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SERIES: Rev'd Up

SERMON: The Authority of Scripture

MAIN SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3, John 16:33, 2 Peter 1:21,
1 Corinthians 2:13-14, John 10:27, John 17:17



“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: The authority and inspiration of Scripture is the cornerstone of our faith.

SUPPORTING THOUGHTS:

- The Bible is both human and divine.
- The Bible contains the very words of God.
- Pastors and teachers must believe and teach sound Christian doctrine.
- It is one thing to affirm that the Bible claims to be the words of God. It is another thing to be convinced that those claims are true. (*Attributed to J. Gresham Machen*)

QUESTIONS:

- Before this message, had you heard of Jannes or Jambres? Why did Paul mention them in his letter to Timothy?
- How do we know that the Bible is God’s Word?
- If you want to persuade someone that the Bible is God’s Word, what would you suggest someone reads?
- Who would want you to disbelieve something written in Scripture?
- Do you know of any proven fact in all of history that shows something in the Bible is false?
- Do you ever find yourself believing something not because you have proof, but simple because it is written in Scripture? Look at Hebrew 11:1.
- What is it that allows some to be impacted by the words of Scripture, while others see it as an interesting book at best and nothing else?
- How would you respond to someone who claimed that Jesus was a “good teacher” who ended as a crucified peasant from 1st Century Nazareth?
- How do you define “God-breathed?” How is this tracked back to Adam?
- Discuss the 4 purposes of Scripture:
 - Purpose #1 – Teaching
 - Purpose #2 – Reproof
 - Purpose #3 – Correction
 - Purpose #4 – Training

Sources: Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology, The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, Chuck Swindoll, *Living Insights Commentary*, Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, , *Christian Faith in the Modern World*, ChristianPost.com, Lexham Theological Wordbook, Gordon D. Fee, *New International Biblical Commentary, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus*, Matthew Henry, *Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible*, William Hendriksen, *New Testament Commentary, Exposition of The Pastoral Epistles*