

# Pursuing Intimacy with God

## Growing in God's Word, pt. 2



## 2 Tim 3:14-17

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

# Convictions that Impact our Approach to God's Word

All Scripture is inspired by God.

God reveals Himself to us through His Word.

All Scripture is profitable for the believer.

There are great benefits to Reading God's Word.

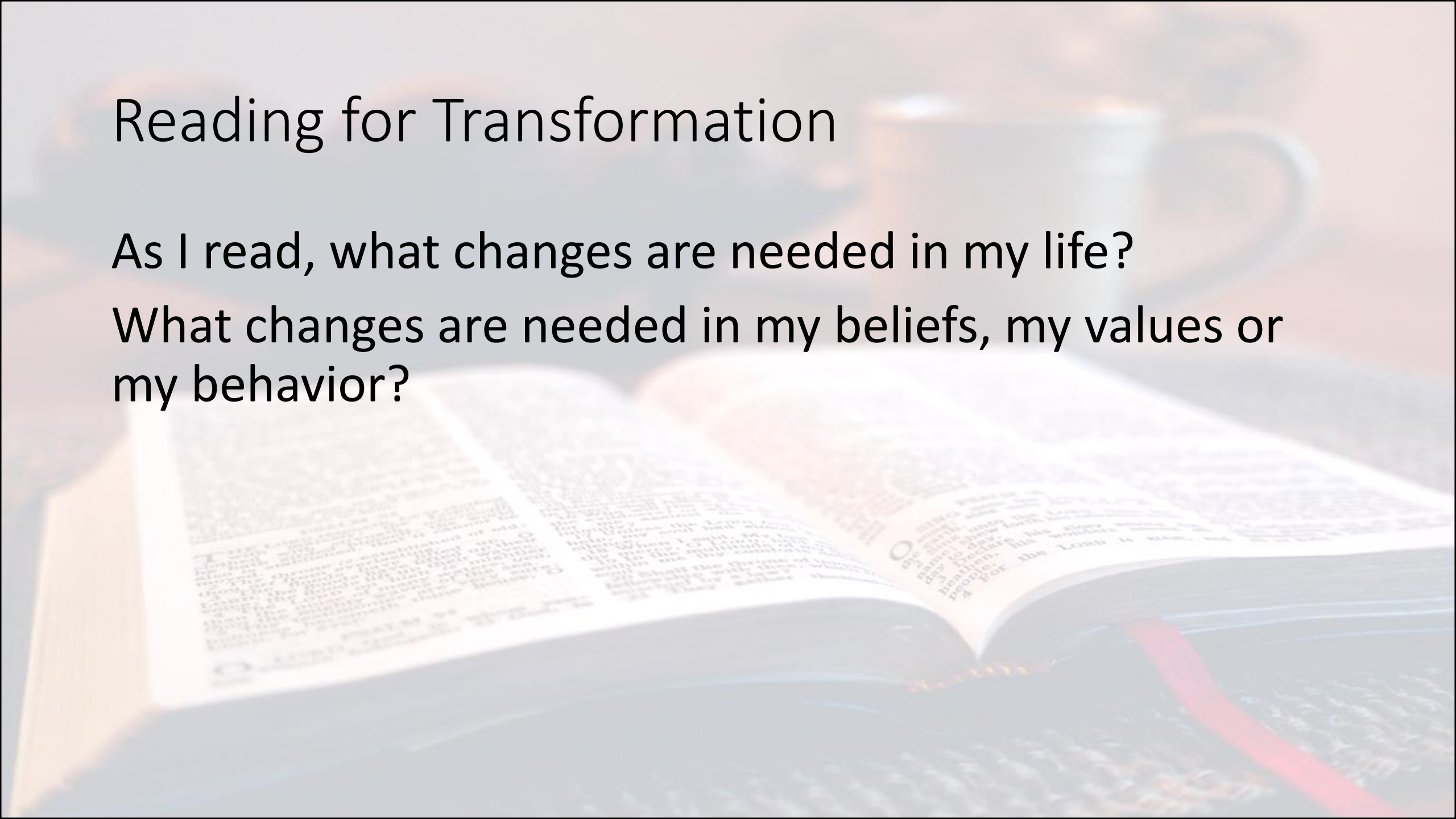
# Different Ways People Read God's Word

- *Reading out of obligation*
- *Reading for information*
- *Reading to prove a point – proof texting.*
- **READING TO GROW CLOSER TO GOD**
- **READING FOR TRANSFORMATION**

# Reading for Transformation

As I read, what changes are needed in my life?

What changes are needed in my beliefs, my values or my behavior?



# Profitable

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**Teaching** – educating, instructing, learning new skills.

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**Reproof** – pointing out wrong beliefs/behavior

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**Correction** – offers an improvement to replace a mistake.



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**Training** – instruction to produce proper behavior

# To Think About

Are we reading/studying God's Word for the purpose of growing closer to God?

Are we reading/studying God's Word for the purpose of transformation?