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Introduction

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Many of us also have personal experiences that point to the existence and presence of our Sovereign God. We have experienced God keeping his promises that are written in Scripture. He has brought us through challenges that grow our faith.

Q: Briefly share about one time when you have experienced God, his word, his truth and promises to be absolute.

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Read Hebrews 4:12.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Q: What is Scripture useful for?

The Bible is our instruction manual to recognize wrong, learn what is right, and equip us for God's work! And yet, for many of us, the discipline of reading God's word is a challenge. If we do not choose to make it a priority, we are left with good intentions, and lack of growth. In John 17:17, Jesus prays for believers, asking God to make them holy through the truth of the Word. We learn in Ephesians 6:17 that the Word of God is our sole offensive weapon in the battle against Satan.

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