

# Shaken and Found Faithful

*The Bible, Part II*

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## Three goals for this week and next:

- To have confidence in our SOURCE
- To know the truth and be set free
- To connect the generations

**Thread:** The heart of God found in the Bible, revealed through our relationship with Jesus, untangles our knots.

**Narrative/Historical:** The telling of what happened.

- The law and the stories of what happened.

**Poetry:** Psalms and sometimes found in other books.

- The song of Debra or Moses.

**Wisdom Literature:** Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.

- Teaching wisdom to the simple.

**Gospels:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

- Books that reveal Jesus.

**Epistles:** Letters written to the churches that were circulated about the core teachings of Jesus and to correct heresy or bring clarity to something theologically.

- These teach us about God's heart and will.

**Prophecy:** Four major and twelve minor prophets in the Old Testament and Revelation in the New Testament.

- Foretold and foretell what is going to happen.

*"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."*

**Hebrews 4:12 NLT**

*"Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. Love consists in this: not*

*that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."* **1 John 4:7-10 CSB**

*"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose."* **Matthew 5:17 NLT**

He came to bring salvation and transformation.

When reading narratives and law we need to remember that these books were leading toward Jesus. It also demonstrates that rules and the law won't and can't change the heart of a person, only the outward appearance. The Scriptures repeat this over and over again. See the book of Romans.

*"For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."* **John 3:16-17 CSB**

## Pitfalls of not reading through the lens of Jesus:

- A powerless life
  - *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* **Acts 1:8 CSB**
- Legalism
- Discouragement

## Challenge:

-Go back to the basics, sit with Jesus alone, because He is the one who untangles the knots in our hearts.

-Share it with others. Talk about what you are learning. Tell "Jesus stories".

-Choose to be humble and teachable. There is always more Jesus wants to reveal to us.

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