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40 Days in the Word, Week 2 Message

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"You are already **clean** because of **the Word** I have spoken to you."

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"**Faith** comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the **Word of Christ.**" Romans 10:17 (NIV)

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