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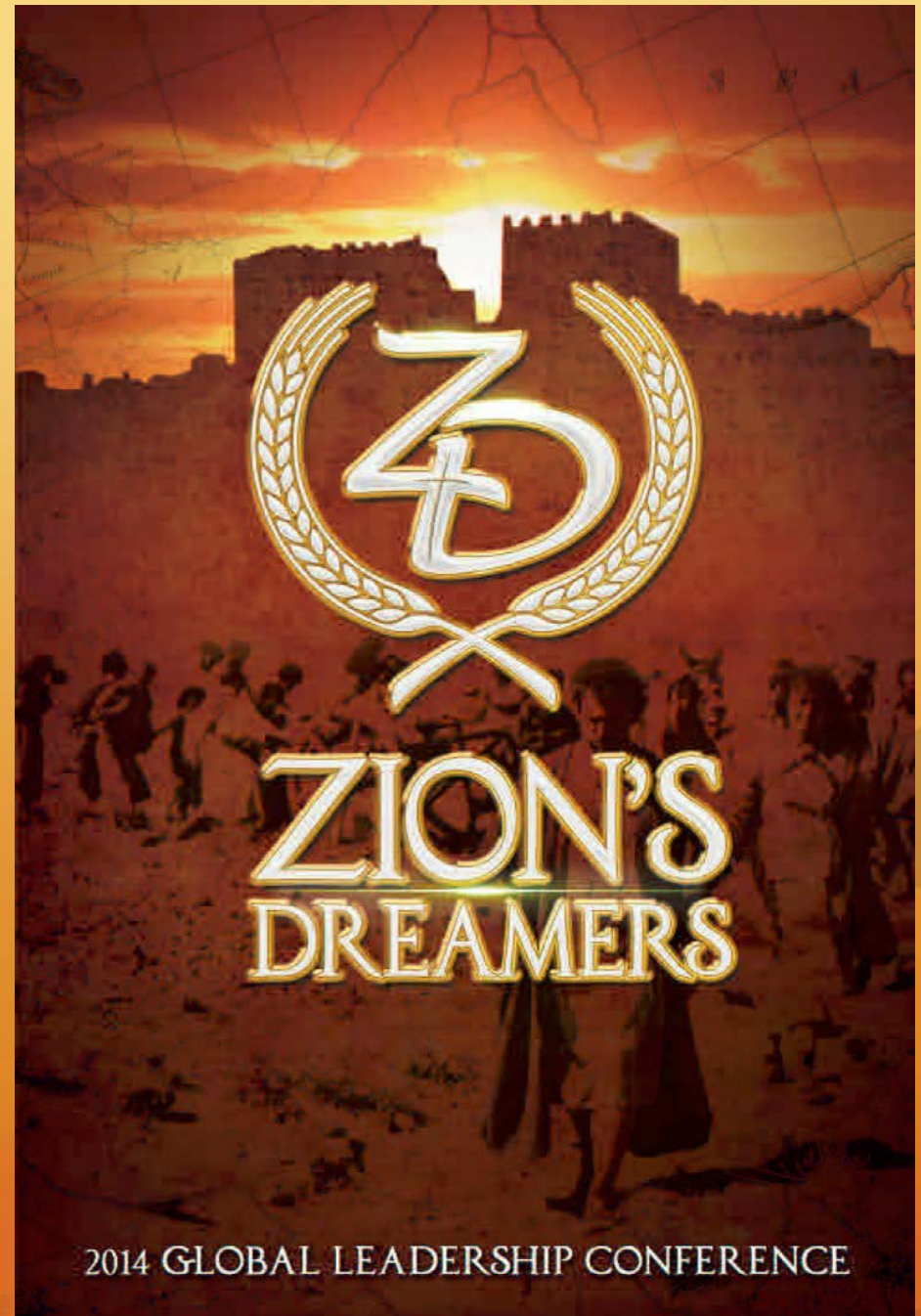
The word "PHENIX" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letter "H" is partially obscured by a stylized graphic of a phoenix, which is a bird rising from flames. The graphic is rendered in shades of red, orange, and yellow, matching the overall color scheme of the image. The background features a warm, golden-yellow gradient with faint silhouettes of a tree on the left and a person on the right.

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# Communion



# Contribution



# Announcements

## THIS WEEK...

- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM**
  - Women's Midweek
  - 2014 First Principles Class, The Word of God
- **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30AM – ASU Tempe MU**
  - 2014 First Principles Class, Discipleship
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM - SDA**
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Labor Day – Monday Sept 1<sup>st</sup>
  - MERCYWolrdWide Event - Saturday Sept 20th



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~Fellowship Break~

# **The 5 Foundational SoldOut Movement Convictions**

- 1. All Scripture Is Inspired (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**
- 2. Where The Bible Speaks We Are Silent (Genesis 2:19-20)**
- 3. The Church Is Composed Of Only Sold-out Disciples In Discipling Relationships (John 8:31, Matthew 28:18-20)**
- 4. A Centralized Leadership With A Central Leader (Num 27:15-27, Acts 15:13;19-20, 16:4-5)**
- 5. All Nations In This Generation (Matthew 28:18-20, Colossians 1:6;23, Matthew 24:9-14)**

# All Scripture Is Inspired (OT)

## Introduction

- 66 books, 44 authors, 3 languages and it all fits together.
- 5686 ancient Greek manuscripts of the New Testament alone. No other work in antiquity even comes close to this. (Illiad 653, Plato 7, and so on).
  - The time span of the original manuscripts between the recovered copies is about 100 years for the NT.
  - For Homer's Illiad it is about 500 years, for Plato about 1,200 years.
- 1947, Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (981 texts total) verified much of the OT. Entire copies of the Scroll of Isaiah found, much of Psalms as well and the first five books of the Torah (Pentateuch) Some of these manuscripts are as old as 408 BC.
  - Before this discovery the oldest Hebrew manuscripts were from the 10th century AD (Masoretic texts)



# 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- 2 Timothy was written in ~66 AD by Paul the Apostle.
- 66AD is 16 years after Timothy joined Paul as a teenager in ~50AD (Acts 16).
- Timothy was an infant sometime in the mid 40's AD. There were no New Testament books until 45AD (James wrote James in Jerusalem). The Scriptures Paul is talking that Timothy knew from his infancy is the OLD TESTAMENT.
- These are the scriptures that are able to make you wise for salvation.
- The OT is to be applied to our lives, it's useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
  - Is it being used in your life for these things?
    - Appreciate our discipling relationships, the GLC, and much more.
  - The WORD of GOD must have an effect on your life!

# All Scripture Is Inspired (NT)

## 2 Peter 3:15-16

*“Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.”*

- 2 Peter was written in the mid-late 60s AD.
- By this time, Paul had written all of his letters except (likely) 2 Timothy.
- The Apostles and thus, the first century church, viewed Paul's letters as scripture. (2 Peter 3:16).
- The conviction that all scripture is viewed as Inspired by God is an “ABOVE ALL” conviction – **2 Peter 1:20-21**
  - Think about this...some of the things they wrote don't make any sense for a human being to *want* to write! (**Matthew 5:31-32, Eph 5:3-7**)

# The NT (Apostles) and OT (Prophets):

The foundation of the Church, God's household

## Eph 2:19-20

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

- We are called to build God's church with both the NT (Apostles) and OT (Prophets) as a foundation.
- All of this is to line up with Christ. He is the chief cornerstone – and both the NT and OT align with him.
- Use it to get *ourselves* lined up with Christ, for there can be no other foundation than Jesus Christ for the church.
  - **1 Cor 3:11** *“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”*
  - **John 1:1-2** *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.”*
  - Jesus IS the Word. (**John 1:16**) He is the foundation of the church!

# All Scripture...

- Is Flawless (**Prov 30:5-6**)
  - It is Jesus after all (**remember, John 1:1-2**): Know?
- Is Like A Hammer and A Fire (**Jeremiah 23:29**)
  - And yet the key to loving God and friendship with Jesus (**1 John 5:3, John 15:14**)
- Is a Sword (**Eph 6:17**): Reality of the war? *Eph 6:10*
  - Yet builds a shield (**Eph 6:16-17, Romans 10:17**): Daily?
- Is Living and Active (**Heb 4:12**)
  - Yet sharper than a double-edged sword (**Heb 4:12**)
- Is Bread for your soul (**Matthew 4:4**): Diet?
  - Yet judges it! (**John 12:48**)

# **All Scripture Is Inspired: It's Time To Build On It!**

1. Enter Through The Narrow Gate
2. Watch out for false prophets
3. Do The Will of The Father
4. Put It Into Practice

# 1 - Enter Through The Narrow Gate

## Matt 7:13-14

- 13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
  - **FEW find it.** We want to widen the road. Based on assumptions.
  - **We want to define who is and who is not saved based on our own morality, our own definition.** We think we are OK, so we project that anyone who is less moral in our opinion must be lost than those who are at least as moral as us. A good moral life DOES NOT save you. **Romans 3:23.**
  - **We don't get to tell God who is lost and who is saved.** A subtle and yet intense arrogance. We don't even bother to look for the road because we are assuming we are on it already.
  - **Critical to Study the bible.** You need to know what it says. Look intently for the small gate and narrow road! Your eternal life and the eternal lives of those you love depend on it. ***No assumptions!***

# 2 - Watch out for false prophets

## Matt 7:15-20

- 15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.
  - **False prophets.** You are commanded right here to watch out for them! How? Use the word and look at their life. What is the fruit of their life? What is the fruit of their ministry
    - **1 Timothy 4:12. 1 Cor 6:9-11. Galatians 5:22.**
  - Had to deal with this when I studied the bible. (A life of sin and yet calling oneself a Christian, *not on the narrow road!*)
    - Baptized, restored, or placed membership since the beginning of 2014 please stand up!
  - Millions are deceived into thinking believing is enough. (**John 8:31-32, James 2:19**) I was almost self-deceived by my own pride.
  - *"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." TJ*

# 3 - Do The Will of The Father

## Matt 7:21-23

- 21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'
  - It says MANY will come and say these things to Jesus. MANY.
  - Those who call Jesus LORD and prophesy in his name...LOST.
  - People who do even miracles and drive out demons are going to go to hell, because they did not know the will of the Father and did not do it nor could they do it.
  - You can do miracles and still be an “evil-doer!”
  - You can cast out demons and yet end up seeing the same demon in hell! All because you do not do the will of the Father!
  - What is God, The Father’s, will? **1 Tim 2:1-4.**
    - **Are you about God’s will? Do you have the same agenda as God? In one accord? Lukewarm about it? Evangelizing? Able to preach the truth to someone? Rising to the occasion or resenting the expectation? LOVE the lost? Know who they are? The poor people in Africa?**



# 4 - Put It Into Practice!

## Matt 7:24-27

24 "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. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

- These guys had a lot in common! They **both were religious** and sat through church (e.g. they heard the words of Jesus!). They **both built a house** (their lives). They **both experienced storms** (greatest one we face is death). One built on ROCK. The storms came, the house stood. The other built on SAND. The storms came, the house crashed.
- The ONLY DIFFERENCE, one **obeyed** the words of Jesus and **put it into practice**, the OTHER did NOT.
- Which build have you been? How are you building!?

# All Scripture Is Inspired: So Put It Into Practice!

***“Do you want to know who you are? Don’t ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.” – TJ***

LET’S ACT on GOD’S WORD. ALL SCRIPTURE INSPIRED. It is ALIVE, IT is our SWORD, it builds our SHIELD. It is the ROCK we are to build on! It is OUR SOUL FOOD! Study the bible today with the intent to obey!

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LET US Hear Jesus’s words, and may our obedient actions define us as his true, sold out, disciples!