

# WHEN THE WORD READS YOU

## CAN I TRUST THE BIBLE?

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### THE QUESTION

Even if the Bible is true, what difference does it make for me?

### THE TENSION

Many acknowledge the Bible but choose to ignore it. Yet Hebrews 4:12 says it's living and active—sharper than any sword, cutting through masks and motives. That means when you open it, it's not just you reading words on a page. The Word is reading you. It calls you out. It knows your thoughts. It exposes what you'd rather keep hidden. Scary? Maybe. But also freeing—because God doesn't reveal to shame you, He reveals to heal you.

### THE STORY BENEATH IT ALL

In **Creation**, God's Word gave life breath (Gen. 2:7).

In the **Fall**, sin hardened hearts (Isa. 6:9–10).

In **Redemption**, Jesus opened eyes through Scripture (Luke 24:27, 32).

In **Restoration**, God's Word will be written on our hearts (Jer. 31:33).

### THE COLLISION OF TEXT AND LIFE

At the cross, Jesus was humiliated—mocked, beaten, nailed in shame. Yet every strike was driving God's purpose deeper into history. It wasn't random; it was redemption. And it was for you. Your sin held Him there, but so did His love. He took your place so you could be forgiven and free.

### SO WHY DOES IT MATTER TODAY?

The Bible isn't just ancient words—it reads like diagnosis, cure, and game plan. It names the sickness we all carry: sin (Rom. 3:23). It offers the only cure: life in Christ (Rom. 6:23). And it equips us to actually live different, to do good in a broken world (2 Tim. 3:17). That's not abstract theology—it's real, practical hope.

**OPEN THE WORD. LET IT OPEN YOU. THE QUESTION ISN'T JUST IF IT'S TRUE,  
BUT WHAT YOU'LL DO ONCE IT FINDS YOU.**