

# GROWING DEEP IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

GOD'S BOOK—GOD'S VOICE

PSALM 119:98–100; 2 TIMOTHY 3:14–17; 2 PETER 1:19–22



## The Heart of the Matter

Have you stopped recently to think about the benefits of having a copy of Scripture in your own language? Have you ever pondered the thought: *What if all the Bibles suddenly disappeared?* In our overabundant, more-than-enough world, such thoughts are foreign . . . too impossible to imagine. But for a few moments, try. Think of the spiritual darkness in which you would walk, the uncertainty of your decisions, the absence of absolutes, the confusion you'd feel. God's Book, the Bible, is the most reliable map available today. As its pages speak, we are wise to hear and heed. As its warnings are revealed, we dare not ignore them. But how can we know *for sure* that God's Book is God's voice? Is it really that trustworthy today? Is it really that sure?



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Popular Crutches People Lean On

When life knocks you down, many people rely on the crutches of escapism, cynicism, humanism, and supernaturalism.

### 2. The Foundation Everyone Can Trust (Selected Scriptures)

The Bible testifies to its identity, its inerrancy, and its reliability.



## Starting Your Journey

Three benefits of believing the Bible come from Psalm 119. First, you have stability in the midst of life's storms (119:98). Second, you have insight into life rather being intimidated by life (119:99). Third, you have a maturity beyond your years (119:100).



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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