

**TRUTH THAT LEADS TO
*GODLINESS***

Exploring the Biblical Essentials for Every Believer

Titus 1:1

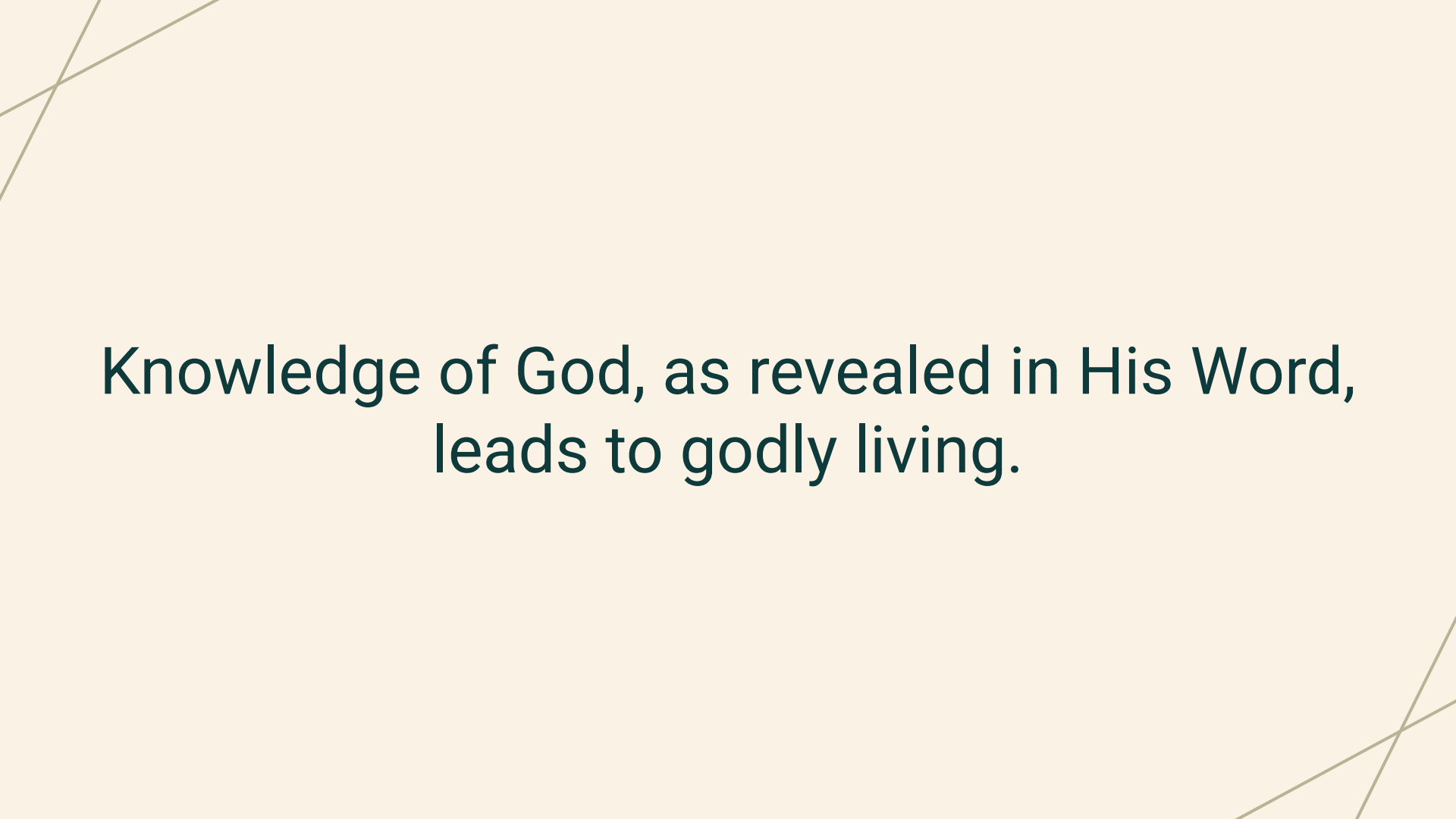
[1] Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge
of the truth, which accords with godliness

Titus 2:1

[1] But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.

[2-10] *Practical Wisdom*

[11] **For** the grace of God has appeared...

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Knowledge of God, as revealed in His Word,
leads to godly living.

James 1:22,25

[22] But be **doers of the word, and not hearers only, *deceiving yourselves***... [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

2 Peter 1:12-13

[12] Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. [13] I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,

2 Timothy Context

- Paul gives Timothy one final exhortation to be faithful in his ministry
- 3:1-17 - Dangers of Apostasy; Encouragement to Hold Fast

2 Timothy 3:14-17

[14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it [15] and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is:

1. Written (v. 16a)
2. Divinely Inspired (v. 16b)
3. Sanctifying (v. 16c)
4. Sufficient (v. 17)

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2 Timothy 3:15

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2 Peter 3:16

[16] as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other **Scriptures**.



2. The Bible is Divinely Inspired (v. 16b)

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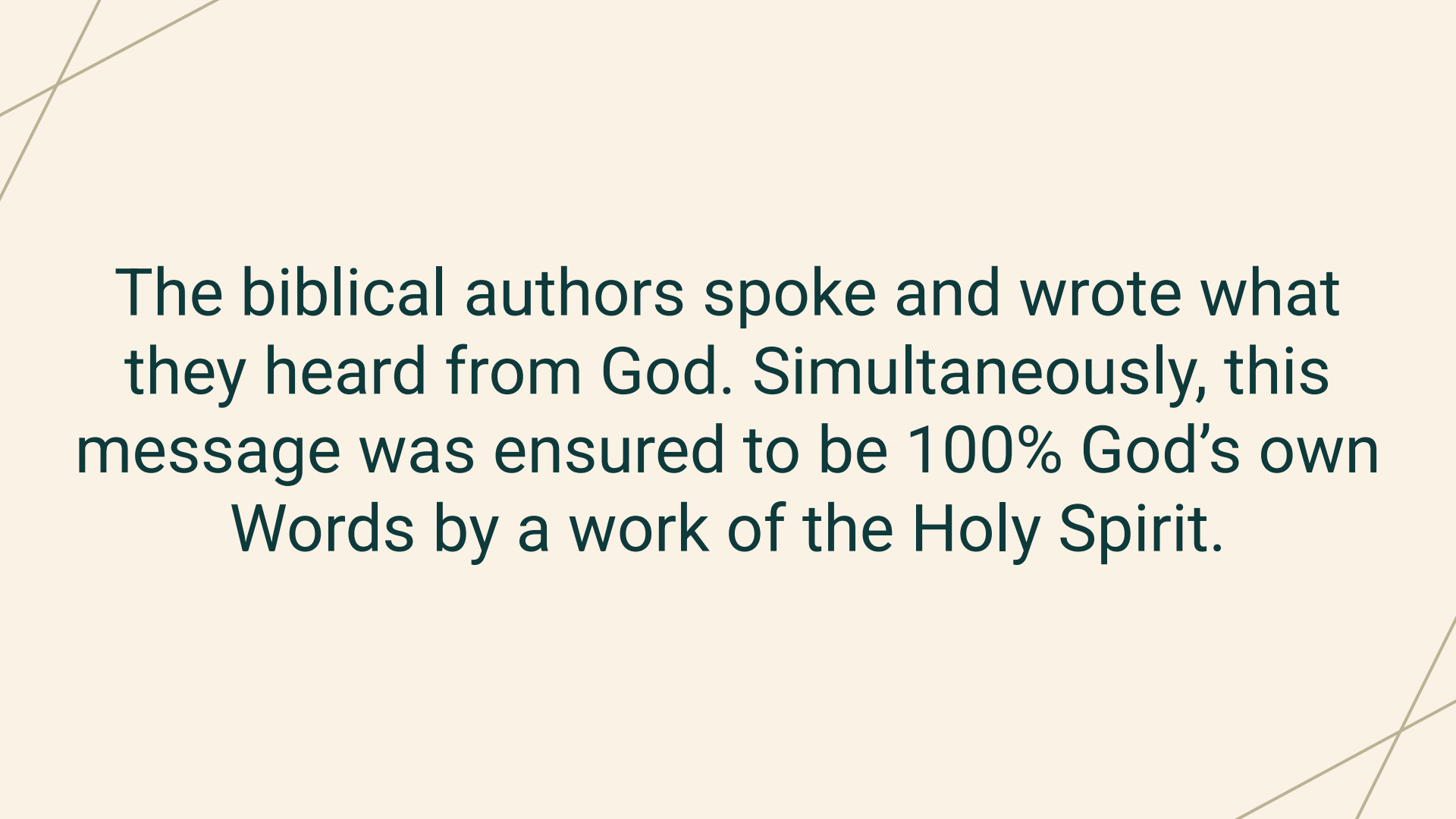
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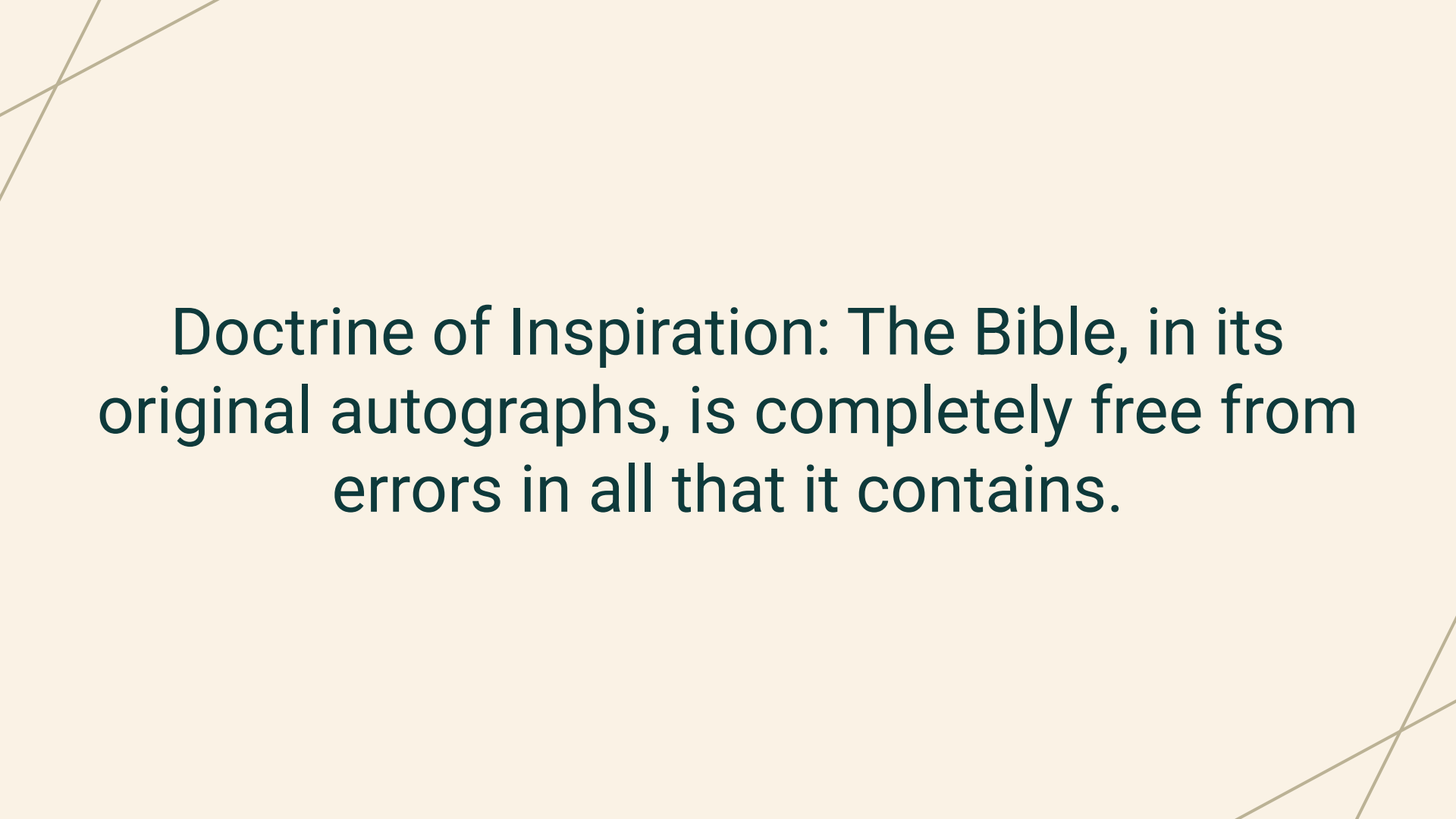


The biblical authors spoke and wrote what they heard from God. Simultaneously, this message was ensured to be 100% God's own Words by a work of the Holy Spirit.

Doctrine of Inspiration

1. God speaks truthfully (E.g., Numbers 23:19)
2. God spoke through the written Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Therefore, Scripture is as perfect as God is perfect.



Doctrine of Inspiration: The Bible, in its original autographs, is completely free from errors in all that it contains.

3. The Bible is sanctifying (v. 16c)

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Psalm 119:104–105

[104] Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

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

Titus 1:9

[9] [The elder] must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to **give instruction** in sound doctrine...

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Ephesians 6:10-11, 17

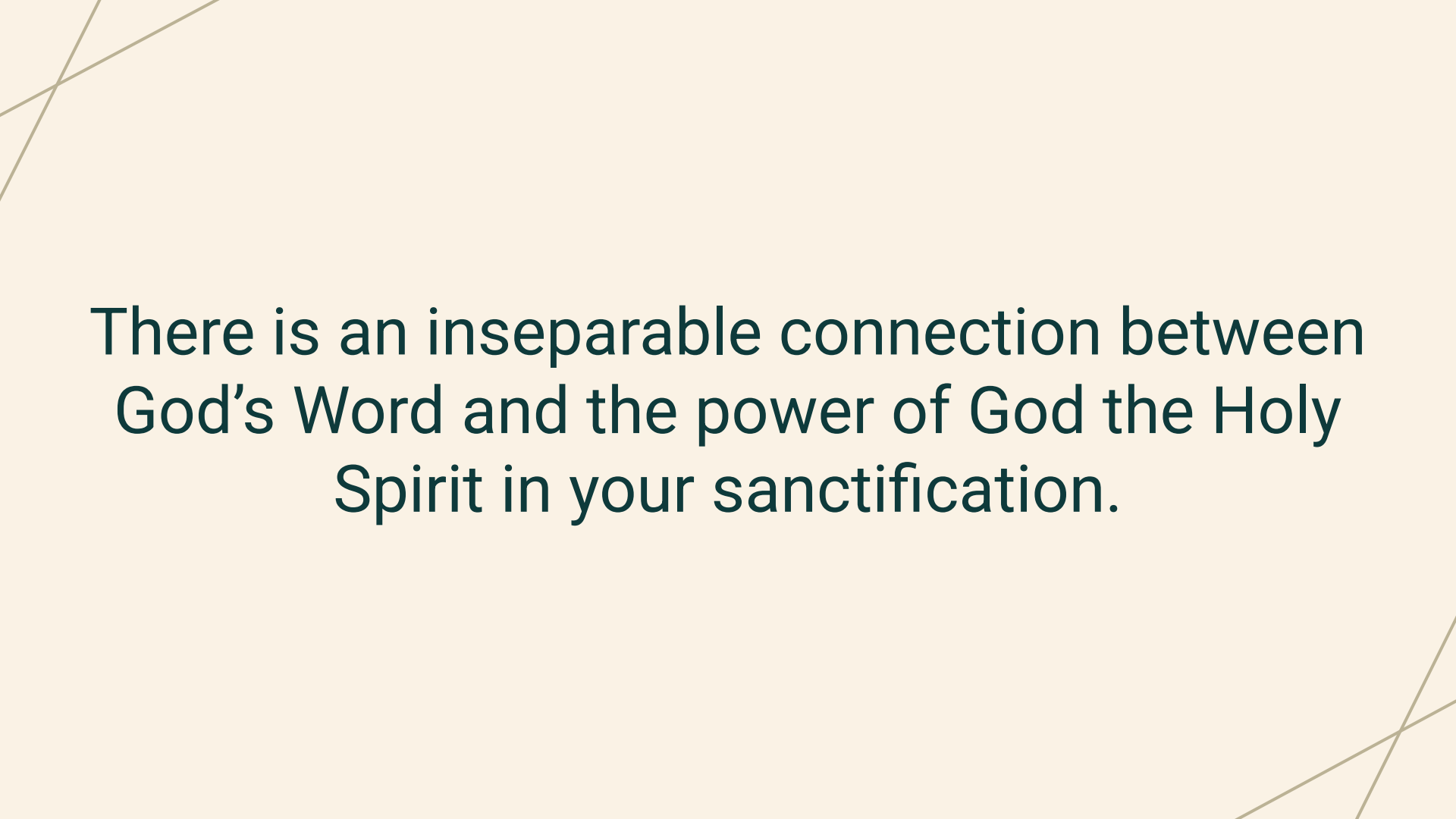
[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] **Put on the whole armor of God, *that*** you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...

[17] ... the sword of the Spirit, ***which is*** the word of God,

Ephesians 5:18–19 / Colossians 3:16

Ephesians 5:18–19 - [18] And do not get drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit, [19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...

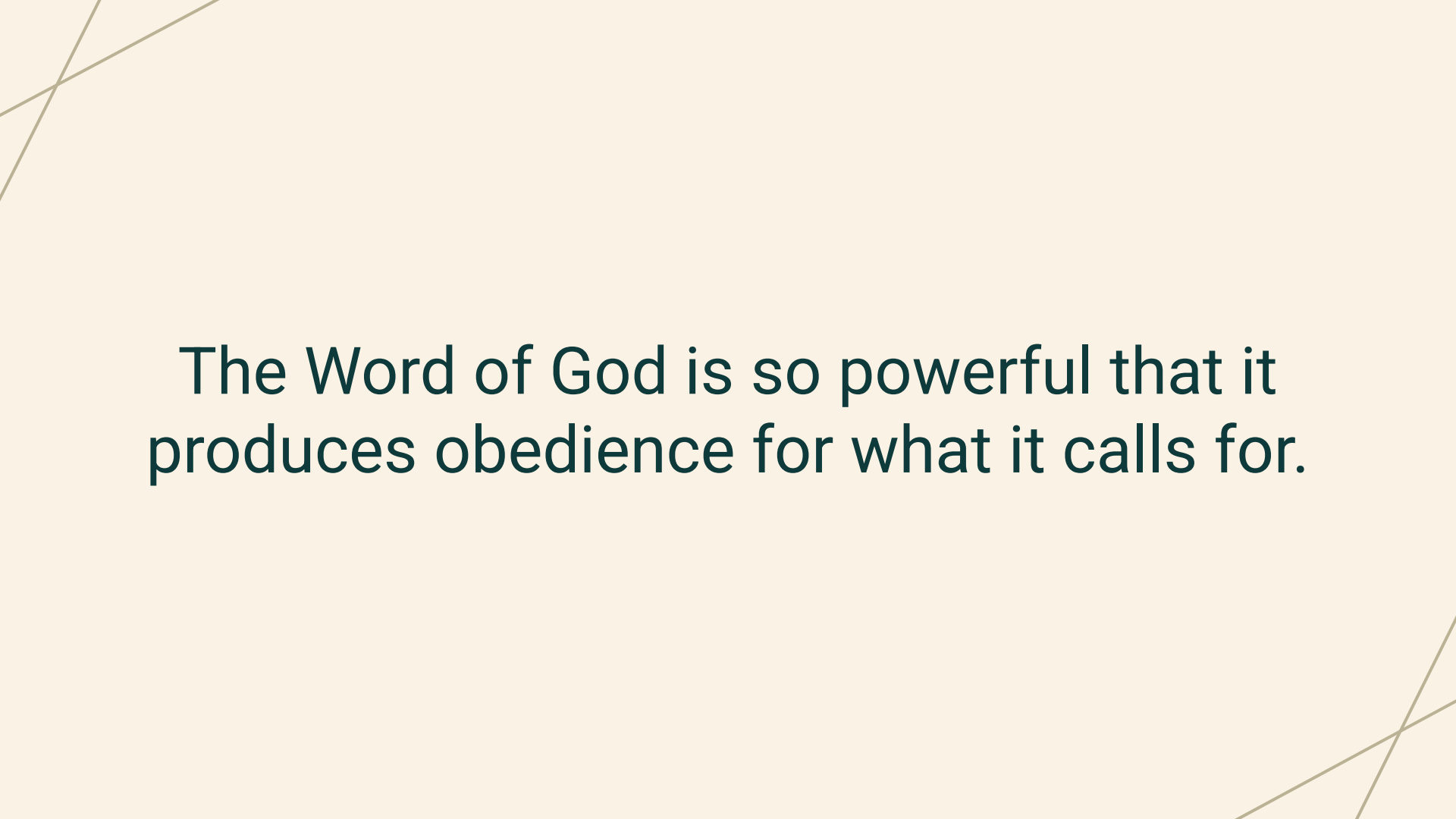
Colossians 3:16 - [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...



There is an inseparable connection between
God's Word and the power of God the Holy
Spirit in your sanctification.

John 11:43-44

[43] When [Jesus] had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” [44] The man who had died came out...



The Word of God is so powerful that it produces obedience for what it calls for.

4. The Bible is sufficient (v. 17)

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Ephesians 4:11-12

[11] And [God] gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, [12] to equip the **saints** for the work of ministry, for **building up the body of Christ**,

2 Timothy 3:16

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Romans 12:2

[2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

What is the Bible?

The Bible is the written, divinely inspired Word of God given as the all-sufficient knowledge of God and power in our pursuit of Christ-likeness.

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Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen the Holy Spirit empowering your sanctification through the Scriptures? If you have a good example, share it with your table.
2. How does the truth about the sufficiency of Scripture support or change the way you interact with Scripture today?

Do you still have any looming questions about the Bible that you can discuss with your table?