another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” -Romans 15:1-6 ESV

“Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”
1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV

The Basics of What the Bible Does
-Teaching
-reproof- Pointing out a problem
-correcting- Changing direction
-Training in Righteousness- living the right way and living in right relationship with God and humans.

D. For Proficiency
“able to do something to a higher than average standard : SKILLED” -Merriam-Webster

Reflection: How often do you spend time in the Bible through the week? How has the Bible served as a shelter when life is shifting all around you?

Follow UP in the Word through the Week…

Monday: 2 Corinthians 12:10. How can Paul work with such confidence against such adversity?

Tuesday: Acts 14:8-22. What impresses you about this account of Paul’s persecution? What do you learn from Paul’s reaction?

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11. What can we learn from Paul about persecution and deliverance? What forms of persecution are you aware of today around the world and in our country?

Thursday: 2 Timothy 1:3-7. How does Paul commend Timothy’s family? What difference has that made in him?

Friday: Romans 15:1-6. What is the value of the Word according to Paul? How have you witnessed the reality of this passage in your life, either as the one receiving or the one helping?
Saturday: -1 Corinthians 10:1-13. What is one of the functions of the Scriptural accounts according to verses 6 and 11? How can this help you to read parts of the Bible like the Old Testament better?

2 Timothy 3:10-17
A Shelter from the Winds of Change

1.Recognizing When You Are On the Same Team 10, 11

A. Followed Closely
Not present but followed with understanding. The persecutions that Paul details in the letter were before Timothy joined the missionary team in Acts 16.

B. Persecutions of Paul
“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
2 Corinthians 12:10 ESV

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.” -Colossians 1:24-26 ESV

“Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” -Acts 13:13-14, 50-52 ESV

“Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country,”
Acts 14:1-6 ESV

“Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him

out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." -Acts 14:8, 19-22 ESV

"For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." -2 Corinthians 1:8-11 ESV

2. Here Is the Reality 12-15

A. Godly People Will Be Persecuted 12

Look at Paul's example again. What were they bothering?

""Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11-12 ESV

B. Evil Men and Impostors on the Rise 13

"Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels." -2 Timothy 2:23 ESV

2 Timothy 3:1-9

C. Stay Rooted Where You Were Planted 14, 15

"I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:3-7 ESV

"And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."" -Malachi 4:6 ESV

3. "All" Means "All" 16, 17

A. ALL

"God-Breathed"

1. "Plenary Inspiration" means all of Scripture is inspired- not merely some parts. (Plenary means full.) Implicit in God's act of 'plenary inspiration' is His disclosure of exactly what we need to know about Him, no more, no less. he communicated His basic plans and promises for all of His creation.
2. "Verbal Inspiration" indicates that inspiration extends to the words of the Bible themselves, not only the ideas. God did not dictate the Scripture mechanically, but guided and superintended the writers within the framework of their own personalities and backgrounds. This guidance would of necessity include their choice of words, since thoughts are composed of words, much as a theme of music consists of individual notes. Altering the notes alters the song.
3. "Plenary, verbal inspiration" stresses the authenticity and reliability of the very words that were written, without depriving the writers of their individuality. A Christian who has such a high view of inspiration examines prayerfully the meaning of each word and remains sincerely interested in using modern tools of textual study to understand the original meaning. - Paul Little, *Know What You Believe*

B. Our Shelter

C. Scripture is Practical

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." -2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." **For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one