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Devotion for January 31st, 2022

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

- 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

This Bible message was given to Timothy from Paul. Timothy was the pastor of a church and Paul was mentoring Timothy with this letter. This message was contained in the second of two letters to Timothy. The second letter was written approximately in 68 AD. Paul himself was facing death in Rome. He wrote the two letters to help Timothy in many areas of his ministry. Thus, helping Timothy to be bold in his faith.

The first thing to recognize is that Paul gave Timothy a reason to be confident in his faith and also for you and me to be confident. This confidence comes from the fact that all Scripture was breathed out by God. Paul reassured Timothy that he could confidently rely on Scripture as infallible. It was God who gave the prophets what to write. God also sent His only Son, Jesus, and all that Jesus said was true. What Jesus said and did was written by His apostles and disciples, of which Paul was one.

We can be confident that Scripture is true. Today that is really important, isn't it? We have a source of truth that isn't made up by sinful humans. We have truth that comes to us from outside of us. We have truth that does not depend on what you or I think is true. We don't get to make up our own truth. We hear this all the time these days, don't we? It goes something like this:

That isn't true for me, I have my own truth. It is what I govern my life with.

With this type of thinking, just about every person would believe whatever they have made up for themselves. What happens when that person realizes that their personal made-up truth isn't true at all? Drug or alcohol abuse or even suicide may follow.

God has given you and me truth. The truth He revealed through His prophets and primarily through the testimony of His only Son, Jesus, and His apostles. Their testimony is contained in Holy Scripture, truth from God. Paul pointed Timothy to the truth to be used every day in his ministry, but also for you and for me as we go forward in our earthly lives. Paul wrote that it is good for training in righteousness and equips us as a person. Because we have confidence that we have the source of all truth, we can boldly go forward sharing the truth with those who have not heard it and those who need to hear it again.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." ([John 3:16](#))

TRUTH!

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