**By the Book**

**Part 2**

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***2 Timothy 3:15-17***

*15from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the servant of Godmay be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

1. **The Bible…**
2. **Reveals who God is, who we are, and how we connect.**

“This is a text that reveals the sovereign God in being and action. It does not flatter us; it does not seek to please us. We enter this text to meet God as He reveals Himself, not to look for truth or history or morals that we can use for ourselves. What He insisted upon supremely was that we do not read the Bible in order to find out how to get God into our lives, to get Him to participate in our lives. That’s getting it backwards.” - Eugene Peterson, “Eat This Book”

“It was God who created humanity and, therefore, only God can reveal to us our identity and function as humans and, without this Biblical revelation, we are lost in a maze of confusion.”

1. **The Bible reveals the history of salvation.**

Act 1: Creation

Act 2: The Fall

Act 3: Israel

Act 4: Jesus

Act 5: The Church

Act 6: New Creation

1. **Shapes us for usefulness in God’s ongoing story.**

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“We come to the Scripture as part of our conscious strategy to cooperate with God for the full redemption of our life.” – Dallas Willard

**2. You Can Do This**

**A. Rest**

**B. Request**

**C. Read**

**D. Reflect**

**E. Respond**

“You learn more Bible through your feet than your ears.”

**Websites:**

[www.seanmcdowell.org](http://www.seanmcdowell.org)

[www.crossexamined.org](http://www.crossexamined.org)

[www.str.org](http://www.str.org) (stand to reason)

[www.sattlercollege.org](http://www.sattlercollege.org)