

“Still Speaking: Is the Bible Relevant?”



OPEN IT

- When you hear someone say the Bible is “outdated,” what do you instinctively think or feel?
- Have you ever had a moment where Scripture felt unexpectedly personal or timely? What happened?

READ IT:

- 2 Timothy 3:14–17
- Psalm 23:3
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Romans 13:13–14
- Luke 24:44

EXPLORE IT

- In 2 Timothy 3:14–17, Paul roots Scripture’s relevance in its source: “God-breathed.” Why does origin matter more than cultural approval?
- Verse 16 says Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. Which of those four functions do you most naturally receive? Which do you resist?
- The message emphasized that the Bible is written for us but not originally written to us. Why is understanding historical and cultural context important for interpretation?
- Augustine’s turning point came when he read Romans 13:13–14. What does his story teach us about how God uses Scripture personally and powerfully?

- The message said, “Rules without relationship feel ridiculous.” How does seeing Scripture within a covenant relationship change the way we view God’s commands?
- The Bible forms us slowly over time. How have you seen steady exposure to Scripture shape your thinking, attitudes, or habits?
- In Luke 24:44, Jesus says all Scripture points to Him. How does viewing the Bible as one unified story centered on Christ affect the way you read it?
- The message concluded that the real question isn’t whether the Bible is relevant, but whether we are receptive. What tends to dull your receptivity to God’s Word?
- If the Bible is God-breathed, then it’s not information. It’s oxygen. How has it sustained you and how will you commit to breathe it more conscientiously?

DO IT:

- **Engage Scripture relationally this week.** Don’t just read for information—pause and ask, “What is God saying about Himself? About me?” Try starting in John’s Gospel.
- **Strengthen your confidence.** Choose one area (canon, manuscripts, authorship, church history) and intentionally study it this month to grow in informed faith.
- **Practice listening.** Before reading Scripture, pray: “Shepherd, help me recognize Your voice.” Then respond in obedience to one clear prompting.