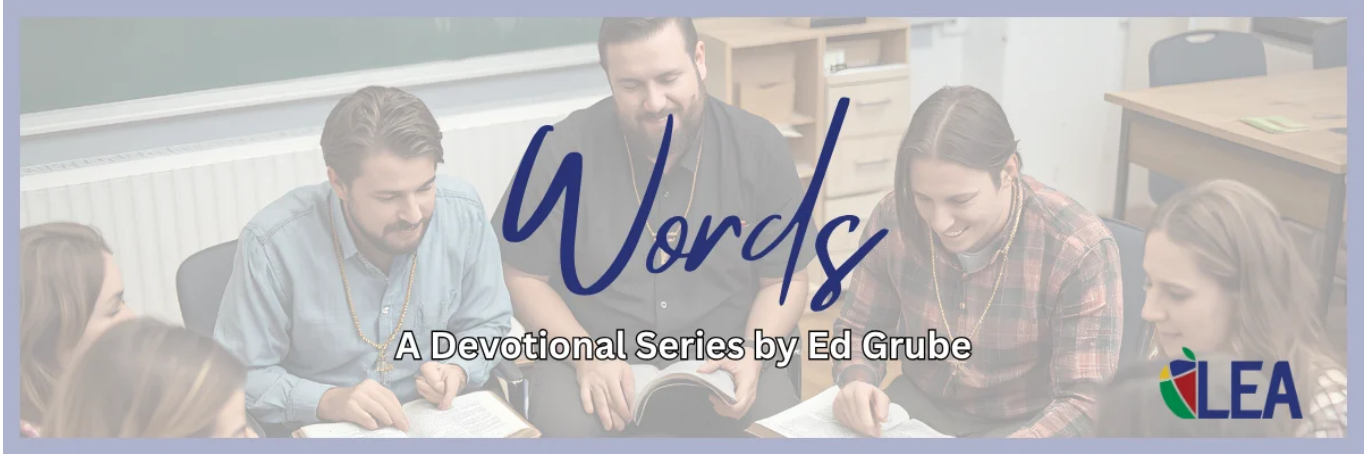


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First Responder

First responders receive high accolades and respect for their important roles and actions. They deserve our gratitude and gratitude to God for their work. With a little imagination, they might also remind you of the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the first to invite you and greet you in your walk of faith. He is the one that introduces you to your Savior, Jesus Christ—and who continues to teach, shape, and guide you. Here is what scripture told Jeremiah about all that:

> *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,*
> *and before you were born I consecrated you;*
> *I appointed you a prophet to the nations."* (Jeremiah 1:5).

No, the Spirit didn't make you a "prophet to the nations," but He did appoint and equip you to share your faith. He does this through your baptism and growth in the Word.

As an employee of the spiritual first responder, you occupy a special niche among people. Here it is as told to John:

> *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you* (John 15:16).

Yes, the Holy Spirit works through your baptism and the ever-fresh Word for this joyous job. Just as first responders study and practice to make them good for their work, the Holy Spirit moves you to study and live the life-saving task that He gives you. Your work at times may be difficult and disappointing, but it's all part of your job.

Don't you just love your work?

> *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in* hope (Romans 15:13*).*

Question for consideration and prayer: *Next time you hear a siren, thank God for His first responders and pray for their safety and success.*

See a Psalm: *Psalm 121*

Put a song in your heart: *Baptized into His holy name*.

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A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit dries up the bones–Prov. 17:22 ESV