

**“For God to Fully Equip You”** (2Tim.3:12-17)

The Bible is like a Worse-Case Scenario Survival Handbook. We live in a very broken world filled with sin and suffering due to man's rebellion and subsequent separation from God. God's Word is an indispensable and indestructible guide so “that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Background: The Apostle Paul is awaiting trial and certain execution and is passing on the ministry torch to young Pastor Timothy. The letter reads like a coaches half-time motivational and instructional talk. The Christian's Call to... Courage (Chapter 1), Serve (Chapter 2), Persevere (Chapter 3) (b/c of the godlessness in the last days you need to immerse yourself in God's infallible and inspired Word to persevere) and Finish Strong (Chapter 4).

**THE RESOURCE: GOD'S WORD**

V16a All Scripture is breathed out by God...

- Given By God. Jude 3; Ps.119:160; 1Pet.1:24-25; Isa.40:8 The Bible has distinctive marks of Divine Authority, Authorship, and Authenticity unlike any other book.
- Inspired By God. 1Pet.1:19-21; Heb.4:12; Gen.2:7 Inspired means God worked through human personality to write what He wanted written.

Promise: The Bible is not simply a book that records facts but a promise that breathes life. It is not a list of rules to obey but a person to enjoy. John 5:39-40; Luke 24:27, 44

**THE METHOD: APPLY GOD'S WORD**

V16b and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, James 1:22-25

- Beliefs: 1Tim.4:16  
“Teaching” = truth about God, man, salvation, etc.  
“Correction” = to make strait again or to correct false beliefs.
- Behavior: Luke 6:43-45; Matt.15:18  
“Training in Righteousness” = How to live for Christ on a daily basis.  
“Reproof” = Conviction/Correction of not following Christ's commands.

Promise: Applying God's Word (BWV) will fortify your faith (Rom.10:17), liberate your life (John 8:31-32), and satisfy your soul (Ps.119:103). Matt.7:24-27; Ps.1:1-6; Rom.12:2

**THE RESULT: CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER AND CONDUCT**

V17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- Character: Who You Are (Being). Rom.5:3-5  
“Complete” = fit, sufficient, able to meet all demands.
- Conduct: What You Do (Doing). Eph.2:10  
“Equipped for every good work” = fully outfitted, furnished, and supplied.

Promise: The Gospel is not only the way we begin in Christ but also grow in Christ. Focus on being with Christ and all that He has done for you, and you'll become like Christ living a fullness of life that only He can give. 2Cor.8:9, 9:8; Eph.5:25; Gal.2:14; Eph.5:1-2

**Growing Notes**

- 1) How is God's Word like and unlike a Worse-Case Scenario Survival Handbook? What do you think it means that God's Amazing Promises can fully equip you for every good work?
- 2) Read 2Tim.3:16-17. How will immersing yourself in God's Word help you to persevere against the godlessness of the last days (see context of our text)?
- 3) What is our Resource for being fully equipped (v16a)? What does Paul say about the Scriptures (v16a)? What does it mean that God's Word is inspired (2Pet1:19-21; Heb4:12)? What is the promise?
- 4) What is the method for being fully equipped (v16b; James 1:22-25)? How does God's Word transform our Beliefs and Behavior? How do our beliefs (root) relate to our behavior (fruit) (Luke 6:43-45; Matt.15:18)? What's are the benefits of having a Biblical World View?
- 5) What is the Result we are aiming for in Bible study (v17)? What does it mean to be complete, equipped for every good work (v17)? The Gospel is not only the way we begin in Christ but also grow in Christ. Explain. Why do you think focusing on being with Christ will make you more like Christ? Pray.

# db events

- > **SEASONS OF CARE:** June 6 @ 6:30 Register online
- > **FAITH, FAMILY, FREEDOM:** June 13, 6-8 pm  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month) Register online
- > **BAKE SALE:** June 18 & 19 Bring a baked good or buy something delicious for Father's Day. Proceeds go to Ladies Retreat Scholarships.
- > **LOVE YOUR MARRIAGE:** Friday, June 24 Register online
- > **DB WOMEN COFFEE TALK:** Saturday, June 25 @ 9am  
Debra Trusela will be sharing 2 Samuel 22:29
- > **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE :** Use your Time and Talents in our Café and Children's Areas, go to dbcc.com under "**Get Connected**"

## Weekly Happenings at DBCC

- > **FOOD PANTRY:** 11:30am, Thursdays in the Community Hall
- > **PRAYER NIGHT:** 6pm Sunday Evenings in the Central Lobby
- > **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Fridays, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.
- > **BOTTLE FILLER STATIONS:** We have 3 bottler filler locations  
Main Lobby – Breezeway – Children's Area
- > **DBCFAFE:** DB Tumblers (hot/cold) are available for sale in the Café \$12

# God's Amazing Promises

June 4 & 5  
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Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Budget Results for May 28/29  
General Giving  
Budget \$25,000 - Actual \$30,684  
DYTM: \$644