



How Important is the Bible? (Part 2)

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

([Romans 10:17](#))

It seems that experiences and emotions are two things that drive many of the decisions people make today.

This is clear by the way news is presented, how products are advertised, even how political figures manage their campaigns.

Even movies today must have more and more spectacular scenes just to capture the attention of the viewers. Otherwise, the paying public tends to become complacent and will not recommend such a film to friends and neighbors.

This trend is becoming quite noticeable in Christian circles as well. There are many people in the Church who would rather hear testimonies, experience unusual things, or be motivated primarily by forces that play strongly on their emotions.

The Apostle Peter never saw a Super Bowl which was decided by the last play of the game; he never saw a 21st century special effect in a movie theatre; and he probably never heard a political speech that moved him to tears.

He did, however, experience more in his lifetime than any believer since the Church began!

Consider these facts from Scripture: 1. He (along with his brother Andrew) was the first disciple chosen by Jesus ([Mark 1:16-18](#)). 2. He was present when Jesus taught "as one having authority, and not as the scribes" ([Matthew 7:28](#)). 3. He witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus in which His deity was manifested in His humanity ([Luke 9:28-36](#)). 4. He heard Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5:3-7:57](#)). 5. He saw Jesus heal thousands (Including his mother-in law in [Matthew 8:14-17](#), cast out demons, raise the dead, and show amazing love on a daily basis (all throughout the Gospels). 5. He saw Jesus walking on the water and did so himself for a short time ([Matthew 14:28-31](#)). 6. He was among the first to see the empty tomb ([Luke 24:12](#)). 7. He was the one who gave the great confession about our Savior, that He is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" ([Matthew 16:16](#)).

In addition, he preached a very powerful sermon at Pentecost after which 3,000 people were saved ([Acts 2:14-40](#)); he foretold the death of Ananias and Sapphira ([Acts 5:1-11](#)); he healed quite a number of sick people and cast out demons throughout the early portions of Acts; he was

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used of the Lord to preach the Gospel in many places ([I Peter 5:13](#)); and, according to the historical record, was crucified upside down after refusing to be treated in the same manner as Jesus was at His death.

This list could be made far more extensive, but the point is clear: Peter had more experiences and emotional settings in his life than any other!

What was his attitude toward all these things?

Take a quick look at [II Peter 1:16-21](#). In this passage Peter points out that he was an eyewitness of the Lord's transfiguration. At that event his emotions caused him to want to build three tabernacles, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias. No doubt his emotions ran strong, and why not!? He was privileged to see a truly amazing event!

But his emotions caused him to suggest something quite foolish: he wanted to place Moses and Elias on the same level as Jesus!

In writing [II Peter 1:19-21](#), Peter, writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, recognizes that the Bible is a "more sure word of prophecy" (a better translation might be "a far more sure word of prophecy"); whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

In essence, Peter is declaring that testimonies, emotions, and experiences have their place, but it is very easy to misapply or abuse these things.

Nobody would suggest that there is no place for experience, emotions, and testimonies, but when it comes to our understanding of spiritual matters, nothing even compares to the certainty that comes from God's Word!

That is the conclusion of the man who had such incredible experiences!

And **THAT IS HOW IMPORTANT THE BIBLE REALLY IS!**

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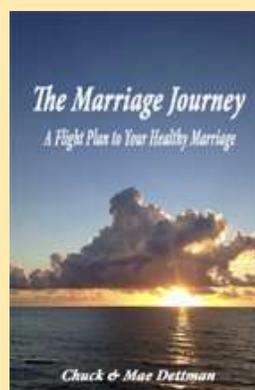
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