

talk it *over*

the Bible is a story

Key Scripture

2 Timothy 3.16-17

Key Points

Ten Benefits of the Bible

1. Leads us to salvation.
2. Guides our steps.
3. Teaches us how to live.
4. Lifts our burdens.
5. Brings us joy.
6. Gives us peace.
7. Renews our minds.
8. Creates intimacy with God.
9. Heals us.
10. Gives us victory.

Takeaway

The Word of God is powerful, and it is activated in us when we believe and confess it. But you can't believe and confess if you aren't reading it.

GROW-

Psalms 119.105 // 2 Peter 1.20-21

LIVE-

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Paul describes the Scriptures as being "God-breathed." He uses the word *theos* meaning "God," and *pneo* meaning "to breathe" in order to establish and describe the manner in which God gave us His Word. The Scriptures then are God's breath on a page. An infallible or absolute word, given to a fallible and fallen man. So even when our understanding of Him fails, God's Word still remains true, because He is truth.

LOOK-

How do you view the Scriptures? Are they old and outdated? Are they still relevant?

Do you struggle to find time to read them? Do you have a hard time understanding what it is saying?

Do you find it difficult to apply its principles to your life?

LOVE-

Jesus is God's Word in the flesh. He is the fulfillment, and the exact representation of God and His spoken word. Which means our faith in the Word of God, is not merely faith in some printed letters on a page, but in the Person of Jesus. And it is the Spirit using the printed word to make us more like the living Word. So the teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness Paul describes are not a punishment we receive for being bad people, but a profit we should embrace as He works to make us more like Himself.