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(2 Timothy 1:12)

And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned** with them from the Scriptures, (Acts 17:2)

So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. (Acts 17:17)

And he **reasoned** in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks. (Acts 18:4)

And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and **reasoned** with the Jews. (Acts 18:19)

And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, **reasoning** and **persuading** them about the kingdom of God. (Acts 19:8)

But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, **reasoning** daily in the hall of Tyrannus. (Acts 19:9)

And as he **reasoned** about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, "Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you." (Acts 24:25)

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, **open to reason**, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (James 3:17)

# A REASONABLE FAITH

## JESUS APPEALED TO REASON & PROOFS

And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Lk 24:25-27)

"Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves." (Jhn 14:11)

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## PETER APPEALED TO REASON & PROOFS

Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know  
(Acts 2:22)

He quotes the Old Testament in Acts 5:25-30 "For David says of Him..."

This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. (Acts 2:32)

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## PAUL APPEALED TO REASON & PROOFS

and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness. (Acts 14:17)

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. (Rom 1:20)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; <sup>8</sup> and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. (1 Cor 15:3-8)

# WHO WOULD YOU LISTEN TO?



# A TRUSTWORTHY FAITH

In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE." Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.  
(Rom 4:18-21)

but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; (1 Pet 3:15)

These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (Jude 1:19-20)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. (2 Tim 3:16-17)

# IT WILL MAKE YOU A MORE INTERESTING, DEEPER PERSON

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! (Rom 11:33)

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. (1 Cor 2:11-13)

In a world of celebrity fixation, pop-culture entertainment, self-indulgence, and superficial conversation – a **reasonable faith** makes you **MORE**.



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