

## *Spiritual Care Message with Prayer*

### REASONS I BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE TRUE AS THE WORD OF GOD.

1. It makes common sense as I view the world, the behavior of people in general, the attitudes of human nature revealed in government leaders and their constituents. It makes common sense as I view my own life and sense my own behavior. It makes common sense as I watch the downward slide away from God's Being and the worsening of life being lived out for human beings.

It makes common sense when I read what God has to say about His creation and our planet and what we see and understand in the insights of Scripture and the involvement of God.

It makes common sense as I think about the teaching of God regarding human hearts even from the beginning of time as we know it. Although the collection of facts and figures regarding life seems to move along, we seem to learn nothing from our poor choices and plans...we make no changes on what we see and know from personal self-destruction.

2. With careful study, the New Testament's words prove the prophecies of the Old...the hundreds of verses describing the birth and life of Christ, given in the whole of the Old Testament have come to pass...even now, the description of our time and ways prove the Truth of Old and New.

3. As an authority of facts, the Bible speaks personally and powerfully about people in generation after generation; it has power behind it to fully know the human dilemma of life, its foolish ways and the reasoning back of it. With some deep thought, it is convincing.

4. Christ, the Living Word, foretold and lived all that was spoken of Him hundreds of years before.

5. People come to know the truth first by faith, then by experience. These truths confirm that His Word is true. When we read, "Let God be true, though every man a liar"...we have come to stand with this in peace and confidence.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY: When I became a follower of Christ, in 1958, the first thing I realized with surprise, planted in my heart firmly was a desire to read the Bible. I did not know where to read, but every morning (after I found a copy in a box in a closet given me by someone who cared for my lost and miserable life), I first read some Psalms...then began in Isaiah...with no one to guide me, I was later to discover the difference between the Old and New Testaments...and I discovered the promises of God and the Scriptures about Jesus who was yet to be born...and I moved about, praying each day for understanding in what I was reading. Now, it is 2023...The Bible has become the most incredible book I've ever read in my life (and I have been an avid reader since childhood)...now I am privileged to share it with others...all these years God has taught me and spoken to me and used the Bible to shape my mind and heart, equipping me for this present life. It enables me to trust Him and be without fear and anxiety and preparing for what is ahead...with God. I now cannot imagine life without the Scriptures. le

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### *With Prayer:*

*Father, remembering Scriptures from Isaiah, the first book of the Bible I ever read, I pray this Scripture for every person who reads this month's spiritual care message:*

*Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation...Isaiah 12:2*

*Become the salvation of each one...taking away fear and building in strength, giving each heart one of your songs in place of dread and darkness. Hear our cry, Father, Amen.*

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