption/Nephilim):

- **Adamic:** Original design: Sons bear God's image (no corruption/mixing)
- **Noahic:** Flood destroys corrupted creation, starts clean
- **Abrahamic:** Holy seed separated for Messiah's birth
- **Mosaic:** Boundaries/laws prevent mixing, maintain purity
- **Davidic:** Son of Man judges fallen angels (Dan 7:13-14, Jude 6)

Redemption from Babel Rebellion (Scattering/Division):

- **Adamic:** Original unity: One language, one purpose under God
- **Noahic:** "Fill the earth" command (positive dispersion)
- **Abrahamic:** "All nations blessed in you" (reverses curse)
- **Mosaic:** Israel as light to nations (Deut 4:6-8)
- **Davidic:** "Ask of Me, nations are your inheritance" (Ps 2:8)

First Fulfillment: Acts 2 (Pentecost) - Nations hear in own languages, Babel reversed;
Rev 7:9 - Every tribe, tongue, nation worshiping together