

Keith Ferrin—Guest Speaker September 15, 2024

⁴¹ May your unfailing love come to me, LORD, your salvation, according to your promise; ⁴² then I can answer anyone who taunts me, for I trust in your word. ⁴³ Never take your word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws. ⁴⁴ I will always obey your law, for ever and ever. ⁴⁵ I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts. ⁴⁶ I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame, ⁴⁷ for I delight in your commands because I love them. ⁴⁸ I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees. **Psalm 119:41-48 NIV**

Today we have a special guest speaker, Keith Ferrin. Keith is an author, speaker, husband, father and ice cream lover. His passion is helping you not just read and study the Bible, but truly *enjoy* it!

Shortly after college Keith was invited to be a youth pastor and worship leader at a small church plant in Tacoma, WA. During the six years he was at *Hope Covenant Church*, he learned more from the students and their families than he ever taught them. He developed his passion for the Word during his time there.

In the middle of that season is when he met Bruce Kuhn. He was the first person Keith ever saw "perform" a book of the

Bible. He encouraged and challenged Keith to soak in large chunks of Scripture.

Then came March 3, 1996. That was the first time Keith stood on a stage and presented the *Gospel of John* for the very first time. Well over two decades later, and he still feels most at home on a stage helping people realize that the Living Word of God is a reality...not a phrase.

Presenting word-for-word Scripture expanded into speaking about how to study the Bible *relationally...*not informationally. Speaking expanded into writing books and blog posts. Writing expanded into the *Relational Bible Study™ Video Course* (#1 resource). That course has expanded into the *BibleLife Community™* - the private, online community where we read, study, and discuss the Bible together.

I can't wait to see where God "expands" next!

For more information on Keith's ministry and other resources please visit <u>https://www.keithferrin.com/blog</u>

"My passion and mission is helping individuals, families, and entire churches realize that the Bible isn't only true and relevant. It's also outstanding and enjoyable!

I always believed the Bible was true. I was a Christian for 25 years before I realized it was awesome! I want to make sure it doesn't take you that long." - Keith Ferrin