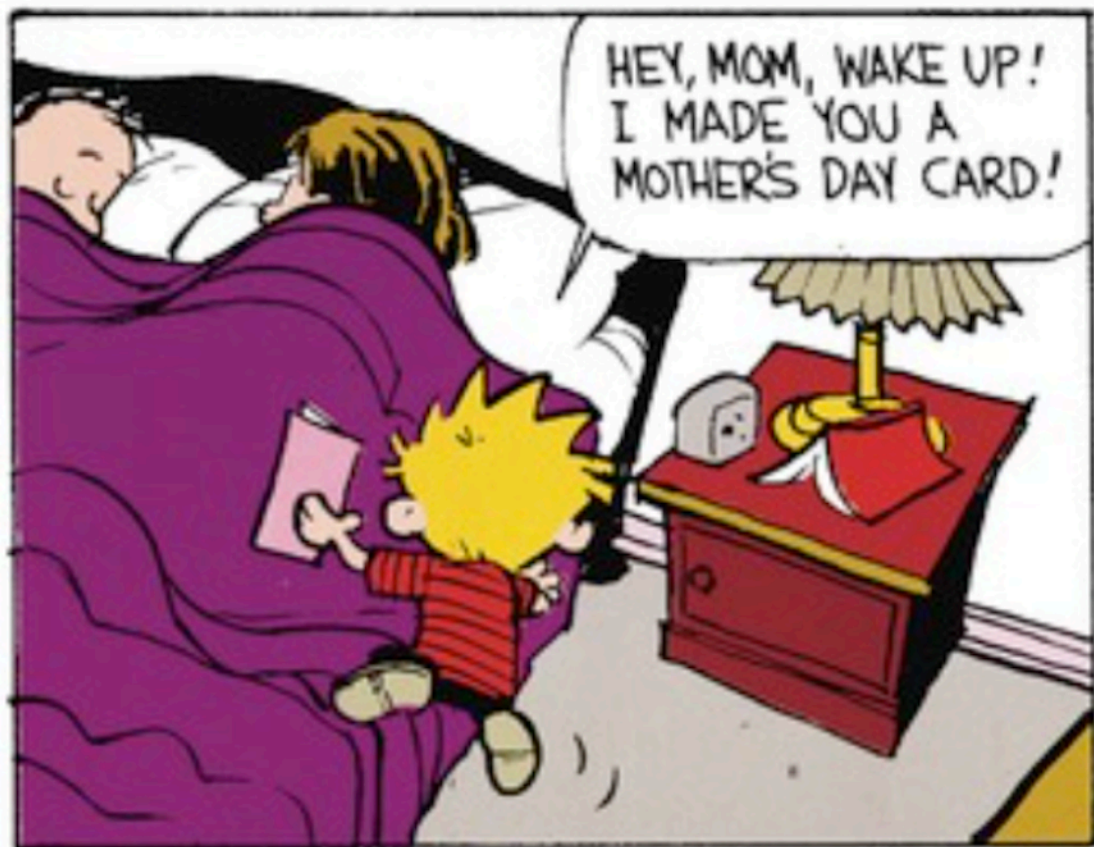


A person wearing a white short-sleeved shirt is holding a black Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The person's hands are positioned to hold the Bible firmly. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the person and the Bible.

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And Why Would I?





"IT'S AWFULLY HARD TO BUY THINGS
WHEN ONE'S ALLOWANCE IS SO SMALL..."

...AHEM...

"...SO I GUESS YOU'RE
PRETTY LUCKY
I GOT YOU ANYTHING
AT ALL."





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Based Upon the Book:

Why I Should Trust The Bible (by William D Mounce)

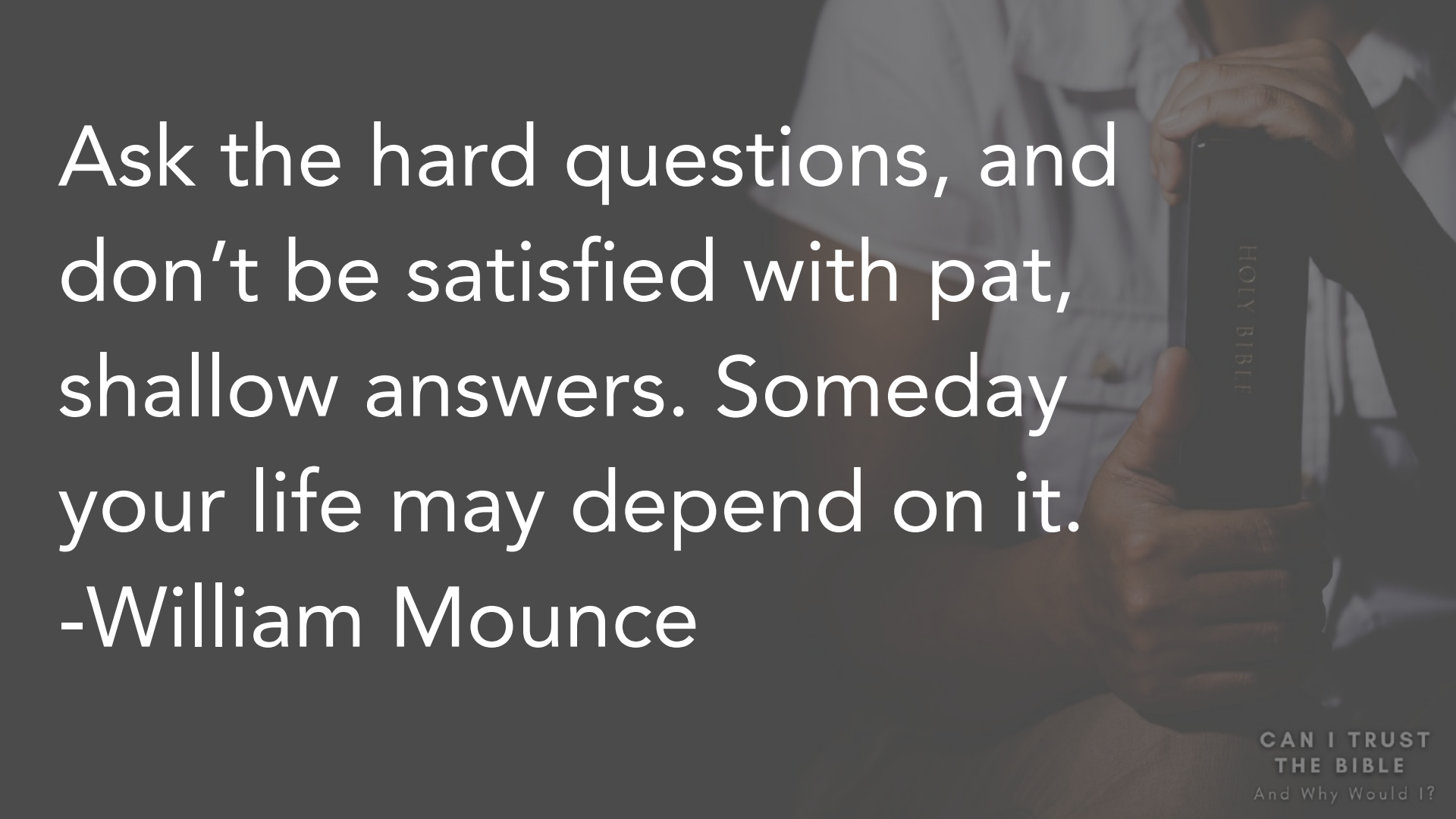
A person wearing a white short-sleeved shirt is holding a dark-colored Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, showing the words "HOLY BIBLE" in gold lettering. A large, white, bold question mark is superimposed on the right side of the image, partially overlapping the Bible. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of the person's hands and the Bible.

Contradictions in the Bible?

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Big Idea:

There are no contradictions in the Bible; so it can handle the questions!

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a black Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The background is dark and slightly blurred, focusing attention on the person and the Bible.

Ask the hard questions, and
don't be satisfied with pat,
shallow answers. Someday
your life may depend on it.

-William Mounce

Three Questions

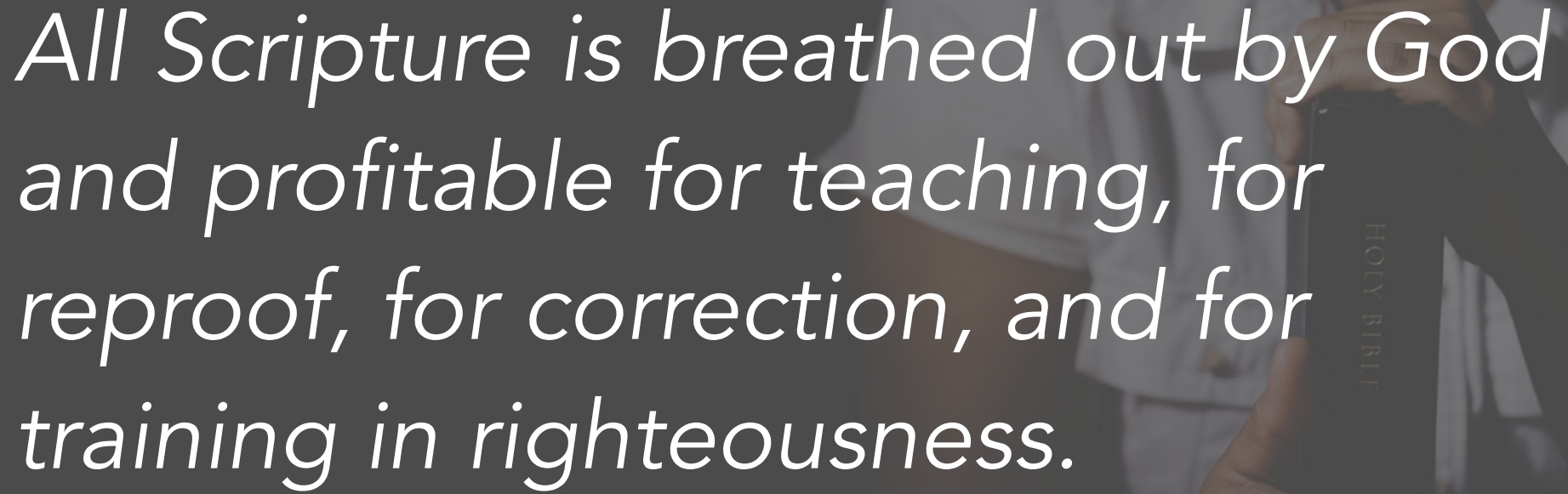
1. Why does it matter?
2. Are there contradictions?
3. How do I trust the Bible?

Question #1

1. Why does it matter if there are contradictions?

Push

**Automatic
Door**

A person is holding a dark-colored Bible. The spine of the Bible is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold or light-colored letters. The person's hands are visible, and they are wearing a light-colored, possibly white, shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

*All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for
training in righteousness.*

-2 Timothy 3:16



Can God err?

The character
of God is at stake.



If not all of
Scripture, then...?

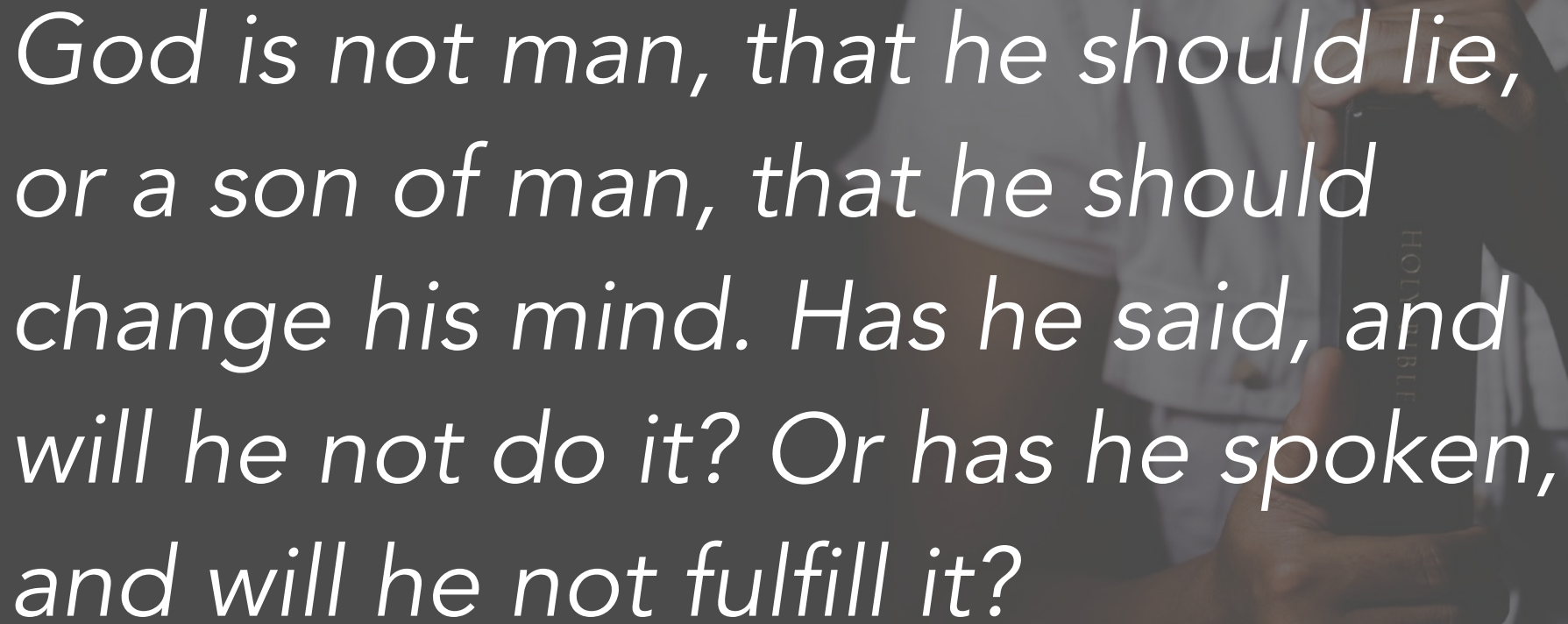
The authority of
Scripture is at stake.

If the Bible is real, then
listening to it is a big deal.

-D.C. Frank & S.M York

Question #2

2. Are there contradictions?

A person is holding a Bible, with their hands visible. The Bible is dark-colored with gold lettering on the cover. The background is a soft-focus image of a person in a white shirt. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

*God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man, that he should
change his mind. Has he said, and
will he not do it? Or has he spoken,
and will he not fulfill it?*

-Numbers 23:19

Defining Contradiction

The law of non-contradiction simply stated says that A cannot be A and non-A at the same time and in the same way or the same relationship.

-RC Sproul

con·tra·dic·tion

noun

a combination of statements, ideas,
or features of a situation that are
opposed to one another.

[-dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com)

Harmonization: Examples and Solutions.

"Harmonization asks if you can conceive of a situation in which both biblical accounts could be true, despite their obvious differences."

-William Mounce

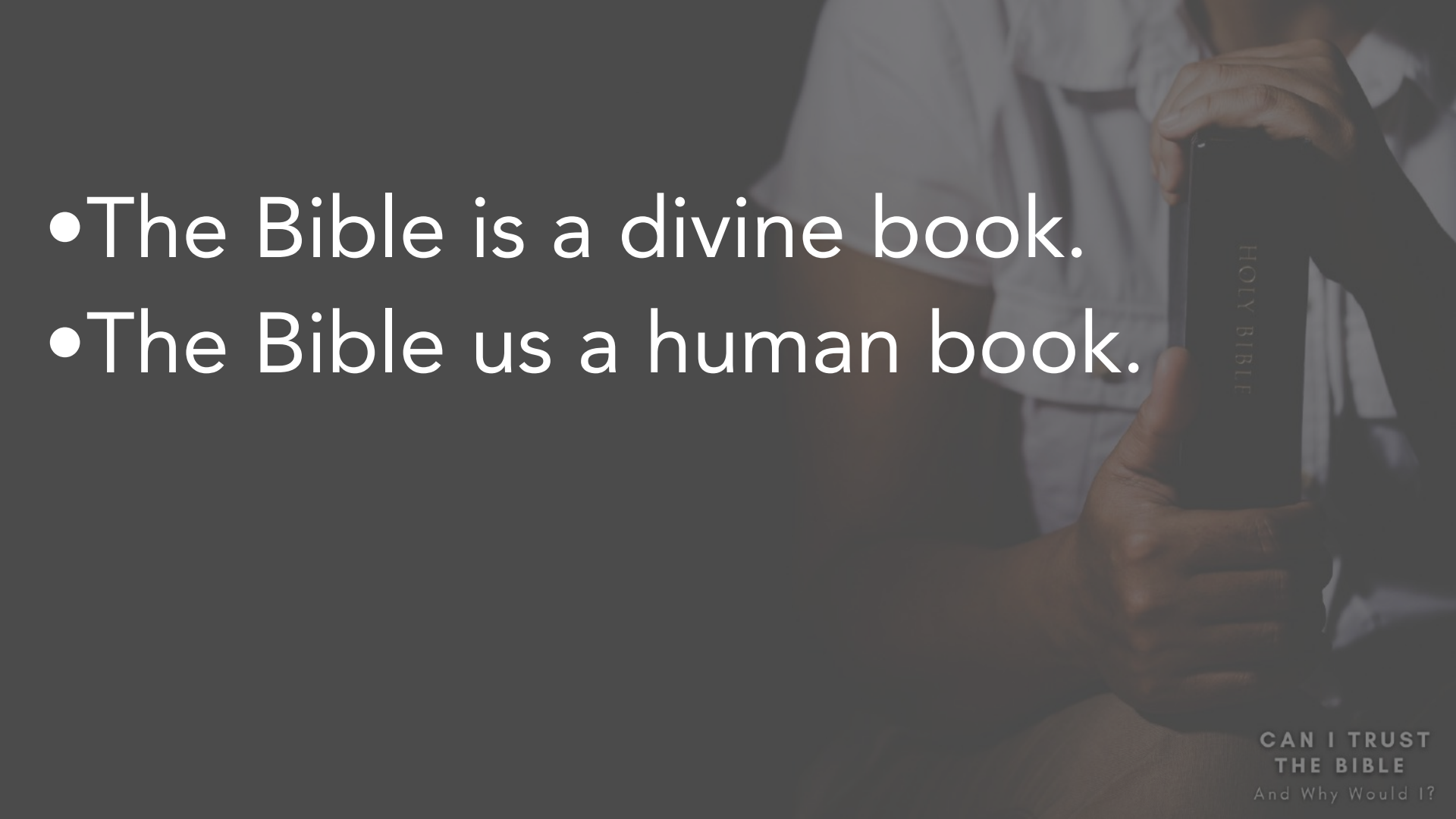
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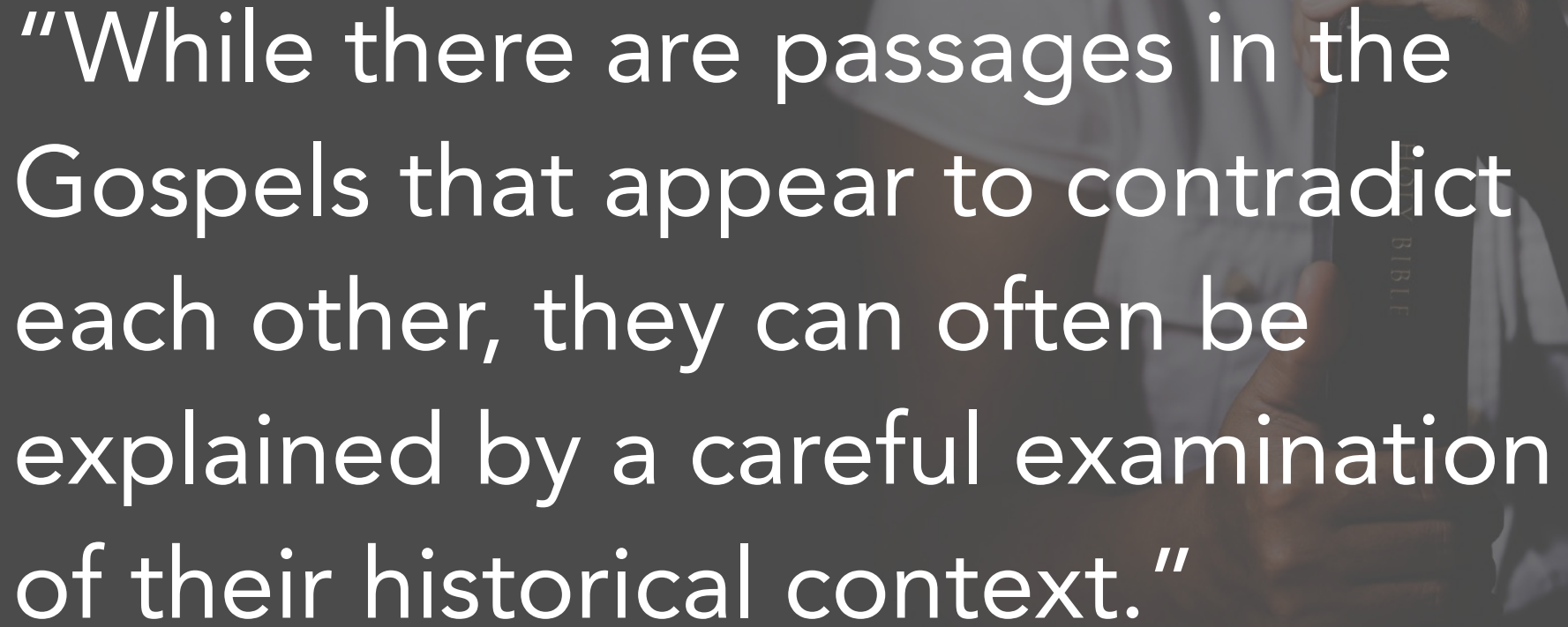


her·me·neu·tics

noun

the branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts.

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- A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a white shirt and a dark tie. They are holding a dark-colored Bible with both hands. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are printed vertically on the spine of the book. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.
- The Bible is a divine book.
 - The Bible us a human book.

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a dark-colored Bible. The Bible has the word "BIBLE" printed vertically on its spine. The background is a soft-focus image of the person's hands and the Bible.

“While there are passages in the Gospels that appear to contradict each other, they can often be explained by a careful examination of their historical context.”

-Mounce

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a black book. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

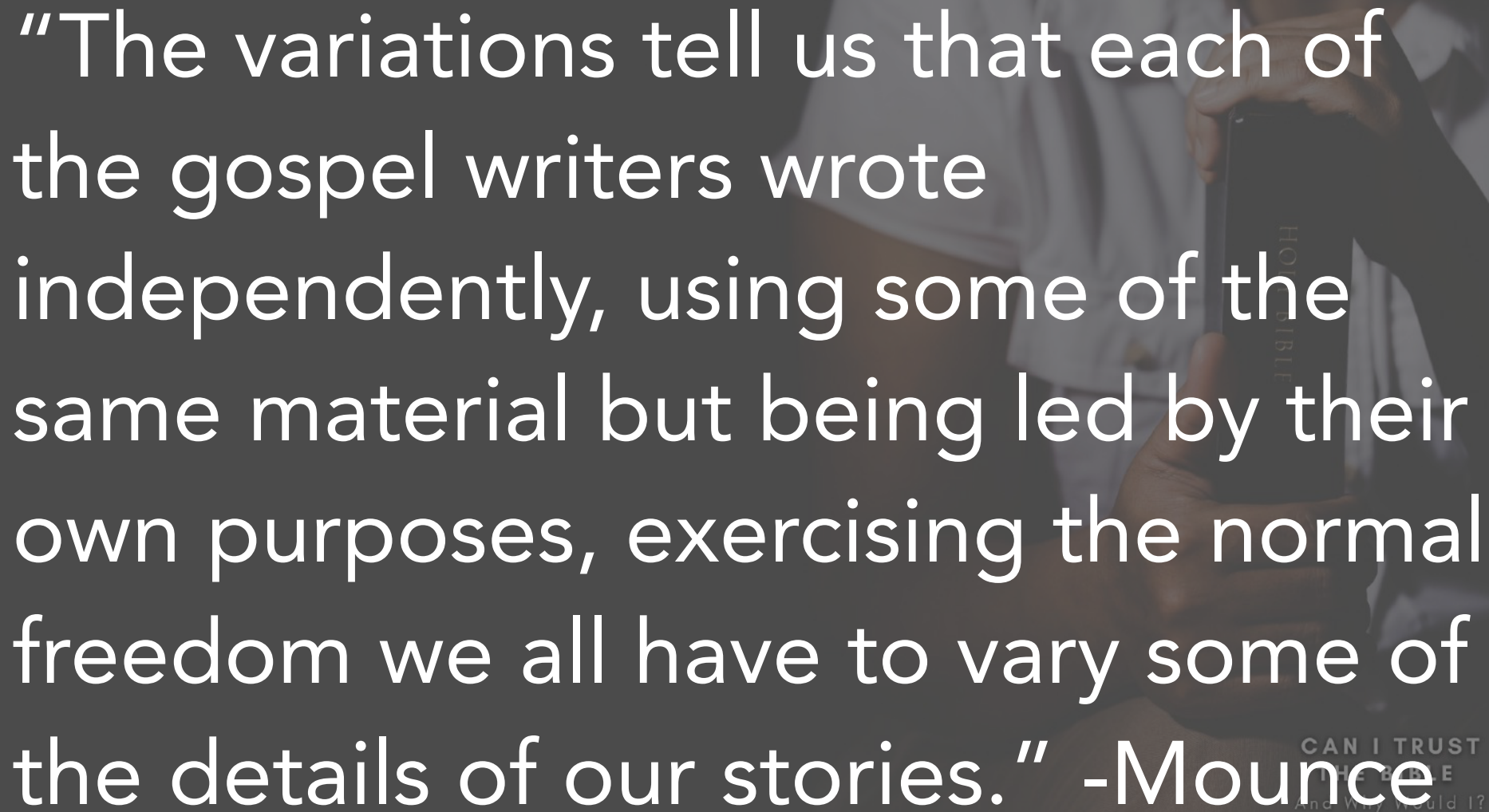
What did the author intend to
communicate to the original
hearers?

Context is KEY:

- Historical context
- Literary context

Accepted in Historical Writing

1. Repetition
2. Paraphrase
3. Approximations
4. Help the reader understand
5. Simplification

A person wearing a white shirt is holding a black Bible. The spine of the Bible has the word 'HOMALIF' written vertically in gold. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of the person's hands and the Bible.

“The variations tell us that each of the gospel writers wrote independently, using some of the same material but being led by their own purposes, exercising the normal freedom we all have to vary some of the details of our stories.” -Mounce

Reliable eye
witnesses never
agree on every
detail.

-J. Warner
Wallace.



COLDSPRINGS
BLOG

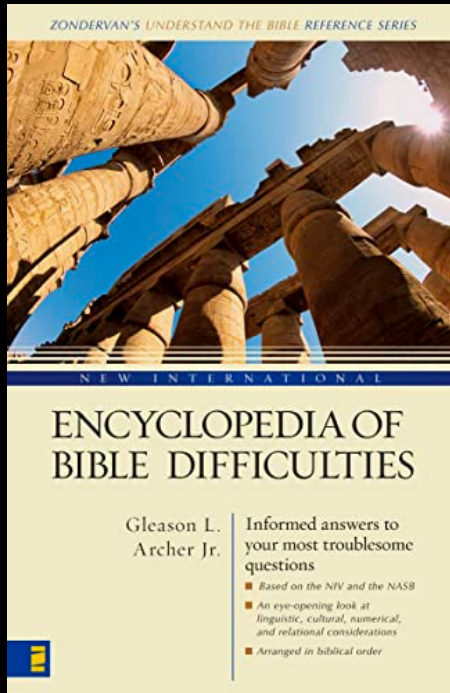
Contradictions in the Gospels?

There are no contradictions in the Gospels, but there are differences. These differences complement each other and display the authenticity of the eye witness accounts.

**NORMAN
GEISLER**

By Christopher on Bible Difficulties, Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy

ARE THERE ANY ERRORS IN THE BIBLE?



Resources!

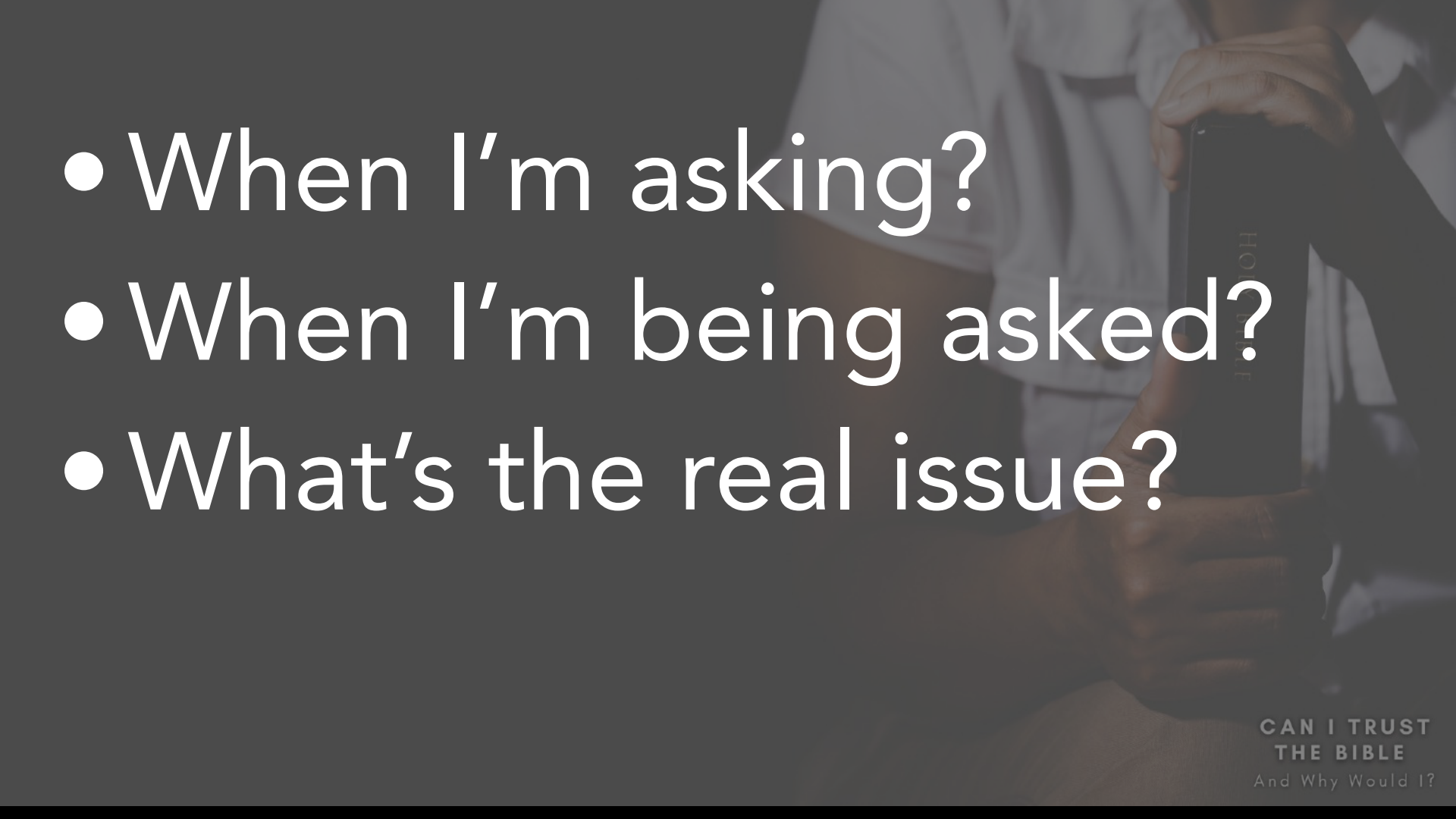
Question #3

3.

How do I trust
the Bible?

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word
is truth.*

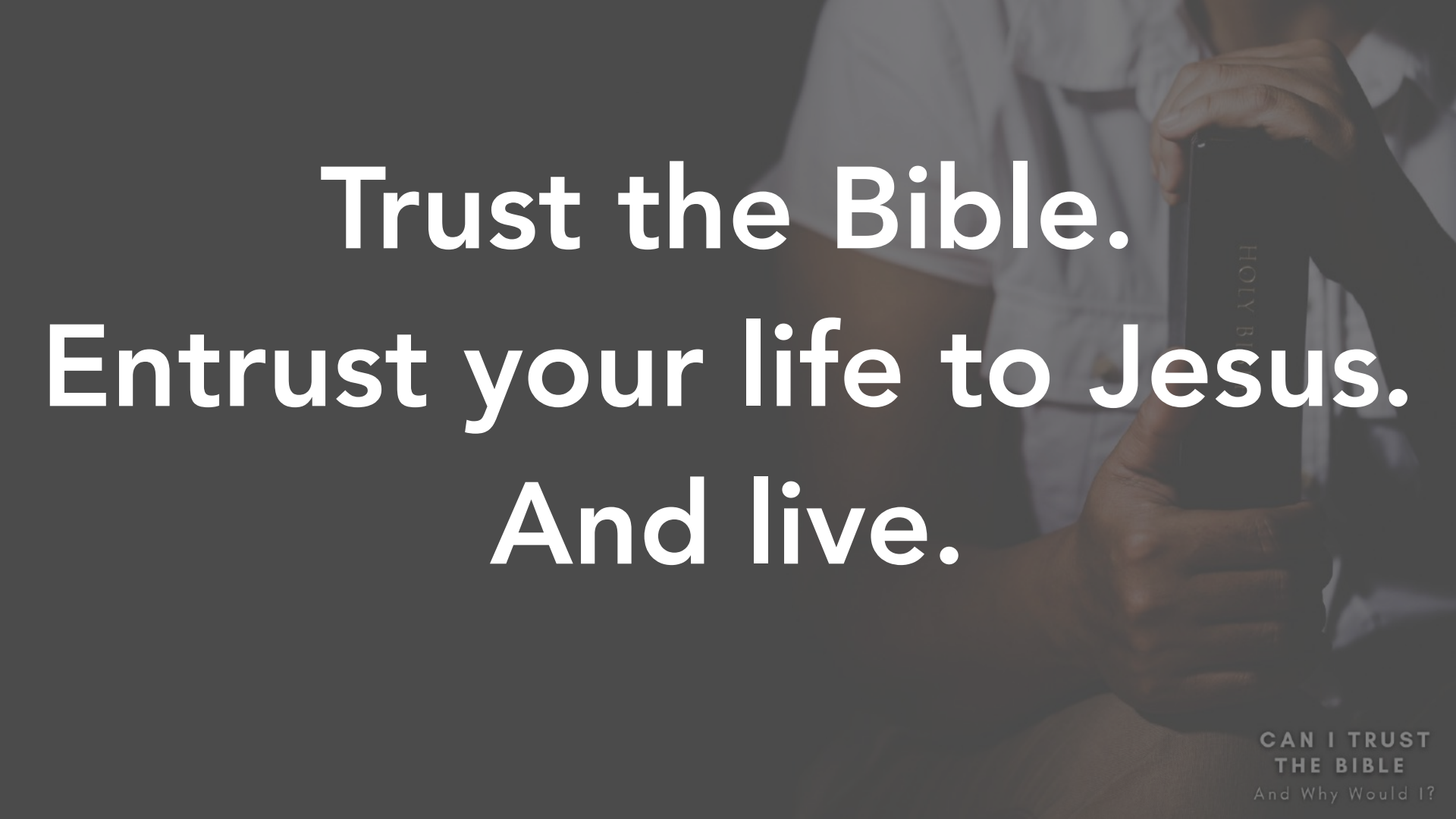
-Jesus (John 17:17)

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- A person wearing a white lab coat is holding a black book with the word 'HONOR' written vertically on the spine. The background is dark and slightly blurred.
- When I'm asking?
 - When I'm being asked?
 - What's the real issue?

Closing Scripture

these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

-John 20:31

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**Trust the Bible.
Entrust your life to Jesus.
And live.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding a black Bible. The person is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt. The Bible's spine is visible, with the words "HOLY BIBLE" printed vertically in gold. The background is dark and out of focus.

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