

# Why and How Should I Read the Bible?

## The Bible is the most...



- **Popular**
- **Powerfull**
- **Precious**  
*(PSalm 19:10)*... book in the World

## 1. Bringing revelation - **God has spoken**

- Bible - collections of books by



**40+ authors**



**over 1600 years**

- Inspired: God-breathed  
- It **claims** to be; It **seems** to be; It **proves** to be

## But what about difficulties in the Bible?

- Jesus is the interpretive key
- It's authoritative (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**)
- Practical wisdom:
  - Guidelines for living
  - Guidance for good decisions

*'People do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'*

### **Matthew 4:4**

*'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true; to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.'*

### **2 Timothy 3:16**

*" We do not blindly seek god or wait for him to speak to us first for God has already spoken and there is nothing further that we need to know which has not been revealed to us. Let us receive the sublime treasure of the revealed word."*

### **Pope Francis**

## SET YOUR QUESTIONS FREE

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## 2. Building Relationship - God Still Speaks

The Bible is like a love letter from God:

- To those exploring faith (**Romans 10:17; John 20:31**)
- To those who are Christians
  - Become like Jesus (**2 Corinthians 3:18**)
  - Joy and peace in the midst of a storm (**Psalms 23:5**)
  - Guidance (**Psalms 119:105**)
  - Health/healing (**Proverbs 4:20-22**)
  - Defence against spiritual attack (**Matthew 4:1-11**)
  - Power (**Hebrews 4:12**)
  - Cleansing (**John 15:3**)



*“Reading the Bible generates life. It produces change. It heals hurts. It builds character. It transforms circumstances. It imparts joy. It overcomes adversity. It defeats temptation. It infuses hope. It releases power. It cleanses the mind.”*

**Rick Warren**

## 3. How do We Hear God Speak through the Bible?

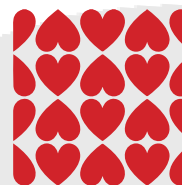
- Make a plan



**Find a time**



**Find a place**



**Find a pattern**

- Ask God to Speak



**YouVersion App**



**Bible in One Year**



**Step Journal**

- Ask yourself:

**What does it say to me? What does it mean to me?  
How does it apply to me?**

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