

“Fuelled By God’s Word”



Word of God - Spiritual *Rocket Fuel*...

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

¹² For the word of God is **living and active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Uncertainty...

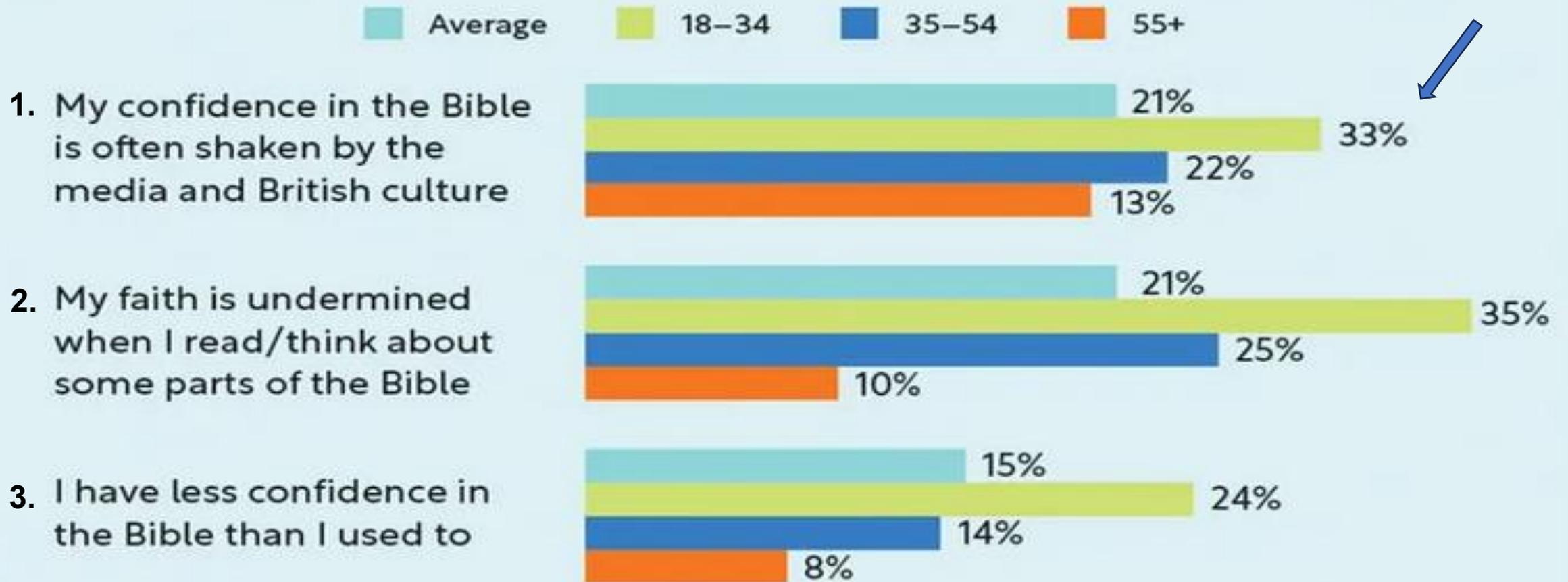
Genesis 3:1 ESV

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “**Did God actually say,** ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”

Quiet Revival Study - 3 Observations ...

How does Bible confidence vary by age?

Percentage of churchgoers who agree with the following statements



“Mindless repetition of
Scripture is no sign of true
knowledge.”

Loren Cunningham

Rightly Handling God's Word?

2 Timothy 2: 14-15 ESV

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ **Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**

Exegesis – drawing out the meaning of the text based on its context (historical / cultural)

Hermeneutics - understanding the text within the broader context of whole bible / theology

Wisely Understanding God's Word

1. Historical and Cultural Implications
2. "Unclear" Text Should Be Interpreted in the Light of "Clear" Text
3. Must Not Make Scripture Say More Than it Does
4. "Teaching" Text Must Take Precedence Over Both Descriptive and Corrective Text
5. Recognise That We Need to Use Scripture Consistently

God's Word At Work...

1 Thes. 2: 13 NIV

¹³ “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, **you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God,** which is indeed at work in you who believe.”

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