



Is the Bible truly the infallible
Word of God?

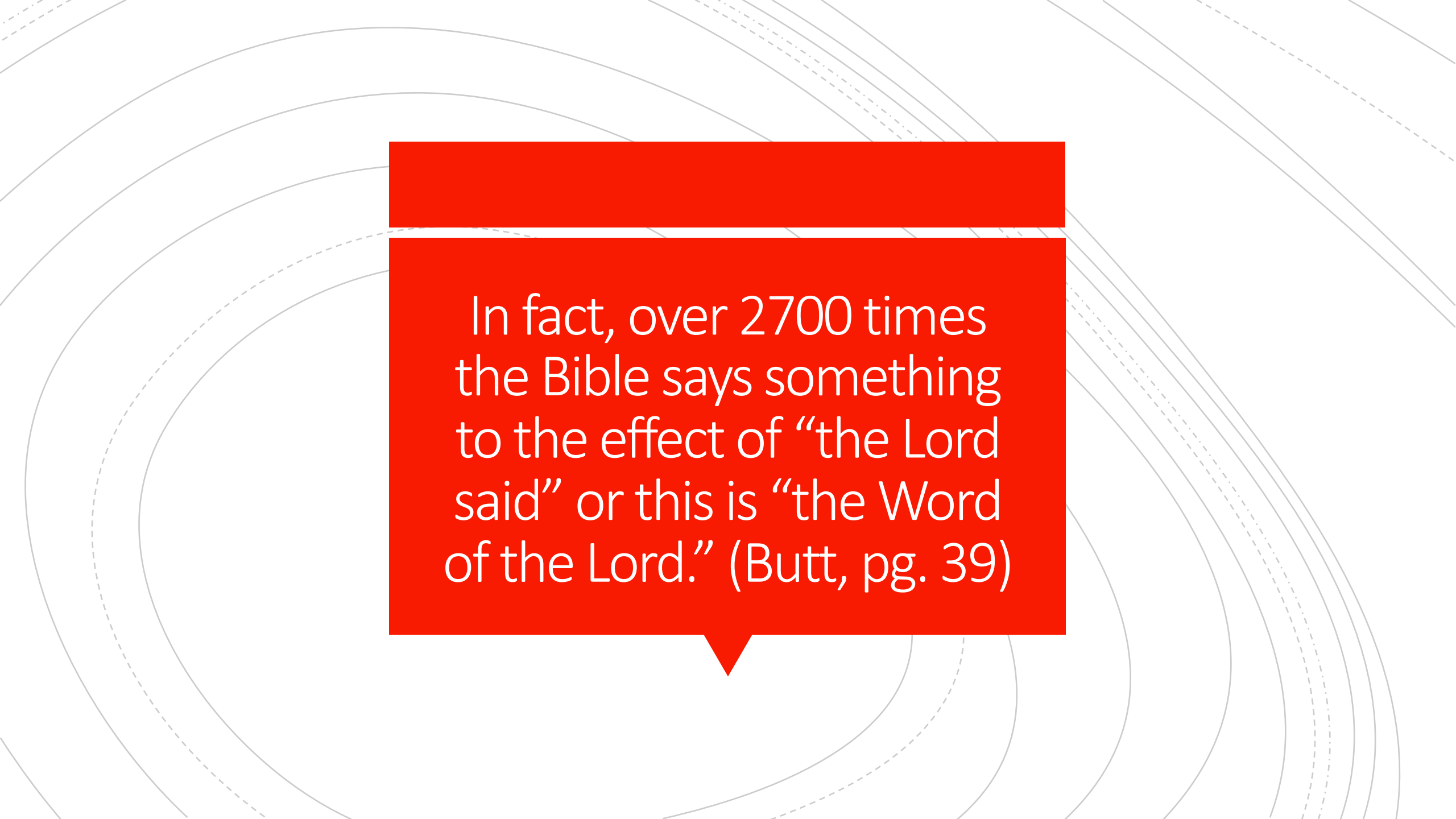




If it's just a good book, then
it's not the Word of God.

Defining Inspiration:

- **Greek Term:**
 - **Theopneustos (teh-op'-nyoo-stos)**
 - **divinely breathed in**
 - **given by inspiration of God**
- **Does the Bible even claim inspiration?**
 - **2 Timothy 3:16 – 17**
 - **2 Peter 1:19 – 21**


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Is there evidence
for the Bible
Inspiration?

- **Romans 10:17**
- **Hebrews 11:1**

*If an all-knowing, all-powerful God exists (and there is ample proof that He does—see Lyons and Butt, 2014), then such a God could produce written revelation for His human creation that was flawless in its original production. He could guide uneducated men to write about events that occurred hundreds or thousands of years before their time with complete accuracy. He could “move” (otherwise) ordinary men to write flawlessly about any number of contemporary people, places, and things (2 Peter 1:20-21). He could even guide man to write about future events with perfect accuracy. In truth, the all-encompassing reason (which shall be dissected into three parts) that a person can come to the rational conclusion that the Bible is “given by inspiration of God” is because the writers of the Bible were amazingly accurate...about **everything**.*

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It was written over a period of 1600 years by about 40 different writers.

It was written in 3 Different Languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek

Yet, with all of those variables, all of its authors wrote in complete harmony.



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- **The Accuracy of the Text**
 - **Historical Accuracy**
 - **The Hittites**
 - Genesis 23:10
 - Genesis 26:34
 - Some scoff at the Bible saying IT could not be the Word of God because there was no record of the Hittite existence.

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 - **The Fall of Sennacherib**
 - 2 Kings 19:7
 - Isaiah 37:37 – 38
 - **J.W. McGarvey notes that “in not a single instance of this kind has any of the Bible writers been found at fault” (p. 378).**

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Ignaz Semmelweis

1847 - hand washing with chlorinated lime solution



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 - **Numbers 19:11 – 12**
 - **Numbers 19:1 – 10**

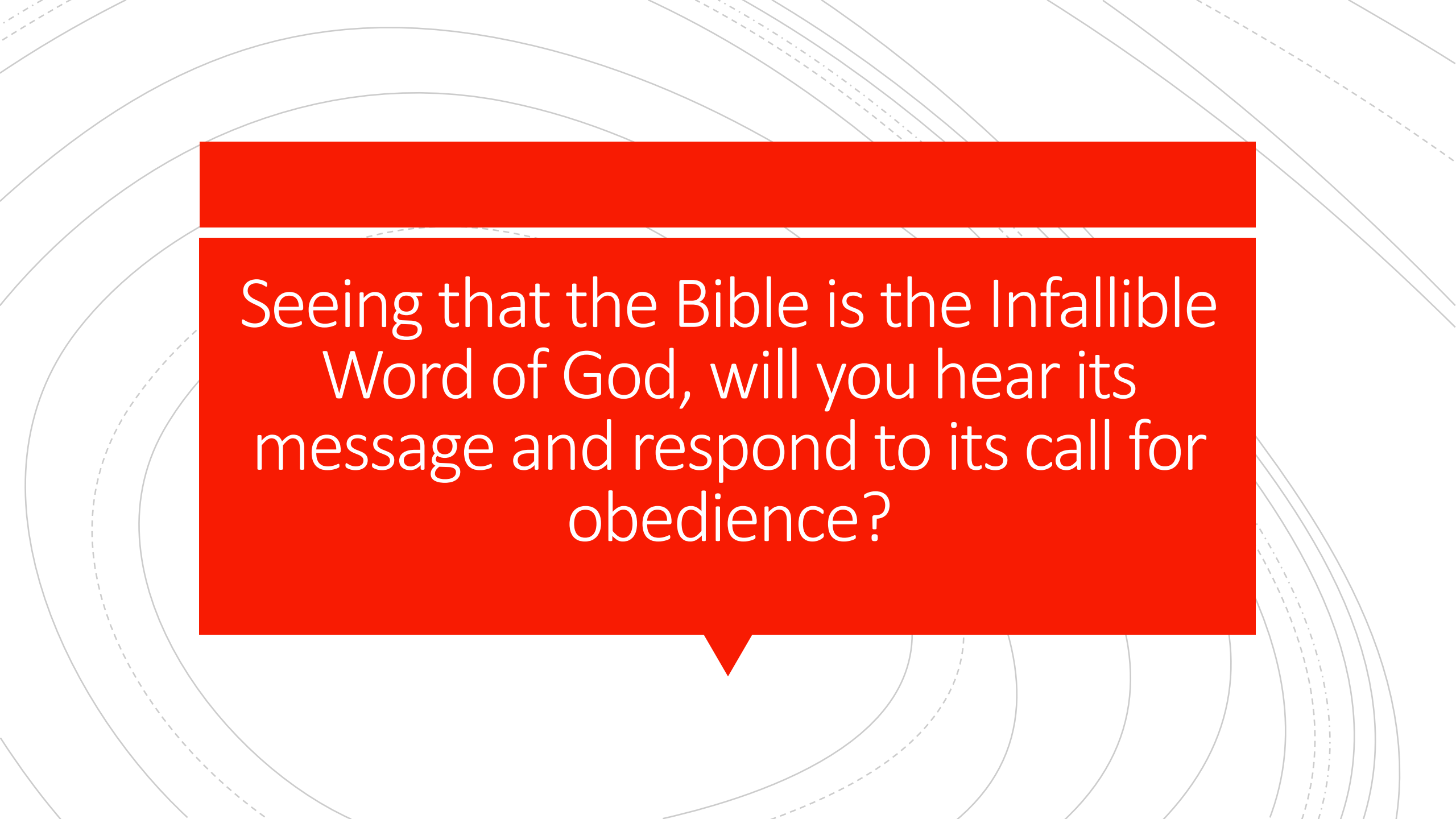
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- **Fulfilled Prophecy**
 - **Isaiah 41:22**
 - **In order for prophecy to be valid, the following criteria must obtain. It must involve:**
 - **Proper timing (i.e., significantly preceding the fulfillment);**
 - **Specific details—not vague generalities or remote possibilities;**
 - **Exact fulfillment—not merely a high degree of probability.**

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- **Fulfilled Prophecy**
 - There are over 300 prophecies of the Messiah all fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
 - In particular let's take a look at the prophecies concerning His Betrayal:
 - Psalms 41:9
 - Zechariah 11:12 – 13
 - John 13:18
 - Matthew 26:14 – 16
 - Matthew 26:48 – 50
 - Matthew 27:3 – 10

In his interesting book, *Science Speaks*, mathematician Peter W. Stoner selected just eight of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ and estimated that the odds of these being accidentally fulfilled are approximately 1 in 10^{17} (that is one followed by seventeen zeros).



Seeing that the Bible is the Infallible
Word of God, will you hear its
message and respond to its call for
obedience?

PERSONAL EVANGELISM SEMINAR



WITH ROB WHITACRE SEPTEMBER 14 – 15, 2018

How are your personal evangelism efforts going? Could you use some inspiration in making evangelism a priority in your life? Do you feel unprepared to begin a bible study? Do you need help in understanding how to conduct a bible study? Please make your plans to join us at the church of Christ in Sanford for a wonderful opportunity to study the Gospel, be encouraged, and exhorted in your personal evangelism efforts.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS:

- Friday 7:00 PM **Let's Get Motivated:** This session will relay several personal accounts of conversions. It has worked and is still working.
- Friday 8:00 PM **Let's Stay with The Message:** This session focuses on the power of the Word. We must put the Bible back into Personal Bible studies!
- Saturday 9:00 AM **Let's Talk About the Manner:** How do you get into a Bible Study? We will look at Jesus and how our Master Evangelist was able to develop such a large following.
- Saturday 10:00 AM **Let's Not Argue About the Method:** It's time to introduce, "Back to the Bible" and demonstrate how to use it along with charts from my PE workbook.
- Saturday 11:00 AM **Let's Apply the Model:** In this session we discuss difficult situations and take your questions. How does this work in my world?
- Saturday 12:00 PM **Lunch** (provided by the congregation)
- Saturday 1:00 PM **Split Gender Sessions:**
Let's Make the Application: Rob sits down with the men and provide practical suggestions on how to implement this program, and train your members.
- Let's Adopt the Right Mindset:** In this special ladies session, Nicole (Rob's wife) deals with common questions and shares the pivotal role they have in soul winning (ladies only).

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