

Can You Trust the Bible?
When Life Gets Hard - Part 9
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Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

Introduction

John 17:17 (ESV) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Psalms 119:160 (ESV) The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Isaiah 40:8 (ESV) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

1. God Reminds Us Through Faithful Witnesses

2 Peter 1:12 (ESV) Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

2 Peter 1:13–14 (ESV) I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

2 Peter 1:15 (ESV) And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

2. God Reveals His Truth Through Eyewitnesses

2 Peter 1:16 (ESV) For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:17 (ESV) For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

2 Peter 1:18 (ESV) We ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

3. God Confirms His Word Through Prophetic Scripture

2 Peter 1:19 (ESV) And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

2 Peter 1:20 (ESV) Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation.

2 Peter 1:21 (ESV) For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Can You Trust the Bible? Study Guide

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1. Why do some people find it difficult to trust the Bible in today's world?
2. What helps you personally experience transformation through truth? (John 17:17)
3. How can we develop confidence in the enduring relevance of Scripture? (Psalm 119:160)
4. What does it mean to you that God's Word stands forever in a world of constant change? (Isaiah 40:8)

1. God Reminds Us Through Faithful Witnesses

1. How do reminders of truth help us grow in spiritual maturity? (2 Peter 1:12)
2. What role does urgency play in passing on spiritual truth? (2 Peter 1:13–14)
3. How can we ensure that our influence leads others back to Scripture, even after we're gone? (2 Peter 1:15)
4. In what ways can you be a faithful witness who reminds others of God's Word?

2. God Reveals His Truth Through Eyewitnesses

1. How does knowing the apostles were eyewitnesses strengthen your trust in the Bible? (2 Peter 1:16)
2. What is the significance of the Father's audible affirmation of Jesus? (2 Peter 1:17)
3. Why is it important that multiple eyewitnesses confirmed this event? (2 Peter 1:18)
4. How could you use your personal experience with God to encourage someone else this week?

3. God Confirms His Word Through Prophetic Scripture

1. Why should we pay close attention to God's Word like a lamp in a dark place? (2 Peter 1:19)
2. What does it mean that Scripture doesn't come from personal interpretation? (2 Peter 1:20)
3. How does the Holy Spirit's role in Scripture give us confidence in its authority? (2 Peter 1:21)
4. What changes do you need to make to ensure God's Word is your daily guide?

Conclusion

1. What needs to change in your life so that you value God's Word more deeply?
2. How can you help someone else discover the truth and beauty of the Bible this week?