

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: Who Needs God – The Bible Told Me So

What's this message about: We all know this verse from a popular children's song: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the BIBLE TOLD ME SO." We have probably also heard someone say, "the bible said it, I believe it, that does it." If the Bible is the sole foundation of our faith, then, what happens if the credibility of any part of scripture is challenged? Does our faith falter? The real question we should be asking ourselves is, "Is the Bible our God or our Guide?"

If you or someone you know has left the faith because of something in the Bible that you read or heard, let's take a step back toward faith. Consider that Christianity doesn't exist because of the bible any more than you exist because of your birth certificate. The birth certificate documents something that happened- just like the New Testament documents the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and His disciples. Our faith shouldn't hinge on someone's interpretation of the Bible; it should hang on who Jesus said He was and whether He rose from the dead. Don't worship the record of the one who offered us eternal life, worship the giver of this life and the life to come.

Jesus loves you, this you know because eyewitnesses like John, historians like Luke, opponents turned defenders like Paul and believers who live like they have been saved tell you so.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *How would you describe the Bible to someone who did not know what it was?*
- *If you found out that some of the stories in the Bible (e.g. Flood, Jonah, etc.) were not historically accurate, would it change what you believe? Why or why not?*
- *What are some practical ways we can sure up our faith foundation?*

Do something about it:

Over the next few weeks set aside some time to read the Gospel of John. Use this time as an opportunity to get a personal glimpse into His character. Pay close attention to what He considered important and how He interacted with people. Use this as a guide to help you evaluate your current interactions with those, in your sphere of influence, who are searching.

Digging deeper:

John 1:1-4,14,18; John 14:6; Hebrews 12:1-3; Matthew 4:3,4; 7:24-25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-18