

1 SHIFT: READ_faithfully — 2 Timothy 3:14-17

"Yeah, sure, we're **supposed** to **read** the Bible ..."
It's confusing, feels...boring...distant...old...fairy tale!

2 What **difference** would it make if it was **gone**?

[Donna & Amanda — chained] [Tapout Hanoi Hilton]

3 The **Scriptures** are about ...

- a • **Relationship:** *Heb 13:7-8*; Families & groups
- b • **Nurture:** ["with your mothers milk"] [our kids]
- c • **Salvation:** [key to open the door, but DOOR!]
- d • **Inspiration:** [divine partnership]
- e • **Usefulness:** [ultimate success guide: RAISED!]

4 Move from **heads** to **hearts**, from **facts** to **emotion**!

More **facts** not going to change the **habits** of **hearts**!
[Ed & Leona — engaged, but not marry]

- a • The news was **old**, but the **love** was **fresh**
- b • The information was **repeated**, but the **relationship deepened**.
- c • The distance was **great**, but their **hearts** remained **connected**.

5 What **difference** would it make if it was **gone**?

[My book dedication]
Forces & pressures & influences seeking to remove it from our lives ... many allow it by simple neglect?
[resources2help, group2encourage, Spirit2partner]

6 Water stained Bible on the communion table

Nothing but decoration - with its stain, it was symbolic in a deeply troubling way! Bible chained to the pulpit!

- a Prayer from 22 year old falling in love with God:
"Dear God, I will read your Bible every day. Please give me the power to understand and to know your glory. In Jesus I pray. Amen."