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A 40-DAY DEVOTIONAL





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## **Know God Deeply.**

*Our Mission is to engage people in relationship with God through knowing His Word.*

## **Live Differently.**

*Our Vision is for every believer in Christ living out God's Word every day.*

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*We pray that this devotional blesses you  
and supports your journey in knowing  
God deeply and living differently.*

*Thank you to our faithful Precept Trainers  
who took great time and care to write  
these inspiring devotionals and speak the  
truth of God's Word into our lives.*

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

*Psalm 119:105*

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# Start Your 40-Day Journey

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*Did you know the  
number 40 holds great  
significance in the Bible?*

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, several important events are recorded that lasted 40 days.

- The rain fell on the earth for **40** days and **40** nights (Genesis 7:12). The Flood account shows us God’s judgement and the cleansing of the earth.
- Moses fasted **40** days and **40** nights while on Mount Sinai, where he received the Ten Commandments (Exodus 34:28–35). Over these **40** days and nights, Moses spent time in the presence of the Lord.
- The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for **40** years (Joshua 5:6). These years were a time of testing and preparation for Israel before they entered the Promised Land.
- Elijah fasted **40** days and **40** nights while he journeyed to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8). This journey taught Elijah the importance of relying on God.
- Jesus fasted **40** days and **40** nights while in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11). After the **40** days, Jesus was tested by Satan.
- There were **40** days between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension (Acts 1:1–3). During this time, Jesus appeared to the disciples and prepared them for the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit would come.

When we observe these occurrences, we see that “40 days” in Scripture indicates a time of testing. Some scholars believe 40 days refers to a time of growth or transformation.

This new devotional is a 40-day journey in the Word of God. As you read each day, we pray that you will spend time with the Lord, desiring your eyes to be opened to His Truth. Each daily reading includes questions for reflection and a notes section to write down your personal lessons for life.

As you study, we pray you will grow deeper in relationship with God and His Word.

Enjoy the next 40 days!





## Inspired by God

### *What Does It Mean?*

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

*2 Timothy 3:16–17*

### *Know God Deeply*

Ernest Hemingway once said, “My aim is to put down on paper what I see and what I feel in the best and simplest way.”<sup>1</sup> The idea behind this quote was that Hemingway would take what inspired him from both internal and external sources in writing to express what he saw and felt to others. I do not think that Paul had the same aim when he wrote that all Scripture is inspired by God. Returning to the original Greek language and studying the word “inspire,” we learn that “inspired” is *theópneustos*. This Greek word is found only once in the New Testament—right here in 2 Timothy 3. Looking closer at *theópneustos*, we see it is made up of two words: *theos* which is “God” and *pneu* which is “to breathe.”

When Paul writes that “*all Scripture is inspired*,” he is not stating that a human author saw and felt and therefore wrote, but that God literally spoke to the authors and gave each one the divine words of

<sup>1</sup> Hotchner, A. E. (2008) *The Good Life According to Hemingway*. Ecco.

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## day one

Scripture we have today. Second Timothy 3:16–17 is one of the most significant texts in the New Testament explaining the method of inspiration. Tomorrow, we will look closer at the process or method of inspiration from 2 Peter 1:20–21.

Moving beyond the method of inspiration, Paul tells Timothy that the God-breathed Scriptures are profitable, useful, and of significant benefit to the reader. Why? Paul presents the advantages of knowing the Scriptures. The first advantage is found in 2 Timothy 3:15: “*The sacred writings which are able to give you wisdom that leads to salvation through faith.*” The Word of God brings salvation, but it also leads a new believer into maturity in Christ through reproof (conviction), correction, and repentance, restoring proper condition. The Word of God is profitable for training believers to live as children of God. The Scriptures are much more than a tool for rebuking and correcting wrong behaviour or, more than as the world might say, “just a list of do’s and don’ts.”

Finally, the Word of God does its work in the life of believers, fully equipping them for every good work. When Paul writes to Timothy and says, “*the man of God,*” we can understand this to be a direct message to Timothy saying that Scripture is sufficient in all matters pertaining to doctrine and moral behaviour. Paul is basically saying, “Timothy, all you need to fulfill your ministry is the Word of God.”

### *Live Differently*

The context directs these verses to Timothy, but we can apply these truths as well. How often do we look to other resources to solve the issues in our lives and in the church? The Bible is all the believer needs to journey through life. How can we be so sure? Because the Bible is the very voice of God speaking to us and showing us how we are to live a life that glorifies Him. Take some time and write out why you believe it.

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## Go Deeper With God in 40 Days

Did you know the number **forty** speaks of times of testing, growth, and transformation in the Bible? Embark on your own 40-day transformational experience through intentional meditation on God's Word with us!

Connect with God deeply as you focus your mind and heart on forty key verses about God's Word *from* God's Word. Be challenged to a new appreciation and practical application of God's truth to your own life.

Find thought-provoking insights, personal reflection questions, and a handy notes section to capture your daily lessons for life.

This 40-day spiritual growth tool will become indispensable in your journey to *Know God Deeply and Live Differently!*

## Know God Deeply. Live Differently.

**Precept Ministries Canada** is a Bible study ministry dedicated to engaging individuals in relationship with God through knowing His Word and living it out every day. Using *Precept's Bible Study Method*, we equip people across Canada with tools to inductively study the Bible for themselves, fostering spiritual growth and discipleship. We offer various resources, including Bible study materials, training workshops, podcasts, and local study groups, to help individuals engage with Scripture and grow in their faith.