

SERMON NOTES

Series: Our Core Values

Title: Biblical Authority

Texts: II Tim. 3:16&17; Lu. 5:1-11

Topic: The Authority of God's Word

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In a recent survey **81%** claimed to be *evangelical Christians* yet only **42%** of them knew that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Less than half, (48%) could name the first four books of the New Testament. Out of the 1382 people surveyed, less than **1%** said that their lives were directed by what the Bible said.

¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.* ¹⁷ *It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.* - II Timothy 3:16 & 17 (NLT)

1. **ALL OF IT** IS GOD'S WORD
2. IT IS **USEFUL**.
3. IT IS **COMPREHENSIVE**.
4. IT **COMPLETELY** EQUIPS US.

"If you have the Spirit without the Word, you blow up; and if you have the Word without the Spirit, you dry up; but when you have the Word and the Spirit together you grow up." - John Maxwell

Convictions illustrated in Peter's life from **Luke 5:1-11...**

1. EVEN WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, I WILL **TRUST IT**

2. GOD IS RIGHT **ALL THE TIME**.

We struggle to trust most in areas where we have some **knowledge and experience**.

3. CONSISTANT **OBEDIENCE** PRODUCES CONSISTENT **RESULTS**.

Convictions come into our lives when...

- We have learned what **the Bible says on a given subject**.
- We choose to **apply** the Bible in daily life contexts.
- We have decided what is worth **living and dying for**.
- We have settled the issue **before we are forced to**.

The Bible was written over a 1500 year span by over 40 authors from every walk of life including, kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, poets, statesmen, and scholars. It was written in different places, including the wilderness, dungeons, palaces, prisons, desolate islands. It was written at different times, in peace and in battle. It was written during different moods, the heights of joy and the depths of sorrow. It was written on three continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe, in three languages. It covered a variety of subjects including many that were controversial yet with harmony and continuity. From Genesis to Revelation, there is one unfolding story, the story of the redemption of humankind through God's son Jesus Christ.