Is the Bible True to me?

Have you doubted the Word of God because the Word did not come true for you?



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1) The Bible is the Inspired word of God

Q. What does "Inspired" mean?

-Inspired in the ESV version is translated as "breathed-out".

-The word, 'Inspired' refers to the very own words coming out of God's mouth

-Therefore, the Bible is God's very own breath, He breathes out life to us through His Word



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2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable...

Q. What is "all Scripture"?

-Refers to the Old and New Testament

Q. How do I know that the Bible is true to me?

-When the Bible profits my soul

-The scripture profits our Mind (our thinking), Emotion (how we are feeling) and Will (our decision-making)

1) The Bible is the Inspired word of God

Reflection:

Can you recall when was the last time you read or heard Scripture and felt the Word jumping out at you and burning in your heart?





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Application:

a) Daily reading or hearing audio Bible

b) Read, Reflect, Record and Respond to the Word of God

c) Come regularly for BBTC service, join W.O.W. and all BBTC equipping classes

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The more clearly we understand the Bible, the better we will understand God.

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Reflection:

Q. How do you clarify the doubts you have about the Bible?

Application: 2 Tim 3:16 Framework to Clarify

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E.g. Struggling with a Financial Issue

Teaching: What does the Bible talks about money?

-Gen 22:14, Phil 4:19, Heb 13:5, Prov 21:20, Mal 3:10-11

Reproof: <u>Is there sin that I need to repent</u>?

-Love for money, overspending, debts

Correction: How do I right the wrong?

-Confession, pursue God, pay debt, restrict spending

Training in righteousness: How to be like Christ?

-Accountability, learn to be content and to be a blessing



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- God is interested in who we are becoming

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...that the <u>man of God</u> may <u>be complete</u>, <u>equipped</u> for every good work.

- The process of being "complete" and "equipped" include the idea of becoming a teacher, teaching others the Word of God.
- <u>Becoming more Christ-like leading others to Christ</u>

Reflection:

Even as you continue to work out the doubts about the Bible, how are you becoming more like Jesus?

Even men and women of God will doubt His Word at times, yet when <u>they learn to trust in God, God credits them as</u> <u>righteous</u>.

-Job, Abraham, Moses, Gideon, Barak, Thomas and more

I want to encourage you that Jesus understands the human condition

- Jesus was disappointed (Luke 13:34)
- Jesus was hungry (Mark 1:13)
- Jesus was tired (John 4:6)
- Jesus was rejected (John 6:66)
- Jesus was ridiculed (Mark 15:9)
- Jesus was betrayed (Luke 22:48)



Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Application:

- We can trust the Bible because <u>we can trust the Author</u> of the Bible, who understands us
- We can trust the Bible by <u>focusing on Jesus</u> even in our doubts, and trust in His Word, that leads us and guides us **to become more like Him**.



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God is calling:

- 1. You may not be a Christian but you are curious to find more about the Bible and Jesus
- 2. Those of you who have not yet experienced the Bible as being true to you, to know that God is working in you

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