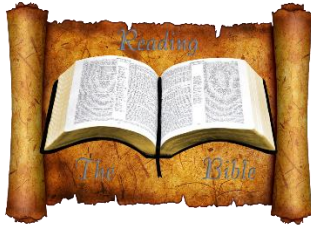


Your Bible Why



Why

Ezekiel 33:7 *“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.”*

If I gave you a book to read, I am betting you will ask me why. On many occasions I would have recommended the book because I liked it. Maybe I would tell you that it could help you. In any sense we would probably talk before I handed it to you. The same can be said of God. In one form or another God handed you, His word. Not always, but usually you hear the word before you read the word. Someone will give you a copy of the Bible to read. They might tell you that it is God’s word so read it. You may have heard it is the best-selling book ever. Others could relay to you that it is what Christians do. Yet, I fear that something is missing.

Why talk about missing communication at the end of this study? I have given you reasons that the Bible is worth reading. It is connected to the Jewish religion. That religion is connected to history. To know your God is to know what His word says about Him. This book can grow your faith. It is good for the soul. Yet, all these things are centered around the word “reasons.” I would like to end this study looking at the “why.” I work out on a treadmill. At times the trainers want us to have a “why” we workout. To run a great distance, you better know why.

To win a race might be your “why.” To get married better have a why. “Just read it” is not a great why. Yes, the Bible is Gods word. Yes, Christians should read their Bible. But, the “why” needs to go deeper. To run a good race means you are invested. There are always points in the race where pain temporally creeps in. Instances where the mind is playing tricks. Yet, experts tell us that we have not tapped all our energy. We have plenty more to give. Our why just might over-ride the mind. Reading the Bible will cause understanding, confusion, misgivings, and stress. Sometimes our mind will wander because we have hit a snag in our understanding. Our “why” can keep us on track.

You are going to meet many people who say that an hour a day of Bible reading is the right thing to do. Some others will claim that we should read it 3 times a day. Yet, without a why to guide us, the reading structure might get lost. A boat can sail. A boat can float. Yet, without a rudder it will go anywhere and nowhere. Our “why” is our rudder. This is my why. I read the Bible because it is soul fuel. I know that I need spiritual help during my week. A sermon is forgotten within a day. God’s word keeps the soul spiritually healthy and active all week.

Yet, there is so much more in my why. I know that God is connected to us by the indwelling Spirit of God. That Spirit searches the depths of God and our hearts. There is communication going on all the time. The Bible is the connective tissue. I heard a great sermon on why church is important. It connects the head (Jesus) to His body (the Church). Then I read Ezekiel 33. This chapter recounts the “why” God wants us to meet as a church. We need watchmen to uphold the faith. Not only do I need Spiritual energy all week, but I need to be plugged in to get that energy. That is the Bible.

Why not just consume Christian music or a spiritual book? It is because those things come from humans. Those mediums were inspired by the Bible. The Bible (itself) is a

miraculous word that can reach Spiritually deeper than Christian stuff. Our “why” should be deeper. It should be centered around needing God and needing to find the joy in the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16 *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”* It is also the light in our hearts. The knowledge we need. Many times, we read the Bible and a rebuke nails our sin. Sometimes it makes our day light as a feather. Yet. All along the word is making us better people. The “why” is that choosing Jesus means we chose to be better people. The Word of God is the main way we become something greater than before.

Once the why is answered, then reading becomes easy. The unanswerable scripture becomes less of a hinderance. The search for God becomes more important. Do not let what you do not know hinder what you do know. Seek God and the truth will reveal itself. Why read the Bible? It is because, in the end, you will know yourself and God better. You will know why your called of God. Why life is better off with God than without. As you go forward on your own with God. Remember that by reading the word you are never truly alone. Then going to church with other Bible readers makes more sense. Take your “why” into your next reading of God’s word.