

THE BIBLE IS OUR FOUNDATION
BACK TO THE BASICS: BUILDING A FAITH THAT LASTS
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Series Memory Verse:

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

-Colossians 2:6-7

Focus Passage – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

#1. The Bible is our _____.

“But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.” -2 Timothy 3:14

*“The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.”
-Isaiah 40:8*

#2. The Bible equips us for _____.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful...” -2 Timothy 3:16a

This Bible will:

- Teach you what's true

- Show you what's wrong
- Get you back on track
- Train you how to live

The Bible is also about **real life**. It helps you:

- Deal with anxiety (Philippians 4:6–7).
- Confront insecurity (Psalm 139).
- Navigate relationships (Proverbs 4, 1 Corinthians 13).
- Find purpose when you feel stuck (Romans 12:2).

The Bible is:

- Your **charger** when you're drained (Isaiah 40:31)
- Your **map** when you're lost (Proverbs 16:9)
- Your **light** when it's dark (Psalm 119:105)

3. The Bible prepares us to do _____.

“God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” -2 Timothy 3:17

HOW TO GET INTO THE BIBLE:

#1. Start small. For the next 30 days read one chapter of **Acts** each day.

#2. Use the S.O.A.P. method for reading/studying your Bible.

- Scripture
- Observation
- Application
- Prayer

#3. Set a time and place.

#4. Make it a daily habit.

