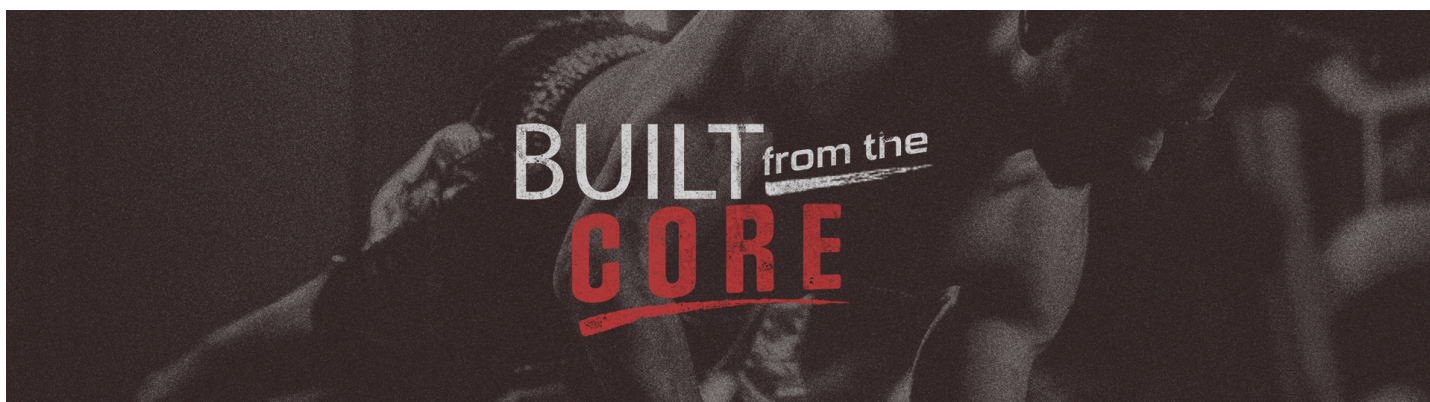




Built from the Core // Part 2

Introduction:

This week Chance continues a new series called '**Built From The Core**' with the message for **Week 2**. What is the Core at Grace, why is it important and why does it matter?

The first Core Belief at Grace we will be looking at this week is **Biblical Authority**. What is **Biblical Authority**? What does it mean for the mission of Grace and how should it impact your daily life? Why is it the most important Core Belief?

Questions:

1. What is the Bible? Why does it have authority, and where does that authority come from? What impact could the Bible's authority have on your life? How is the Bible like oxygen that your faith needs to survive? Why should you believe what the Bible says about Jesus?
2. Why does Paul begin this thought with the phrase "But you, Timothy..."? What was happening to Timothy that threatened his faith in Jesus? Why is it critical to know the difference between 'true teachers' and 'false teachers'? **2 Timothy 3:10-11**
3. Is it difficult to hear that 'everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution'? Why is it important to know that 'evil people and imposters will flourish' and why is Paul sharing this with Timothy? How does Paul's experience prove who you can trust to carry you through the trials and

persecution that will come? **2 Timothy 3:12-13**

4. Where does Paul say the 'unified story of the Holy Scriptures' (Old Testament) leads? How does that story guide you to the wisdom to receive salvation? Who is leading your life? Where do you go to receive guidance to navigate through life?

2 Timothy 3:14-15

5. What is the value to you of knowing that ALL Scripture is inspired by (God breathed) God? What are the things that Scripture does for you that nothing else in this world can? Are you allowing His Word to transform you or just inform you?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

6. How can you know that something is inspired by God and should be included in the Bible? What determines that something belongs in Scripture as Biblical Authority?
7. As a follower of Jesus what should you allow Scripture (as Biblical Authority) to do? Why should Biblical Authority shape your life, beliefs, values and decisions? As you think of Biblical Authority, why is it important that the Bible is a list of authoritative books vs an authoritative list of books?

Key takeaway: In our culture, there are so many things fighting for control. Things fighting for your attention. As Christians, this can be problematic if the core of your faith isn't strong. The Bible is the authoritative (and inspired) Word of God that not only informs you, but transforms you.

Summary:

- Ta Biblia - meaning The Books, 44% narrative, 33% poetry & 23% teaching & discourse written by 40 different writers over 2,500 years; God's Word doesn't just inform us, it transforms us
- Paul contrasts the difference between false teachers and true teachers, and what his values are
- When following Christ, persecution is part of the deal
- The Old Testament tells a unified story that leads to Christ
- All Scripture is divinely inspired by God, it:

- Teaches
- Convicts
- Corrects
- Encourages
- Prepares & equips
- How can you know something is inspired?
 - The writer was a prophet of God
 - The writer was confirmed by acts of God or as an eyewitness
 - The writing was accepted by the people of God
- Following Jesus means allowing Scripture to shape your life, beliefs, values and decisions - the Bible is a list of authoritative books, not an authoritative list of books