

# Faith Talk

*Trinity Canadian Reformed Church*

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## **God-Breathed**

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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

It is a New Year, and it's cold outside. Why should we think about the Bible when we have to worry about resolutions and whether the car will start? Besides, the sixty-six books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, were written by many different men over a long time period. We cannot even say exactly who wrote some of the books. But we do know something more important, that “All Scripture is God-breathed.” Every word in the Bible is the original Word of God. The Lord breathed his message into the men who wrote it.

The Bible has full authority as God's direct communication with us. He has given us his Word for a purpose. All Scripture is “useful for teaching.” Through the Bible, we learn about God. Everything he wants us to know about him is contained in its pages.

The Word of God is also useful for rebuking. The Bible teaches us how to live as Christians. If we do not follow its commands, the Scriptures also show us our failings. But the Bible also corrects. It does not condemn our sin and then leave us in despair. It corrects us, showing us that we have hope. Through Jesus Christ we have salvation from our sins. We know that we must struggle against our weaknesses and believe God's promises.

The Bible then trains us in righteousness, and it does a thorough job of that. The entire Word of God-- the poetry, the parables, the proverbs-- all contains instructions for us. Only by reading and intently studying the Bible will we know what actions, thoughts, and words please God.

We don't know exactly how cold it may become outside, but we can always be sure of the authority of the Bible.

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