



February 23, 2025
REASON[ABLE]
 "People of the Book"
 2 Timothy 3:13-17
 Rev. Dennis Keating

From Emmanuel Faith's Statement of Faith | Section 1: The Bible

"We believe the Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments, to be God's written word. The Bible's human authors, with their distinct personalities and styles, were inspired by God and carried along by the Holy Spirit to choose the exact words God intended to communicate to humankind. Scripture was without error in the original writings and is completely truthful in all that it addresses; therefore, it is to be believed as God's instruction in all that it affirms. It is to be obeyed as God's command in all that it requires and embraced in all that it promises. The Bible is the only rule for faith and practice. We affirm that the person and work of Jesus Christ is the central focus of the entire Bible."

Our Conviction: The Bible's truths didn't originate with _____, but with _____. (2 Sam. 24:11; Gal. 1:12; Matt. 4:4)

How was it inspired?

The _____ actively _____ and then _____ the human writing of the Scriptures. (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 17:17)

It's supported by ...

- Archeological evidence.
- Scientific plausibility.
- Historic accuracy.
- Prophetic fulfillment.

The Challenge: Since the Bible is "God-breathed," _____ its principles in decision-making. (John 8:31-32)

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Sermon Outline notes continued ...

Because ...

1. They have a _____. (3:14; Psa. 12:6; Heb. 13:7)

2. They're the _____. (3:15)

The Point: The Bible's wisdom gives us _____ opinion on matters, not _____ opinion. (Ex. 20:15; Matt. 22:39; 1 Thess. 4:3)

3. They're the best _____ for _____. (3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psa. 19:9)

4. They prepare us for the _____. (3:17; James 1:25; Rom. 15:4; Josh. 1:8)

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Our Conviction: The Bible’s truths didn’t originate with **humans**, but with **God**. (2 Sam. 24:11; Gal. 1:12; Matt. 4:4)

How was it inspired?

The **Holy Spirit** actively **communicated** and then **superintended** the human writing of the Scriptures. (2 Pet. 1:20-21; John 17:17)

It’s supported by...

- Archeological evidence.
- Historic accuracy.
- Scientific plausibility.
- Prophetic fulfillment.

The Challenge: Since the Bible is “God-breathed,” **continue to trust and follow** its principles in decision-making. (John 8:31-32)

Because ...

1. They have a **proven track record**. (3:14; Psa. 12:6; Heb. 13:7)
2. They’re the **source of godly wisdom**. (3:15)

The Point: The Bible’s wisdom gives us **God’s** opinion on matters, not **humanity’s** opinion. (Ex. 20:15; Matt. 22:39; 1 Thess. 4:3)

3. They’re the best **tool** for **spiritual formation**. (3:16; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psa. 19:9)
4. They prepare us for the **challenges ahead**. (3:17; James 1:25; Rom. 15:4; Josh. 1:8)