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“Submitting to Scripture”
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With a timeless **mission** – Love God, Love People, Make Disciples ...

And an updated **vision** – “Real Hope for Real People” ...

Comes a restatement of the **priorities** that underlie all that we do.

For the month of October we want to talk about these **five priorities**.

The first is THE priority: **Submitting to Scripture**.

Our church was founded on the **primacy** of Scripture.

- Where the Bible **speaks**, we **speak**; where the Bible is **silent**, we are **silent**.
- Do Bible **things** in Bible **ways**.

Everything goes back to the Bible.

Consider these Bible passages about the Word of God:

1. 2 Timothy 3:14-17 – Scripture **comes from God**.
But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2. Psalm 119:105 – Scripture **shows us the way**.
Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path.
3. Hebrews 4:12 – Scripture **lays open the heart**.
For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
4. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 – Scripture is a **daily part of our lives**.
These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door-frames of your houses and on your gates.
5. Matthew 7:24 – Scripture **must be obeyed**.
Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

The Bible is the **foundational** priority of it all ... our **faith**, our **church**, our **lives**.