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Because You Asked

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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Life can be chaotic. We all face moments when everything seems to be falling apart, and we're searching for something solid to hold on to. The early Christians in Thessalonica went through times like these. They faced suffering and persecution, but instead of just getting by, they grew stronger. How did they do it? They built their lives on the firm foundation of God's Word.

Today, we're going to look at 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20, and see how we can find strength, resilience, and joy by grounding our lives in Scripture.

Chapter 1: The Desk Disaster—A Lesson in Following Instructions

Let me start with a story from my college days that taught me a big lesson.

During one summer, I worked as a maintenance guy at a private school. Now, I'm not great at fixing things, but I was confident—maybe a bit too confident. On my last day, a teacher asked me to put together a desk. It looked simple enough, so I told her it would be done in ten minutes.

She left the room, and I got to work. The first thing I saw when I opened the box was the instruction manual. But I thought, "I don't need this." So, I tossed it aside and started screwing in the legs.

Everything seemed fine until we flipped the desk over. The legs had gone right through the desktop, and the whole thing fell apart.

I was embarrassed and quickly blamed the desk. But the truth was, I had ignored the instructions, and it led to a mess.

This story is a lot like our lives. We often think we can handle things on our own, without following God’s “manual”—the Bible. But when challenges come, we realize just how much we need His guidance.

Chapter 2: Holding On to God’s Word in Tough Times

The Christians in Thessalonica were going through really hard times. They were being persecuted for their faith, but instead of giving up, they held on to God’s Word. They didn’t just see it as good advice—they knew it was the truth from God Himself. And because they trusted in His Word, they were able to find strength and hope, even when life was hard.

Paul, who wrote to them, praised them for this. They didn’t just listen to God’s Word—they let it change their lives. They built their lives on it, even when everything around them was falling apart. This is the kind of faith and commitment that God calls us to have.

Chapter 3: What Makes the Bible So Special

The Bible isn’t just another book. It’s a collection of 66 books written over 1,500 years by more than 40 different authors. These people came from different backgrounds, lived in different places, and spoke different languages. But despite all these differences, the Bible tells one unified story about God’s love, justice, and plan for us.

Think about this: The Old Testament contains over 351 prophecies about the coming Messiah, and the New Testament shows how Jesus fulfilled every one of them. This isn’t just a coincidence—it’s proof that the Bible is divinely inspired.

Chapter 4: Can We Trust the Bible?

A common question people ask is, “How do we know that the Bible we read today is the same as what was originally written?” It’s a good question, and the answer is amazing.

In 1947, a young shepherd found what we now call the Dead Sea Scrolls near the Dead Sea. These scrolls contained ancient copies of the Old Testament, and when scholars compared them to the Old Testament we have today, they found that they matched almost perfectly. This discovery, along with thousands of other ancient manuscripts, shows that God’s Word has been preserved accurately over the centuries.

Chapter 5: Building on a Strong Foundation

Jesus told a story in Matthew 7 about two men who each built a house. One man built his house on a rock, and the other built his on sand. When the storms came, the house on the rock stood firm, while the one on the sand collapsed.

God’s Word is like that rock. It’s solid, unchanging, and reliable. But the ideas and opinions of the world are like shifting sand—they’re always changing and can’t be trusted when life gets tough.

If you’re going through a difficult time right now, it’s important to check what foundation you’re building on. If it’s anything other than God’s Word, you might find yourself struggling to stay strong when the storms hit.

Conclusion: An Invitation to Rebuild

Maybe you’re realizing that you’ve been building on the wrong foundation. The good news is, it’s not too late to start over. God isn’t waiting to judge you—He’s ready to help you rebuild.

Just like I had to go back to the manual after my desk disaster, you can go back to God’s Word. Jesus is inviting you to pick up the manual, get to work, and rebuild your life with Him by your side.

He's not going to leave you alone in this. He's right there with you, ready to help you every step of the way. So, let's grab that manual and start building together. There's no better foundation to build on than the solid rock of God's Word.

