

After Amen: **Lost Without a Map**

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All Bible passages are quoted from the New International Version of the Bible unless otherwise noted.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 | ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Can I trust the Bible?

The Bible can be trusted because it is ...

1. **GROUNDED** in real history.
2. Carefully **PRESERVED**.
3. Telling one **CONNECTED** story.
4. Filled with **PROPHECIES** God keeps.
5. Confirmed by what we **DISCOVER**.

How do I make the Bible part of my everyday life?

1. Let it **CHALLENG**E what feels true.
2. Make it your **FOUNDATION**, not just your **INSPIRATION**.
3. **DO** what it says!

NEXT STEP: Make reading and applying God's Word part of your everyday life.

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Further Study & Discussion Questions

Getting to Know You:

1. When you're going somewhere new, are you the type to follow directions exactly or just figure it out as you go? Why?
2. Have you ever been confidently wrong about something? What changed your mind?

Quick Review:

1. The message answered the question: "Can I trust the Bible?" Which reason stood out to you most and why?
2. What's the difference between using the Bible as inspiration versus making it your foundation?
3. Why is it important that Christianity is rooted in real historical events, not just ideas or philosophy?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read **Hebrews 4:12**.

Hebrews 4:12 | For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

How does this verse describe what God's Word does in a person's life? Why can that feel uncomfortable?

2. Read **James 1:22–25**.

James 1:22–25 | ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

What warning does James give about hearing God's Word but not doing it? What does it look like to actually live it out?

Putting It Into Practice:

1. What is one practical way you can make Scripture part of your daily rhythm this week (time, place, plan)?
2. What is one thing you already know from God's Word that you need to start doing, not just hearing?