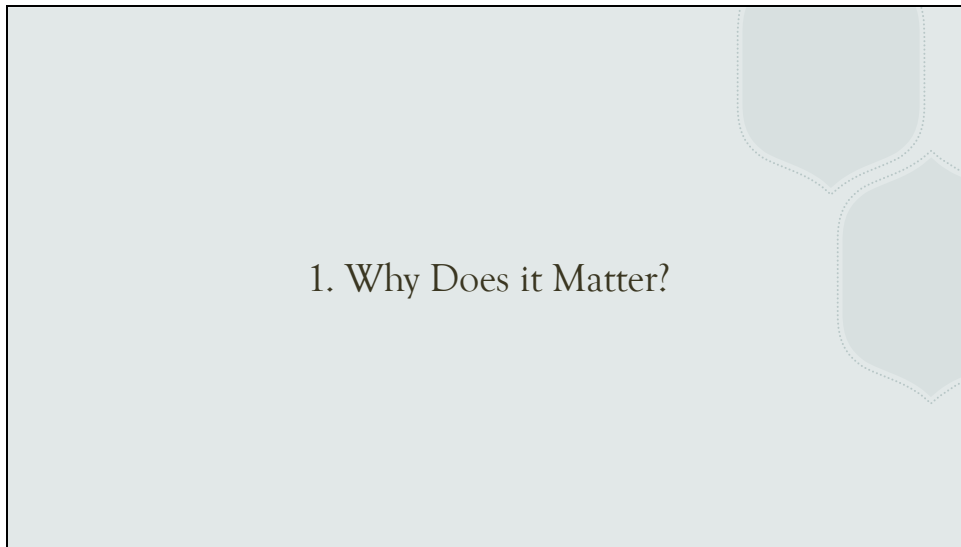


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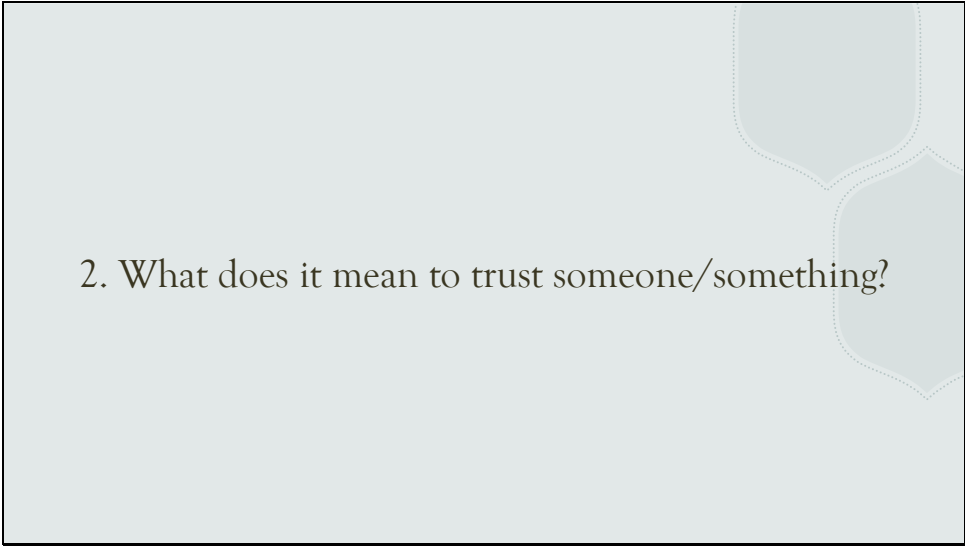


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- The Bible makes big claims which directly affect our lives. The Bible tells us how to live our life.
- The person who trusts the Bible will end up spending their life very differently than the person who doesn't.
- Consider the claims of the gospel. It's not just our life, but our eternity that is stake with respect to our trust in the Bible.

Slide 3



2. What does it mean to trust someone/something?

- Trust implies some expectation of what someone or something can do for you.
 - Imagine telling a friend a secret. You trust them to keep it safe.
 - Imagine sitting on an airplane. You trust the plane and the pilot to keep you safe.
- Trust implies taking someone at their word.
 - What about reading a book? When you read a book, you trust it to tell you the truth.
 - If we trust someone, we don't feel it's necessary to verify everything they say.
- Trust = Faith = Belief. These terms are synonymous.

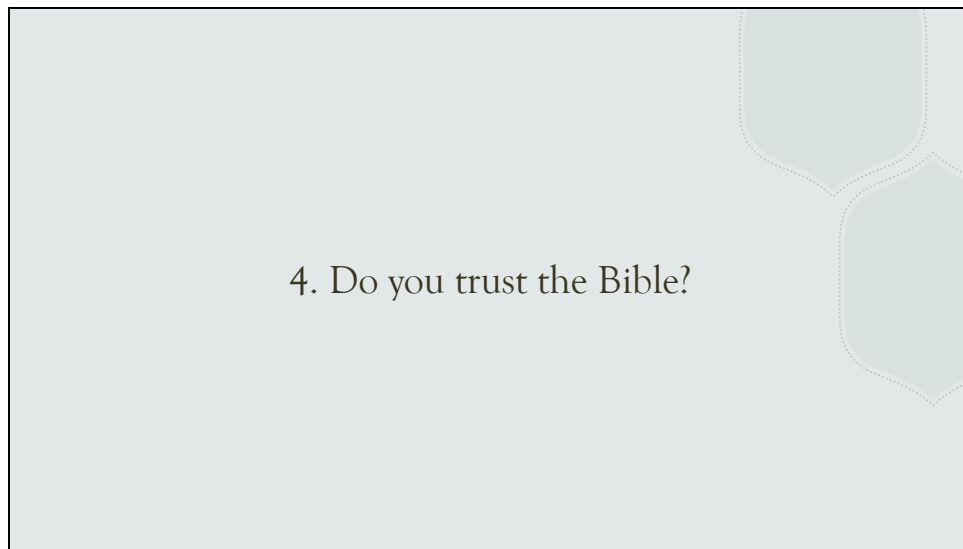
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3. What does it mean to trust the Bible?

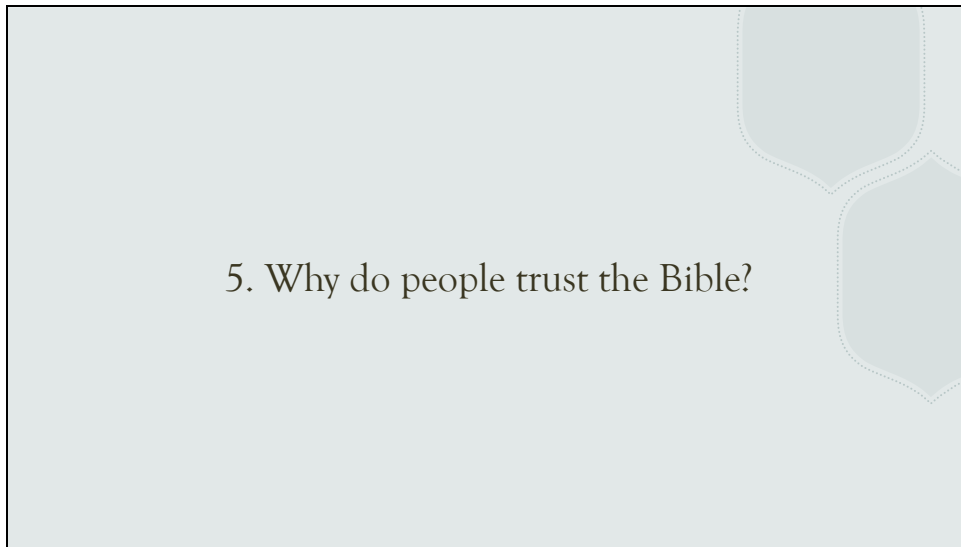
- To tell the truth.
 - To accurately report historical events.
 - To make true claims about itself (that it is from God).
 - To give the best advice to us how to live our lives.
 - To keep its promises.
- To trust the people who have given us the Bible in our hands in our own language.
 - Is it really the Bible we're reading? Or is it someone's version of the Bible?

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- Not a yes or no question. Trust is a measure; it can be more or less.
 - We don't trust all our friends in the same way.
 - Some people trust a plane enough to get on, but not enough to feel calm.
- We trust things more as we put them to the test and prove their trustworthiness.
 - Sometimes we may learn something about the Bible that makes us trust it less. (doubt is the opposite of trust)
 - Other times, we might learn something about the Bible that makes us trust it more.
 - We may not fully trust the Bible to begin with, but I am convinced that as we learn more about the Bible, we can learn to trust it more, not less.

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- I trust what the Bible says because it is the word of God -> The Bible is the word of God because it says it is the word of God -> repeat.
 - This is circular reasoning. It's not a good reason. We don't trust other books just because they claim to be divine. And we don't automatically distrust books which do not claim to be divine.
- People I trust tell me to trust the Bible.
 - This is an ok reason, especially when we are younger. We should trust people who are older and wiser than us. But there are many other people who seem wise who do not trust the Bible. They can't both be right! We have to think about it for ourselves.
- I trust the Bible because the evidence supports it. The more I test the Bible against criticism, the more it demonstrates its trustworthiness.
 - In this series, we will start with a low view of the Bible. And as we start to learn more about the Bible, we will begin to trust it more and more. For example:
 - The Bible has not been altered over time
 - The Bible is a reliable source of history
 - The Bible contains detailed predictions about the future that later came to pass

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1 Peter 3:15

“in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy,
always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks
you for a reason for the hope that is in you;
yet do it with gentleness and respect”

Slide 8

Challenge

Name one thing that you have heard or learnt that made you trust the bible more, and one thing which made you trust it less.

Fill it in here 

