

WHEN THE BIBLE ISN'T YOUR FRIEND

1 Timothy 1:1-11

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV)

Who me?

Our greatest moments of faith and service happen when we are finally willing to step out of our comfort zone

Our lives may fall apart, but not in the ways that we fear

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When we stress novelty over truth

When we stress intellect over truth

When we stress argument over love

When we stress personal status over humility

When we stress dogmatism without knowledge

Regaining our focus by readjusting our thinking

When our thinking is based on faith

When our thinking is motivated by love

When our thinking is motivated by a pure heart

When our thinking is motivated by a good conscience

When our thinking is motivated by sincere faith

How it all works out

The purpose of law

The problem of ignoring it

Taking it home

Read through Revelation 2:1-7. Take a moment to see what they were doing right and what they were doing wrong. They had the knowledge but they lost the love. Think back over Sunday's study and jot down a sentence or two where you might be going through the motions instead of having the goal of love (1 Timothy 1:5).