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among us.

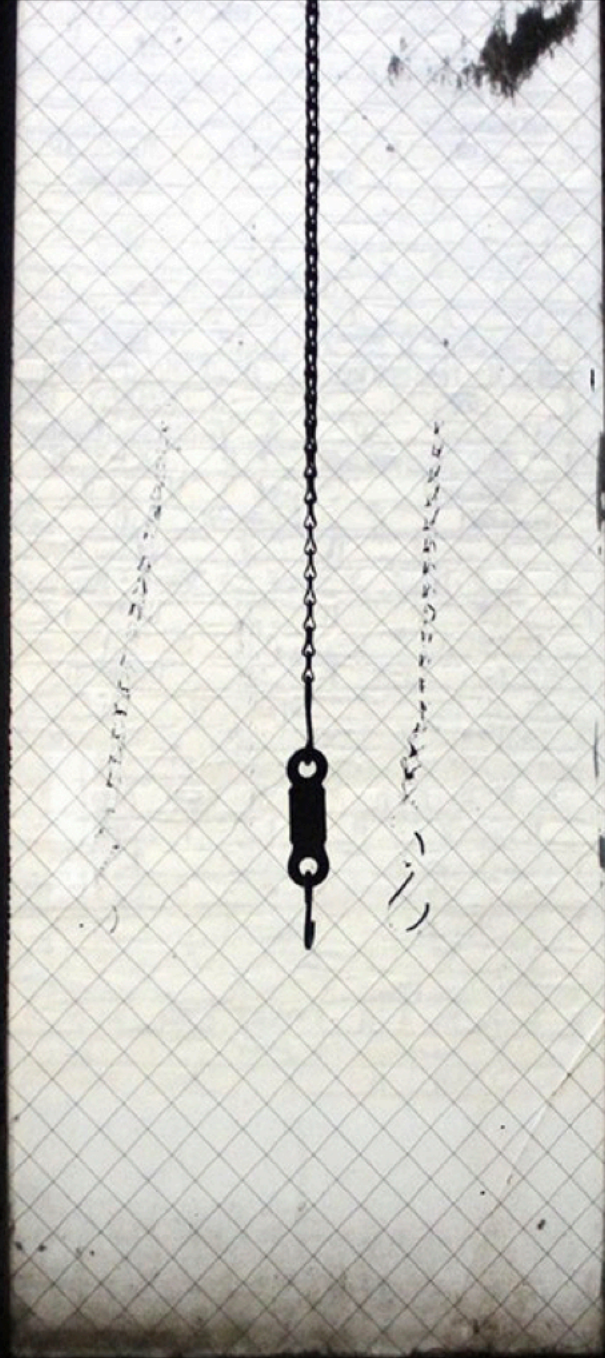
JOHN 1:14

**TRUTH
AND LIFE**

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO DO WITH LIFE TODAY?

I HAVE A STORY WITH
SCRIPTURE.

I HAVE A STORY WITH
SCRIPTURE, **AND SO DO**
YOU.



“That is what happens when we open the Bible—we enter the totally unfamiliar world of God, a world of creation and salvation stretching endlessly above and beyond us. Life in the warehouse never prepared us for anything like this.”

KARL BARTH

“Awe is the beginning of Christianity. In the beginning there was no institution. There were no rules, and not even any fixed teaching. In the beginning there was an encounter. Such a disturbing encounter that it took the new-born church centuries of rubbing its amazed eyes to truly realize what had just happened to it.”

JOHANNES HARTL

WHAT AM I
HOLDING WHEN
I'M HOLDING THE
BIBLE?

OLD TESTAMENT

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TORAH LAW

NEVI'IM PROPHETS

KETUVIM WRITINGS

NEW TESTAMENT
WRITINGS OF THE APOSTLES

GOSPELS

ACTS

LETTERS

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BIBLE?

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GENESIS

ENUMA ELISH

GENESIS **LOVE**

ENUMA ELISH **POWER**

NEW TESTAMENT
1ST CENTURY LITERATURE

“It was a surprise: our Bibles written not in the educated and polished language of the scholars, historians, philosophers, and theologians but in the common language of fishermen and prostitutes, homemakers and carpenters.”

EUGENE PETERSON

...the common people heard him gladly...

MARK 12:37

NEW TESTAMENT
COMMON GREEK

1ST CENTURY LITERATURE
CLASSICAL GREEK

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THE BIBLE

43% NARRATIVE

33% POETRY

24% DISCOURSE

“The teachings of the Bible, no matter how thoroughly studied and firmly believed, can never by themselves constitute our personal walk with God. They have to be applied to us as individuals and to our individualized circumstances, or they remain no part of our lives.”

DALLAS WILLARD

WHAT AM I
HOLDING WHEN
I'M HOLDING THE
BIBLE?

YOU ARE A WORD
GOD SPOKE.

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

EPHESIANS 1:4

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

ROMANS 12:2

“This is not the parting of the Red Sea. This is not a dead friend arisen from his gauze windings and peering out of the stone tomb or stilling the waves about to upend my boat. This is not the healing of a leper, not a bullet hole entering the front of my helmet and exiting out the rear without touching the head that wore it. — As miracles go, it may not even seem like one. But it feels as if God once guided my mother’s small hand, circa 1920-something, to make two notes I’d very much need to find seventy years later—a message that I could be made new, that I am—have always been—loved.”

MARY KARR

“Mock that experience as random chance if you like, but from then on, I start to arrive int eh start as never before, standing up in it as if pushed from behind like a wave, for it feels as if I was made— from all the possible shapes a human might take— not to prove myself worthy but to refine the worth I’m formed from, acknowledge it, own it, spent it on others.”

MARY KARR

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THE WORD
BECAME FLESH.

LECTIO DIVINA

READING

MEDITATION

INVITATION

REST

