

WARM-UP

- Do you like reading books? What have you enjoyed reading the most, and why?
- Growing up, recall seasons and experiences of training. What were you trained to do, and how did you benefit from it?
- What do you do on a regular basis that you consider to be profitable or valuable? Why?

WORD *¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.* **2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17**

Our Statement of Faith affirms the doctrine of Scripture: The Bible is God's word, inspired and *breathed out by God*. In a world where everyone seems to believe their own truth, Scripture is unchanging and without error. It is truth that is founded on the Truth, Jesus Christ. It is our standard as believers for life and truth. Because it is profitable for us in many ways, we can trust and obey the Bible. Let's look today at how Scripture shapes us.

1 | Because all Scripture is God-breathed, we trust its teaching.

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16

We find truths about God, our doctrine, and biblical foundations in the Bible. It shows us who God is and how God made a way so that we could have a relationship with Him. It is also our guide to living and fulfilling God's purpose. It is God's word. This is why we can trust its teaching. As we are taught by His word, we can also teach it to others. Why do you think believers can't have other standards for life and godliness? How have you learned to uphold Scripture and trust what it says?

2 | Because all Scripture is God-breathed, we yield to its reproof and correction.

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Scripture provides both reproof and correction. First, it tells us what is wrong, how we should not live, and what would happen if we keep walking in the wrong path. Second, it speaks correction and allows us to see what life could be like. When we read, meditate on, and obey God's word, God restores us and makes us whole. Why do you think you feel

convicted and inspired when you read God’s word? How did you learn to yield to it?

3 | **Because all Scripture is God-breathed, we respond by training in righteousness.**

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God’s word is profitable to teach us and correct us. In addition, Scripture trains us in righteousness. That means we practice obedience and grow in our application of God’s word. We become more like God as we continue to know and obey God. How do you think God’s word has helped you follow and love God more?

Scripture is God’s word, and it greatly benefits us. However, it is not meant to be a personal benefit alone. When we trust and obey God’s word, we will be complete and equipped to do God’s work (2 Timothy 3:17). This means we are qualified to do what God has called us to do, which benefits our community and everyone around us.

APPLICATION

- Do you consider Scripture to be of prime importance in your life? How important should it be to you, and how will this be reflected in your life starting today?
- In what area do you feel incomplete or unqualified? How can God's word guide and train you?
- Why do you think God's word is so varied in terms of content, backgrounds, and styles? Why do you think it is so profitable to believers? How could the word in you benefit those around you?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His word and for speaking to you through it every day. Pray that it would be your daily priority, and that you would learn to love it, read it, trust it, and obey it.
- Pray that you would yield to the reproof and correction that God's word provides. Pray that your life would proclaim Christ.
- At a time when everyone seems to have their own "truth," ask God for courage to stand on and proclaim His word. Pray that you would love people and draw them closer to Him with your life and example.



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