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Years ago somebody made an anonymous buy of outdoor billboards and sides of buses and periodically on and on, exactly how it laid out I don't remember, but there was a message from God that would appear on these billboards every so often. There were 17 of them, I'm not going to read all 17 of them but here are my top five: "Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game," God says. "We need to talk – God." "Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage." "Big Bang theory? You've got to be kidding!" God: "Have you read my number one bestseller? There will be a test."

It's really that last one that we're going to center on and focus on for a little bit again this morning. But it took me back to Tim Keller's visit last month and when Tim Keller almost in a passing comment - I made mention of this back in July - talked about the fact that we are people of the Book, that Christians are people of the Book. And I honestly didn't know it at the time, but when I looked at that a little bit more closely that is an expression that the Muslim faith uses in referencing Christians and Jews that were people of the Book. So it goes beyond just what we might think of as what that means to us but that really got me thinking and it really created within me a sense of urgency about the day and the time in the world that we live in. And it did so for a couple of reasons.

The first reason is because I just felt that we need to press into that question and ask, is it in fact really true, are we people of the Book? It's so easy to say we're people of the Book. It's easy to receive that that statement from somebody else – "oh, they're people of the Book" - but are we people of the Book? Can we honestly truthfully say we're people of the Book - do we reverence the book or do we read the book? Let's look at the statistics: 45% of churchgoers read their Bible more than once a week. I don't know what this poll was all about, maybe they're counting Sunday morning when they were sitting in church that was one, so they only had to do one more. Forty-five percent,

so less than half, so we just divide Covenant - Covenant South - that would be the representative group, or not even that many, that would read their Bible more than just once a week. Forty percent read their Bible occasionally, which the survey said meant as little as 1 to 2 times a month. Forty percent. Twenty percent never read their Bible. These are churchgoing people that I would suppose if asked would make a definite profession of faith. Twenty percent of them never read their Bible. Twenty percent of them read it every day. So you see this overwhelming statistical evidence that is out there all over the place talking about the crisis of biblical illiteracy of the church. How little we know of this Book. For us to lay claim to the fact we're people of the Book is easy. "Oh, we're a Bible church, we hear the Word." But are we people of the Book?

I think the other thing that was really compelling as I thought about this over our break, I am going to turn 65 next year. The shock in the room – fills the room, I know I have misled many of you for many years I apologize for that. You did not think that date was anywhere on the horizon, or maybe many of you thought that day had long since gone. But you know what, as I thought about that I had to be honest with myself and say, "You know, I am in the fourth quarter of ministry." Now the fourth quarter isn't the end – just ask the Patriots and the Falcons - but it doesn't mean the end and I'm not looking for the bench but the reality is I'm in the fourth quarter of ministry. And I want to be a part of a church, and I want to have it be true in my life where we are not just saying we're people of the Book, but we are in fact people of the Book and we love it, and we read it and we delight in it. I jokingly said for years you'll know the end is near when I begin an exposition of the book of Romans. I've not done that and that's slated for 2019 right now so the news on that of course, is people take up to seven years to go through the book of Romans. So you know, it was Martin Lloyd-Jones that took 10 years to get through it so there's a margin there. Of course, it's also possible at that time that the elders come and say, "We want this just to be an overview of about six weeks." So that could happen too. But those things just have kind of created within my own heart and renewed urgency of renewed desire for myself to be a person of the Book and for us as a church to be people of the Book.

So we're going to kick off this fall. This fall season we're going to three weeks of being people of the Book in terms of the topic that's before us. And this morning we're

going to look at 'Read it For All it's Worth.' Read the Word for all it's worth. Next Sunday, Lord willing, it will be 'Submit to the Word, No Matter What the Cost'. And we're going to see, we're going to just be honest, there's a cost coming - an increasing cost coming - to be people of the Book; I'm convinced of that. And then 'Obey It' on September 3. Obey it, to experience God's best.

We say at Covenant that our vision is that we would be passionate for the glory of God. That we want to be people who are pursuing a growing obedience to God, and that we want to be people who are compassionate for the lost and the least. And my friend, there is no way to reach any of those vision statements unless we're people of the Book. You're not going to know anything about the glory of God if you're not in the Word to understand this God, who deserves this praise and this worship. You're certainly not going to be pursuing obedience, because one of the things that the Word calls for us to do is to be in the Word, right? So if you're not a person of the Book you're not growing in your walk with God – those two just go together. And I can assure you, you don't have a heart for the people around you the way God's heart beats for those people unless we're people of the Book. So that's what we want to do.

Turn this morning if you would, we're going to do this for three weeks, we'll add into this but Psalm 119 is where we want to land for these weeks together because in Psalm 119 you have the greatest chapter in the Bible about the Bible. This is the greatest chapter in the Bible about the Bible. Psalm 19 probably would be a close second, but in terms of just length this is the longest chapter in the Bible. One hundred and seventy-six verses and get this - 169 of the 176 verses have something to say specifically about the Word of God. Is that mind blowing? One hundred and seventy-six verses, the longest chapter in the Bible, and 169 of the 176 verses talk about the Word of God. And you don't have to read very far into this psalm to realize that the psalmist loved the word of God. He delighted in the Word of God. What a great place to be.

So this is our idea this morning: nothing will change you like reading God's Word daily. And it's true, it's right and it's good – read it for all it's worth. Here's what we're going to do. Let's start off - a Book like no other – we're just going to do this at the beginning of each study for these couple weeks, just to kind of throw out some and fun facts. What is it that we need to know about the Bible? What do we need to know? You

know all this stuff, but we'll just review it. It was written over a period of about 1,500 years, 1,500 years. From the time the book of Job was written and the early books of the Law all the way to the book of Revelation – 1,500 years, that's a long time. A long time when you think in terms of all that happened in that 1,500 year period. It was written by some 40 human authors, living in 12 different countries, on three different continents - all kinds of different vocational backgrounds. It would be a fun exercise to list out what some of those vocations are, but across the breadth of experience the writers of Scripture that the Holy Spirit guided in giving us his Word. And then as we of course know, 66 books in one. Thirty-nine in the Old Testament, twenty-seven in the New Testament. So we have one book but it's really 66 books in one.

Here's what I want to do this morning in particular. What is this Book say about itself? What does this Book say about itself? And again, you can answer that in 100 ways and you would have more to say. I'm going to pick three.

The first thing I want us to see is this Book is true. This Book says about itself that it is true, it is truth. It tells us the truth, it is trustworthy. When we talk about the infallibility of God's Word, alright, when we talk about the inerrancy of God's Word; inerrancy means it is without error. When we talk about the infallibility of God's Word we're talking about the fact that this Word is always trustworthy. It's always truthful, it always tells us something that we can trust in. This hundred and nineteenth psalm, verse 41 - and I'm just going to move around this morning – “Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise; then shall I have an answer for him who taunts me, for I trust in your Word.” And why did he trust in the Word? He trusted the Word because it's truthful. He trusted it because it's trustworthy. All the way over to 142, and over on 142 it says this, “Your righteousness is righteous forever and your law (or your Word) is true.” It's true. Psalm 86:11, “Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.”

I love the imagery of Scripture and especially of the psalmist because he just gives us constantly word pictures, and we're going to see this as we go along; but, “Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.” God, I want to walk in truth. How are you going to walk in truth? You live in a world of deception. You live in a world of lies. People are lying to you every day of your life and the avenues by which these

lies come to us is across the spectrum. Some of them, sadly, even within churches. That's why Paul said didn't he - to the Bereans? Go home and examine these things to see what I'm talking is true. And it's only the Word that is trustworthy. It's only the Word that is true. So in this world of lies and deception how do you know what's truth? The only way you know is if it comes out of here, if it's complementary to this. What else can you possibly think of in your world and in your sphere of influence that you can say that about? Where everything that you hear from that source is truth. It's not me. I couldn't ever lay claim to be 100% truthful and 100% honest and 100% trustworthy. I have lied, I have deceived, I have been short in telling the whole truth. As probably all of you would say as well. We joke, don't we, about well, we read on the Internet, it must be true. Yeah right.

And so in this world where in the world we go to know that we have the truth? We're sending our students off to school all over the place and I read all kinds of blogs while I was gone and I read all kinds within the last you know, couple weeks especially about parents sending their students off the higher-end, off to college, off to university. Do you know what the consistent tone of these blogs was? And I was reading Christian blogs at that point. It was how to prepare your student to come under all, full assault. They're going off to college and university - how to prepare them to hold onto the faith that they have. That's the world we live in, isn't it? They go off to those places of higher learning and you can be sure one thing almost all the time, especially in our public universities, is that the truth is going to be under assault and they need to know where they can go to find the truth. But God's Word is true. Look at verse 89. He continues this theme, he just hammers it. "Forever O Lord, your Word is firmly fixed in the heavens." It's fixed, it's true, it doesn't change. All the way over to 160, "The sum of your Word is truth and every one of your righteous rules endures forever." So in a world of deception the Word of God is true.

So if you want to know the truth about yourself you open this Book and this Book will tell you the truth about yourself. If you want to know the truth about others this Book will tell you the truth about others. If you want to know the truth about the world that we live in, that John describes as "the world, the flesh, and the devil" that world is defined for us in this Book in a way that you will you will not hear it any other place. You want to

know the truth about the past, about the present and about the future? Then you come to this Book. You want to know the truth about God, you want to know the truth about man? You come to the Word. Jesus said, "Father, sanctify them in the truth, thy Word is truth." So we come to this Book and we do so because it's true, it tells us the truth.

Secondly, this Book demands what is right. This Book demands what is right. The psalmist says that this Book, that God has given us in his Word, in this Book is what is right. And God has the right to issue decrees and commands and precepts and principles - things that we may like and things that we may not like. You know what we get to do? We're going to look further at this next Sunday Lord willing, we get to submit to that truth. We get to submit to that righteousness that God has set forward. It is our responsibility to humbly come to this Word and say, "God what is it that you want me to know about your righteousness and about what is right in this place in which I find myself?" Verse 75 – look at what he says about this matter of God being the one who gives us what is right: "I know O Lord your rules are righteous and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me." But that opening statement – I know Lord that your Word, your rules are righteous. God's rules are right, his commands are right; that's the idea of righteousness.

Verse 128 - "therefore I consider all your precepts to be right." I consider all your precepts to be right, I hate every false way. Look at verse 137 – "Righteous are you, oh Lord and right are your rules. You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness." Verse 144 – "Your testimonies are righteous forever. Give me understanding that I may live." The psalmist is not settling for, "okay God, you told me some things to do and I suppose I better do them." Now on one level I guess there's value in that, isn't there. But that's not where the psalmist lands. The psalmist isn't doing and he's not recognizing and he doesn't want to walk in the righteousness that God has instructed him to walk in because "oh well okay God, you said it so I better do it." He wants to delight in it. He wants to see it as being something that is to be commendable for his life, he wants to glory in it. He sees the goodness of God, the rightness of God, the value of walking in God's ways. We want to love God and delight in his righteousness because it's right, it's true - isn't it? Because he has said that it is. It's not arbitrary rules that we just follow. It's not demands that he makes on us to somehow

restrict us and hinder us. He gives these things to us; these guidelines, these commands, these precepts, these principles that are characterized by righteousness so that we will in fact flourish in our walk with Him and in our walk with each other. His ways are pure, His ways are loving, His ways are wise, His ways are just, His ways are noble, His ways are good.

I read Kevin DeYoung, just a real short article, but he wrote and it was entitled: "I Don't Understand Christians Watching *Game of Thrones*." I'll tell you I've never watched *Game of Thrones*. I've read about it I don't know a whole lot about it, but it kicked off a whole bunch of comments, as you can imagine, and whole bunch of other articles. This is the statement he makes: "This will not be a long post because the issue doesn't seem all that complicated. I don't understand Christians watching *Game of Thrones*." And then of course, that started it all, right? *Game of Thrones* I guess just as a description is the hottest show in HBO history with an average audience of watchers of 23 million viewers. So it's their most popular show ever. Described in this way: "many Christians say they are against porn but they have no issue watching a show rather famous or even infamous for its explicit nudity and sex scenes." A USA Today article said this, ask this: "Is there anything morally redeeming about *Game of Thrones*?" Now I have no idea if I'm talking to people who watched every episode or haven't seen one of them, but this is a picture of our world and of our church. In many ways and in many respects it's the church at large that I'm talking about. One pushback came this way: obviously this is just a matter of Christian liberty. So Christians choosing to watch a show that is simply characterized with words like soft porn because of the explicit nudity and sex scenes has now become just a matter of Christian liberty. What does the psalmist offer about that perspective and about those kinds of issues? Psalm 101:3 - "I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless." That's a good thing to put somewhere by your TV by the way, Psalm 101:3. You'll have a lot more time to read the Bible if you put that there. That might be too convicting, we may not want to do that. Psalm 119:9 – how can a young man, how can a young person cleanse their way? By paying attention to the Word of God.

So God in his Word gives us truth, He give us what is righteous. He wants you to walk in righteousness. A righteousness that reflects His character. Hard to imagine

doing some of these things and thinking that we are reflecting His righteousness, right? In keeping with what Francis Chan said, what would happen within the Christian community if believers were in fact in the Word every day and allowing the truth of God's word, which is true and which is righteous, to pour over their minds and their heart and their words and their actions every day. Can you imagine how life would change in your home? If everybody in your home claiming to be a follower of Christ and people of the Book made it a daily habit to allow this truthful righteous Word to wash over their mind, their heart, their words, their actions every day. It's transformative.

Third, this book provides what is good. This book provides what is good. Just look at the beginning of Psalm 119, the way the chapter opens, "Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong but walk in His ways." You know what that's describing? You know that the word blessed really speaks of the matter of happiness. Not the happiness that the world offers to us but a deep-seated sense of joy and happiness before God. And that's what he's writing about here; blessed are those -verse two - blessed are those who are walking in the ways of God's righteousness, in His truth, in His goodness. It takes you right to Psalm 1, doesn't it? Blessed, happy is the man not the not hanging out with the wrong crowd doing the things that the world does; he's pursuing a totally different lifestyle. Takes us to where we're going to go in a few weeks, the Sermon on the Mount. We're going to go into Jesus's extended teaching in Matthew 5, 6 and 7 and it starts off with the Beatitudes. Nine different times Jesus says, "This is a pathway to happiness. This is a pathway to being blessed."

Because the Word of God is good it's a roadmap for living life well. I hope I can communicate something this morning about this deep-seated conviction that the Word of God can do for us what nothing else can do. I'm not suggesting that you just read your Bible and all your problems go away and everything falls into place and it's a wonderful life from that point on. But I will assure you of this: you will never experience what God wants you to experience apart from this Book getting into your life on a consistent regular basis. That much I can tell you for sure. It cannot and it will not happen. So if you want, as he says in verse six, "then I shall not be put to shame."

Would you like to not be put to shame? He's saying, have your eyes fixed on God's commandments. Verse 9, already quoted it, "How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your Word." You want to walk in purity in the midst of an incredibly impure world? You want to receive good counsel? Verse 24 – your testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors. What a great picture - the Word of God is a counselor to you. Don't sell it short. Let it counsel you, let it speak to you. Verse 78 says it's our strength, verse 98 says it gives us wisdom and it just goes on and on and then that famous verse, very well known verse, Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Just visualize that for a minute. God, your Word is a light to my feet and it lights up the path that I walk. Just visualize what the psalmist is trying to communicate there. You're living in the midst of the dark world. Paul says in Philippians that we are in the midst of a perverse and wicked generation. The world is consistently characterized in Scripture as being dark and we are to be children of light. And we're to walk in light, and Jesus is the light. And the Word is light and it gives you this beautiful picture that this Word, this Book, if I'm following it and it's going before me and its shining its light on the path of my life and it gives me some sense of direction as to where I should be going and how I should get there. The wonderful picture of delighting in the Word, depending on the Word, desiring the Word – why? Because it is true, because it's right, because it's good.

Martin Luther said, "The Bible is alive. It speaks to me, it has feet it runs after me. It has hands and it lays hold of me." What great imagery that is, right? Let me just say it again, the Bible is alive, right? It speaks to me so I'm opening it up I'm reading it and its speaking truth, its rightness, its goodness into my life. And then this picture, this imagery it has feet and runs after me. So, you know if I find myself straying off the way, the Word is what runs after me and grabs me. And he said it lays a hold of me, which brings me then, to the last part of our morning. How you should read this Book? Let's just take a few minutes as we finish off this part of our study this morning - how should we read this Book?

Let me give you seven simple practical things, these are not life-changing by any measure; you have heard things like this before, there's 10 more that we could probably suggest and add, so there's nothing authoritative about this list but just practical things.

How are we going to get this truth that is right and good into our life? Well first of all, we need to read it consistently. We need to read it consistently. More than anything else, this would be the thing to mark or write down. We need to read our Bibles. How is it that 65% of people who attend church regularly - 65%- read their Bible once or twice a month or not at all? What do you even do with that? Here is the God of heaven who created the world and us and wants to be in a personal relationship with us and has written us a Book about himself and about life and we don't read it? That's almost unimaginable! It's almost like there's this huge gap somewhere between people coming to faith and understanding what it is that's going to – folks you know why? You know what we have? You know why we have what we have in the church? You know why we have people who have been believers for 10,15,20 and 25 years and are still in the spiritual nursery? This is it! They've never gotten to the point that they consistently read their Bible.

The most basic way of getting this life changing transforming truth in your mind - just like Chan said, we're chasing after everything imaginable - every latest DVD teaching, every new thing that somebody's come up with, some seminar to go to. But we're not people of the Book. Here's my theory on why, at least one of them. In part I don't think we appreciate the transformative power of the Word of God I don't think we do. I really don't think we do - I don't think that we really appreciate the transformative power of the Word of God. Now I understand that I'm speaking to a certain percentage of people who have said, "Man I have heard this before and I have tried this 100 times and it really does nothing for me." I've got to just be brutally honest with you. I understand that. There are times when it's hard to be consistent in your reading of God's Word so I'm not overlooking that. But this folks, is not about a feeling. This is about faith that this Book is what it claims to be. And that the truth of this Book that written on these pages can do in your life what nobody else can do for you. Certainly what you can't do for yourself nor anything else can do. It is that singular in its capacity. But you'll never delight in reading God's Word if you don't read God's Word. Consistently, I would think, means you have a time, you have a place, you have a plan. You have to have something, now there is no perfect quiet time - the bells aren't going to ring, the angels aren't going to sing every time you read God's Word. But this Word

claims to be living and alive and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword and it has a capacity to discern the very thoughts and intents of your heart if you welcome it into your life.

Secondly, read it looking for Jesus. Read it looking for Jesus. Jesus said in John 5:39 the Scriptures bear witness of Him. Remember our five words that describe the whole Bible? I know you do, but I'll tell them to you just because I don't want take the time. There is that whole matter of anticipation, right? The whole Old Testament is anticipating the coming of Christ. So as you're reading the Old Testament you're reading book after book that tells you that He is coming. The whole of Scripture speaks of me, Jesus says. So the whole Old Testament is written with the idea of anticipating His coming. You get to the four Gospels and its manifestation – He's here. He's manifesting himself, the living Christ is among us. The book of Acts is about proclamation – let's go tell everybody it's true. He's died on the cross, He's risen again we want everybody to know so we go and we proclaim it. The epistles and the letters are all about explanation. We want to explain this new life and what it looks like. The book of Revelation is consummation. So in five words all of them relate about this truth of being all about Him. It's all about Jesus.

Thirdly, read it from cover to cover. Read it from cover to cover. Make it your goal, and I hate to say it this way, but make it your goal to read through the Bible at least once before you die, okay? Get through the Bible at least once. Now honestly that's embarrassing to let the bar be that low. To the idea that we have all of four score and 10 years and we can get through the Bible once - I mean come on. We should be reading through the Bible from cover to cover. Now I understand that you're going to find some places where you're bogged down and you're going to have to push hard to get through. But do it. Just find that desire, that goal; get through. I don't have a desire to guilt you but it does cross my mind that when you are in heaven and you're in a conversation with one of these guys that wrote this Book or maybe even with Jesus and you've got to actually say, "well, I never really read the whole Book." Seriously? You were waiting for the movie to come out or what? I mean, come on, read the Book! Read it from cover to cover. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable.

Fourth, read it with the pen in hand. You know everybody treats their Bible a little bit differently. I encourage people to mark their Bible, when God speaks to you through the Word make a note, underline something. If you have a pen in hand and you have questions you can write them down and then you'll remember and you can email or text Zac or Steve or Ron, and they love hard questions by the way. Ask questions all the way through, be asking what does this mean, how does this apply, what's the context?

Number five, read it with a view to memorizing Scripture. As you read maybe a verse stands out – commit it to memory. I was reading in Psalm 94 yesterday, “when the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.” That’s the truth of God's word, friends. When the cares of my heart are many – do you ever have a point when the cares of your heart are many - oh yeah like every day, right? When the cares of your heart are many Your consolations, Your Word, Your truth cheers my soul. I don't know where you can drink something that is more satisfying than that kind of truth to come into your life. And when I read that it didn't make every care disappear, but man did it speak volumes of encouragement to say, “Wow, yeah I've got a lot of cares in this world, but Your Word is a consolation” And he says to your soul, when you are really sometimes carrying that stuff, right?

Number six, read it with others. Yeah, that's right, read with others. It's called small group Bible study. This is a shameless plug for community groups beginning at the end of our time this morning, right? The Bible is meant to be studied alone and it's meant to be studied together in communities. So get together in some kind of a setting where you're with others.

And then lastly, read it prayerfully and humbly. And the first one is at the top of the list, and purposefully so, read it consistently. And this one is the capstone on the other end of importance because it says read it prayerfully and read humbly. And my suggestion to you is every time you open this Book you just examine your heart and ask God to examine your heart and just come with the spirit of prayerfulness and of humility. On Friday morning in our men's group we've been going through this deal on some of the giants of the faith and looking at church history and the people that God uses. And we are blown away every Friday by what the people of God have done in history in terms of their passion for the glory of God, for pursuing an obedience to Christ, and for

the lost the least of the world. We're just literally blown away every time we see what people have done in history. And this last week John Owen is one of those guys that we looked at and I'm just going to read out of our book: "Learning was the means not the end for his mind, his heart, and his life." And then it said this, "In all his seeking of God, Owen never departed from the Word. He knew that God revealed himself in Scripture and this was the source that Owen mined for His presence." How different from us today. If we desire God at all it's often apart from sweet laboring his Word, thinking God just appears because we desire some mystical thrill. Our interest in God seems but a shadow compared to Owen's relentless pursuit of the Holy One. May we capture the compassionate depth of his life and seek the living God he knew so well. Owens touched thousands upon hundreds of thousands of lives, not because he wanted God to meet him and give him some mystical experience so he could go tell everybody, but because he understood that it was the Word of God transformed and changed lives.

So Holy Spirit, when we come to your Word open our eyes, give us a heart that is alive, give us a humble spirit to hear what you have to say. Because nothing my friends, will change you like reading God's Word daily. It's true, it's right and it's good. So what are we going to take away? The best gift that you can give to yourself or someone else is the encouragement to read the Bible daily. To read the Bible for yourself every day. I can't think of anything more transformative for you in your walk with God than to grab onto that truth that says, "God, even if it's five minutes right now in the hectic pace of my life as a young mom with kids running all over the place, God just help me to find five minutes." You know what? Maybe you need to listen to his Word. You're in the car, you're doing this or that, maybe your place is to listen. Get it in to your life and to your heart. It will change your life. And you know what, I can say that to everybody that's here this morning regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey. The value that this Book brings to our lives is truly transformative and life-changing. If you aren't even sure what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ there is value in coming to this Book, and we will give you a free copy if you don't have one. Or you can take one out of that pew right now if you don't have one. And you just come to this Book and you just read it. Even not having yet fully understood what it is that God has done for you in His son, there's value there. God will open your eyes and you'll see Jesus, His

son, like you've never seen Him before. And the Holy Spirit of God will speak into your heart His truth and He'll open your eyes to give you understanding. That's His promise to us as His children, of course. And He will do that. If we'll come prayerfully, humbly, He'll do it. Let's be people of the Book.

Father God, what a blessing it is to have received this revelation from you. From the mind of God, this revelation, the very things that you want us to know, Father, that everything is here that you want us to know. Give us that desire, that delight in your Word. Bless your people through this amazing transformative Book. I pray in Jesus's name, even as I ask you to change my life as well, Father, Amen.