

40 DAYS IN THE WORD – Message #2

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The Inspired, Infallible, Word of God:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says: ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Inspired:

God alone is the source of the knowledge about Himself, and He has chosen to reveal Himself in the Bible and in no other book. The term God-breathed means that God himself, guided the hearts & minds of 40 human writers, leading them to write precisely what God wanted them to say. In other words, the Bible was written by 40 human writers - under the guidance and leadership of 1 Divine author.

Infallible:

The Bible is without error. The bible was written over a period of 1500 years, with 40 human writers from all walks of life: Kings, Shepherds, Fishermen, Tax Collectors, Commoners, Educated, Poor & Rich. Despite its many writers and the long period of time in which it was written, the Bible in unified on one central theme-“the redemption of mankind through Jesus Christ”; and never contradicts itself. The odds of 40 human writers, to keep such unity & central theme would be impossible apart from divine authorship. God has preserved His Word over the centuries with great intentionality. Though man has tried to destroy it... God’s Word has remained. Archaeologists and historians have many irrefutable proofs & discoveries that affirm that the Bible we have today compares accurately to the ancient manuscripts.

Philippians 1:9-10

This is my prayer: v9

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that your love may abound: v9

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More and more: v9

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In knowledge: v9

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And depth of Insight: v9

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So you may able to discern what is best: v10

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Pure and blameless until the day of Christ: v10

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God...Can you hear me now?

- When God is silent, He is not _____.
- Silence gets our _____.

Why is God sometimes silent?

- To make us aware of un-confessed sin.
- To postpone His answer, because we aren’t ready to listen.
- Because we are not prepared for His answer.
- To teach us to trust Him, even if we don’t “feel” Him. (emotional)
- To help us distinguish between His voice & other voices.
- To help us recognize the difference between what we are **thinking** and what He is **saying**.
- Encourage prayerful perseverance – until we have a breakthrough.
- To reward our diligence for seeking Him.
- To teach us patience.

How should we respond to God’s silence?

- Ask God, “Why are you being silent?” (Matt 27:26 & Mark 15:34)
- Trust Him, Be still and know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10)
- Respect God’s right to be silent.
- Read His Word (The Holy Spirit will interpret His Word to your heart)
- Tell God: “I’m ready to listen”
- Be silent in His presence; allow Him time to speak to you.
- Pray Fervently - Keep Praying until the walls of silence are broken.
 - Continue to trust Him – in His silence.

Keep on Asking, Seeking, Knocking:

⁹ “And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9 NLT

This Weeks Memory Verse:

¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. *Psalm 119:18*

My Prayer to God:
