

# GOD IS THE SOURCE AND AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE

YEAR: TRANSFORM / FOCUS: LIVING IN PURSUIT / SERIES: 2 TIMOTHY

## BIG TRUTH: GOD IS THE SOURCE AND AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 1:20-21; Luke 24:27, 45; Romans 15:4; Matthew 5:17; James 1:21

## BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"*

## BIG IDEAS

- God's Word changes the lives of those who obey it.
- God's Word is profitable for everything we need to become like Jesus.
- God's Word equips us for every good work.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

## TRANSFORM - LIVING IN PURSUIT

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

## SERIES AIMS



### Every student should know that...

- God never leaves or forsakes His children
- Holiness makes us ready for every good work
- God's Word equips us for every good work



### Every student should feel...

- Strengthened and ready for the fight of the Christian life
- Love for God's Word which changes our lives
- Responsible to use their influence for Jesus alone



### Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of 2 Timothy
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Recognize and flee forms of counterfeit godliness



### Every student should want...

- To grow in how to rightly handle God's Word
- To faithfully face weakness so that God's strength would be on display
- To remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, in all they do and in all their conversations

## GUIDES AND WORKOUTS

The Guide provides a commentary page on each week's Bible verse and on each Big Idea that unpacks the Big Truth. Each week also includes a Student Workout as a resource to help the student pursue spiritual disciplines on their own. Additionally, each week has a Family Workout that helps equip parents and guardians to have spiritual conversations with their student.



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GOD IS THE SOURCE AND  
AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE**BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”*

**The Word is given by the inspiration of God.**

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God...”*

- When Paul writes to Timothy, he encourages him to hold fast to God’s Word because it is from God. He says that it is breathed out from God. This language means that it is given by inspiration or through the Spirit of God working in human authors, chosen by God to write down His Word.
- All of the Bible is the Word of God given by inspiration to mankind. This means that it is directly from God and can be trusted as His actual Word. It is His truth and as if He has spoken to us. It is His speaking to us.

**All of the Word of God is good and beneficial to His people.**

*“...and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction..”*

- God’s Word is profitable to His people. He gives His Word to His people for their benefit. It reveals truth about Him to them and it helps them grow in their own knowledge of themselves. When His people grow in their understanding of God, they grow in their understanding of themselves.
- The Word of God is also helpful in convicting God’s people of their sinful habits and patterns of behaviors that do not glorify Him. It is good to guide their lives and serves to help keep them on track to live lives that bring Him glory and further His kingdom.

**The Word trains believers in righteousness.**

*“...and for training in righteousness”*

- To be trained for something is to develop something daily. Training results in growth and development. The Word of God produces growth and development in the Godliness of believers. This is the training in righteousness that Paul is speaking of.
- When we study God’s Word daily, we grow in our righteousness. It trains us to live a righteous life and helps us pursue holiness. This daily pursuit is our daily training in living for God. As we grow in our knowledge of God’s Word, we are putting on Christlikeness and becoming more and more like Christ every day.

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND  
AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE**BIG IDEA #1: GOD'S WORD CHANGES THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO OBEY IT.<sup>1</sup>****[ THIS ]**

In 2 Timothy 3:10, Paul writes of his own conduct, faith, patience, love, steadfastness and persecutions. He writes of his ability to put on faith, patience, and love in the midst of persecutions because the Lord rescued him from it all. We know that Paul was not actually saved from persecution. What he means is that through his study and growth spiritually, he was rescued spiritually from the effects of suffering here on earth. As he obeyed God's Word here on earth, he was transformed spiritually, so much so, that the great suffering he endured was nothing to him compared to the glory he was going to experience in eternity. Paul's life was radically changed by his obedience to God's Word. His ability to exhibit Christlikeness in the midst of extreme persecution was because of his radical obedience to God's Word. He entered into His relationship with Christ with a prior knowledge of the law and as he grew in his relationship, His knowledge of Christ through His Word changed Paul radically.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**Read 2 Timothy 3:10-11. How does Paul's example of a godly life help you understand the importance of obedience to God's Word?**

When we read Paul's words to Timothy, we understand that Paul has suffered much because of his obedience to God's Word, yet he counts this suffering as worth it. When we take Paul's view, we understand that obedience to God's Word changes us and helps us grow in our godliness and desire to serve God.

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When we obey God's Word, we grow in our faith. Without an obedience to God's Word, we will not grow in our faith. Disobedience leads us away from God and doesn't help us grow in our godliness. God's Word is transformative. As we study it, we grow in our godliness. God's Spirit works in us to make us more like Him. When we obey it, we put off the things of this world. Our love for the things of the flesh grows less and our love of God grows stronger. As we obey His Word, we grow in our obedience to Him and our service to Him. Paul writes to Timothy of these things in 2 Timothy 3:14-15. He encourages Timothy to continue in the things he has learned and known since childhood. It is these things and obedience to them that helps Timothy live a radical life of obedience to God's Word.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**What are some challenges you face in obeying all of God's Word?**

Often, we are tempted to pick and choose the parts of God's Word we want to obey, but we must obey all of it. James 1:22 reminds us to be hearers and doers of His Word. John 14:23 and Proverbs 10:17 remind us of the importance of obedience to God's Word and how it transforms us.

**How has obedience to God's Word grown your relationship with Jesus?**

John 14:15 shows us that those who love God obey His Word. When we obey God's Word, we show we love Jesus. As we obey, we grow in our love for Him. Acts 5:29 gives us a picture of how the disciples chose to obey God rather than men and Psalm 119:105 reveals what it looks like when God's Word has so transformed us that it is the guide for our lives.

1. 2 Timothy 3:10: Paul endured much for the sake of Jesus, but his pursuit of God's Word helped him endure this.

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND  
AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE**BIG IDEA #2: GOD'S WORD IS PROFITABLE FOR EVERYTHING WE NEED TO BECOME LIKE JESUS.<sup>2</sup>****[ THIS ]**

In 2 Timothy 3:15-16, Paul instructs Timothy about the benefit of Scripture. God's Word has great profit to the believer. Paul reminds Timothy that it is Scripture that has opened Timothy's eyes to his need for salvation. Scripture holds the truth of God's salvation plan for the world. As we read Scripture and as Scripture is preached and taught, people understand that Jesus is the way for a person to be saved. God has given His salvation plan in His Word. It is written down for all of eternity and for all of the world to see—God is the God of salvation. This faith in Jesus leads to a person having the Spirit of God and the ability to have Scripture illuminated in a way to understand great truths about God. Paul encouraged Timothy to remember the sacred writings he was taught as a child and to hold fast to the truth of Scripture. It is in Scripture that Timothy would know how to be like Christ, and it is in God's Word that every believer can find the way to grow in Christlikeness.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**Read 2 Timothy 3:15-16. How have you found God's Word profitable in your own life?**

These verses help us understand that it is God's Word that serves as the catalyst to our spiritual growth. When we read His Word, we are convicted of sin, shown what true godliness is, and learn what it means to follow Jesus. God's Word helps us understand what it means to be a child of God.

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There are many books written about the Christian life, but the Bible is the most profitable book for our spiritual life. In the Bible, we can learn all we need to know about how to live for God. From the Bible, we can learn about the life and personhood of Jesus so that we might become like Him. In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul encourages Timothy in his pursuit of a knowledge of Scripture for this very reason. Scripture profits a believer because it produces a righteousness in their lives. When we study Scripture, we learn who Jesus is. When we learn who Jesus is, it changes us. We are transformed because we understand ourselves better. This leads us to repentance and it also helps us pursue a holy lifestyle. As we learn about Jesus' ministry on earth, we learn how to model our own service to God while we live on this earth. When we follow His example, we become more and more like Him. God's Word profits us in this way.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**What are some challenges to a daily pursuit of God's Word? How do other things pull you away from this daily pursuit of God's Word?**

Daily life can be our greatest challenge to pursuing God's Word, but Psalm 119:11 reminds us of the importance of storing it in our hearts. Joshua 1:8 and Proverbs 3:1-2 also remind us that a daily pursuit of God's Word really should be non-negotiable in our spiritual walk.

**How does pursuing God's Word to become like Jesus help us remain steadfast in trials?**

When we know God and are connected to His Word, we will be steady through trials and persecutions. We will be growing and becoming like Jesus so that when we enter trials, we can face them steadfastly. Psalm 61:3 teaches us of the strong tower and foundation that God is for us during a storm and trial.

2. 2 Timothy 3:15: God's Word helps us become like Jesus as we grow in our knowledge of Him.

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND  
AUTHOR OF SCRIPTURE**BIG IDEA #3: GOD'S WORD EQUIPS US FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.<sup>3</sup>****[ THIS ]**

In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Paul teaches the benefits of God's Word. It equips and trains believers for their service to God. When he writes to Timothy that the Word of God is profitable for "training in righteousness", he is reminding Timothy of the way in which God's Word prepares His people to serve Him. God saves His people for His glory. He rescues them from their sin debt for His purposes. They are rescued to do His will, which is to bring Him glory. He chooses to use His people for His glory and to spread His name throughout the world. Paul reminds Timothy of the importance of God's Word in training him for this work. Timothy must remain faithful in his study of Scripture in order to be prepared for the work of the Lord. One cannot do the work of the Lord well without being immersed in God's Word. This is because Scripture is from God and given to His people to guide and train them.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**How does Scripture help to train God's people to serve Him?**

Throughout Scripture, we are taught what it means to serve God. His Word gives us examples and instructions that show us how to live for Him. 1 Samuel 12:24, Colossians 3:23-24, and 1 Corinthians 15:58 all show us what it means to serve God.

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To be equipped for something is to be prepared and given the necessary tools and skills to complete a task. God equips His people for the good work He has for them through His Word. God has a purpose for every one of His people. He does not just rescue His people for the sake of rescuing them. He has a greater purpose for every person He creates and every person He redeems. He calls people to Himself in salvation, and He equips them through His Word to do the work He gives them to do. Paul shows Timothy this is true in 2 Timothy 3:17. It is through a study of the Bible that we learn how to serve God. When we read and study the examples of past believers, we learn how to live for God. When we study God's Word, we also are instructed in how to live a godly life and one that enables us to serve Him. We learn how He desires His church to function and how each believer is to behave. All that we need to know, God has given us in His Word. It is complete and has all that we need to know to bring Him glory with our lives.

**[ THEREFORE ]**

**Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does "every good work" mean? How does His Word help us do this good work?**

The good work Paul is speaking of is spreading the Gospel to the world. In fulfilling this Great Commission, God equips His people through His Word. God's Word gives us everything we need for everything it tells us to do, including living faithfully as a Jesus follower.

**How are we tempted to look to other things to equip us for God's good work rather than the Word of God?**

Often, we find it easier to read another book or listen to a podcast than to read and study God's Word. Reading and studying God's Word requires discipline and sacrifice. We are tempted to take the easier route to learn God's truth rather than studying for ourselves, but what we know is true is that God's Word is a gift to us. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that it is the Word of God that pierces our soul and Matthew 24:35 shows us that it is God's Word that is everlasting, not man's.

3. 2 Timothy 3:17: When we know God's Word, we are ready and prepared to do the good works God has for us.