



## Message Outline

*Back to the Books:*

*Why I Believe the Bible—Part 1*

**2 Timothy 3:14-17**

**Intro:** August...back to the books of school.

- New series to study the Books of Scripture...
- Why believe the Bible and other questions on this God-breathed Book...

### The Scripture on Scripture

**Read:** Jeremiah 30:1-2

- Over 2,000x a phrase like “thus says the Lord” is written (cf. Jer.30)...
  - Divine authorship w/ human involvement.

**Read:** Matthew 5:17-18, 4:4

- Jesus’ high view of Scripture—it’s the bank and bread for believers...
  - Spiritually struggling apart from Scripture’s sustenance!

**Read:** Isaiah 50:10-11

- Note direction—from heaven with earthly application...
- Budding and blossoming work of Bible...

**Read:** 2 Peter 1:19-21

- A lamp that lights the way.
- The Spirit spark in the mark...

**Read:** 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- “Inspired by God” literally “God-breathed”: not good book but a God book!
- God comes close when we come to His Word/breathe!
- Profitable purposes: teaching, reproof, correction, training...

### Reasons why the Bible is God’s Breathe

1) Breathing thru the P\_\_\_\_\_

- God writes His story in HIStory—people, places, events as evidence (cf. Acts 26:26).

- Historical events once doubted now excavated...
  - Over 25,000 finds in archeology corresponding to Biblical history!

2) Breathing thru the P\_\_\_\_\_

- 40 authors, 3 languages, multiple millennia and cultures—one unified Book!
- Text evidence: more manuscripts, closer to originals than other historical documents...
  - Dead Sea Scrolls and scribal accuracy...

3) Breathing thru P\_\_\_\_\_

- Not just writing thru history but predicting *specifically* future history (Acts 26:27)...
- *Specific* prophecies fulfilled...

4) Breathing thru the P\_\_\_\_\_ (aka Jesus)

- Mathematic impossibility of one man fulfilling OT Messianic prophecy...
- This Book points to Jesus (cf. Lk.24:27).

5) Breathing thru the P\_\_\_\_\_

- Creation, Fall, Rescue, Consummation.
- Unique storyline of Scripture...grace, not good works!

6) Breathing thru P\_\_\_\_\_

- Variety in Scripture not only in authorship but also genre (narrative, prophecy, poetry, wisdom, gospels, epistles, apocalyptic)...
  - Getting message to masses in multiple modes...

7) Breathing thru P\_\_\_\_\_ Experience

- Scripture penetrates the human experience if we are willing to take the sword from the sheath (cf. Heb.4:12).

**Closing:** Evidences behind inspiration...not just a good book but a God-breathed Book!