

WAR DEPARTMENT  
**BASIC TRAINING**  
**The Alert Soldier**  
**HEARING**

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”  
 Matthew 4:4



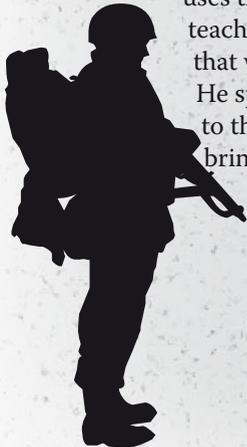
**WARM UP**

The small baby lay in the cot happily gurgling to itself. The cat knocked down the ironing board behind the baby and the baby did not react at all. It proved my suspicion that the child was deaf, unable to receive any input via the ears. Some men are like this happily gurgling along. Deaf by choice. Not born this way.

**BACKGROUND**

The people of Israel are in the desert and God humbles them with hunger. Only God can provide for them. In desperation they cry out to Him and He provides manna for them to eat. He

uses this to teach them that what He speaks to them will bring life.



Deuteronomy 8:1-5



**QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION**

1. What was God’s teaching method? Share about a time when God taught you like that.
2. What lessons was God trying to teach the people?

**CONSIDER THIS**

An Indian scout was rewarded for his services with a deed to some land. He never read it and had no-one to read it to him. He died poor and cold and yet he had riches that he did not know about because he did not read.

3. What simple rule for life could you write from this passage?

4. Read Heb 11:6 and Rom 10:17. What connection do you make between these verses when it comes to pleasing God?

**WRAP-UP** Discuss how you read the Bible and record what God is saying to you, for example keeping a journal. Why is it important to meditate on what you read? Psalm 1; Joshua 1:8.



**IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER**

**RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER**

What changes can I make to my devotional life that will please God?

Am I walking in obedience to what He has already spoken to me? What needs to change?