

The image features a dark, textured background that resembles aged stone or weathered wood. On the left side, there is a simple, dark cross. On the right side, the text "AUTHENTIC: The Word Is Essential!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "AUTHENTIC:" on the top line, "The Word Is" on the middle line, and "Essential!" on the bottom line. The overall mood is solemn and emphasizes the importance of the word.

**AUTHENTIC:  
The Word Is  
Essential!**



# There Will Be Those Who Make It and Those Who Won't.

*1 Thessalonians 2:13*

*we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God?*





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*Mark 4:8, 20*

*Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.”<sup>20</sup> ... like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.*





# They Responded

*Mark 4:21*

*Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine.*





# They Responded

- Light exposes our mess.
- Light challenges our status quo.
- Light calls for our response.





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*... you accepted it not as the word of men,  
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at work in you who believe.*





# They Were Being Transformed.

- **Teaching:** Speaks into the core issues of our lives.
- **Rebuking:** Calls us out regarding the core issues of our lives.
- **Corrects:** Sets a new course for our lives.
- **Trains:** Forms new character in our lives.

