

## THE BIBLE: GOOD BOOK OR GOD'S REVELATION? PROVERBS 3:5-8

### SERMON SERIES: *MAKING IT THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE*

<sup>11</sup> After all, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that is already laid, and that foundation is Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 3:11 (GW)**

#### ➤ **How do you view the Bible?**

### 1. DISCERNING \_\_\_\_\_ FROM \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." **Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." **Genesis 3:4-5 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. **Proverbs 14:12 (NIV)**

➤ We start with the Bible in *Making it Through the Storms of Life* – so we can learn to think as God thinks, so we can discern right from wrong.

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ JESUS

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. **Matthew 7:24 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. **John 1:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. **John 21:25 (NIV)**

<sup>39</sup> You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, **John 5:39 (NIV)**

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### 3. WHERE WE GO \_\_\_\_\_

✓ At the core of our problem is what we actually believe about the Bible.

<sup>14</sup> We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' **Acts 26:14 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, **Exodus 23:2 (NIV)**

### 4. PUT GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**2 Timothy 4:1-5 (NIV)**

➤ We start with the Bible in *Making it Through the Storms of Life* – because every conviction you have proceeds from what you believe about the Bible.

<sup>2</sup> Don't become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. **Romans 12:2 (GW)**

<sup>9</sup> But as Scripture says: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him." <sup>10</sup> God has revealed those things to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches everything, especially the deep things of God. **1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (GW)**

✓ **So: Will you live by your preferences, or will you live by God's Word and God's principles?**