

God's Work is worth our best. We believe God's Word is worth our best. I'd like to glance at 2 Tim~~s~~. 3, and I'll read the last two verses of it in the NIV. "All Scripture is God-breathed." The KJ says all scripture is inspired of God. God-breathed is the same meaning. God has breathed into it; God has directed it. We don't pay as much attention to the last part of the verse as we ought to. "All Scripture . . . is useful." I've occasionally seen a church which has a sign "No creed but the NT." I don't think that's a Christian statement at all. Christians have always accepted the whole Bible. Not simply the NT.

Here at Faith -- here at Biblical we believe. That's a funny slip of the tongue. Let me explain to you that I taught for a number of years at one seminary, and then I left it and went to Faith seminary and taught there for 30 years. I rarely refer to the seminary I left before. But since I've been up here the name seems to have moved forward one step. When I refer to where we are I find myself saying, Faith, and when I refer to Faith I find myself giving the name of the seminary where I taught before I went to Faith. I don't know whether that's a sign of old age or what.

I remember my father once saying to me (he was feeling very bad when he would forget something.) I was 20 at the time. He said, I'm getting old, I forget things. I said, I forget just as bad as you do. So I'm not sure now whether I'm much worse than I used to be; I keep thinking I am.

But if you'll excuse the slip, I say that here at Biblical we have a name which indicates what we stand for. We stand for the Bible. We believe not merely in a Bible as a banner, but we believe in the Bible as a guide. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We believe in the entire word of God. We believe if we are to truly know God's will we need to understand his entire Word. All Scripture is useful for teaching. We want to give good teaching. That's what we're trying to give here. Not only for that, it's useful for rebuke. We all need to be rebuked because we depart from the truth that we know. It's the sin that is in every one of us. All our sins are laid