

Volume 2, Day 19: Why the Bible Is Boring

I received an email from Angela. This is what she wrote, "I was brought up in a school led by nuns, and they really made the Bible boring to me. Now I'm starting to live in God's love and I sometimes feel like I have to read the Bible. But it turns me off to God. The Psalms are okay. The gospels are okay. But to be honest, reading them does not teach me anything and I find them uninspiring. Don't get me wrong, I sense God's love a lot of the time, and often I feel his love for people around me. So I'm not saying that I don't feel a connection to God. I'm just bored by the Bible. It does nothing for me."

Angela, you're probably not alone. Whether it's from some nuns or Sunday school somewhere, sometimes people trying to help us love this book may have bored us to death with it. Or they may have turned it into a rule book that makes it intimidating to read. Or maybe we hear the voices from the pulpit telling us how evil and horrible we are. And we read it like this. All we see is that man falls so short of God's expectations. And for many, this book either becomes boring or at least not helpful to their journey of life or their affections for God.

I meet more and more believers who tell me they really don't need the Bible. They have the Holy Spirit. Well, you know what? We get both. We get this incredible book written over thousands of years, by a variety of men who see God making Himself known, over a great span of time, as God's revelation unfolded in the world. Nope, this isn't a rule book. This isn't the owner's manual to the human machine. This is God, who **is** love, revealing His life, His purpose and His wisdom in the world. But you have to read it in a way where that stuff unpacks for you.