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HIS WORD THE LAST WORD

I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night. Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings. Psalms 63:6-7 (NLT)

Dawson Trotman, a dynamic Christian leader of the mid-twentieth century and founder of The Navigators, emphasized the importance of the Bible in the life of every Christian. Trotman ended each day with a practice he called "His Word the last word." Before going to sleep he meditated on a memorized Bible verse or passage, then prayed about its place and influence in his life. He wanted the last words he thought about each day to be God's words.

The psalmist David wrote, "On my bed I remember you; I sing in the shadow of your wings." (Ps. 63: 6-7). Whether we are in great difficulty or enjoying a time of peace, our last thought at night can ease our minds with the rest and comfort God gives. It may also set the tone for our first thought the next morning.

A friend and is wife conclude each day **by reading aloud a Bible passage and daily devotional with their four children.** They welcome questions and thoughts from each child and talk about what it means to follow Jesus at home and school. They called it their version of **"His Word the last word"** for each day.

What better way to end our day! AMEN.

Thank You Father, for Your Word in our hearts and our minds – our last thought at night as we rest securely in You. AMEN.

David McCasland

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20

