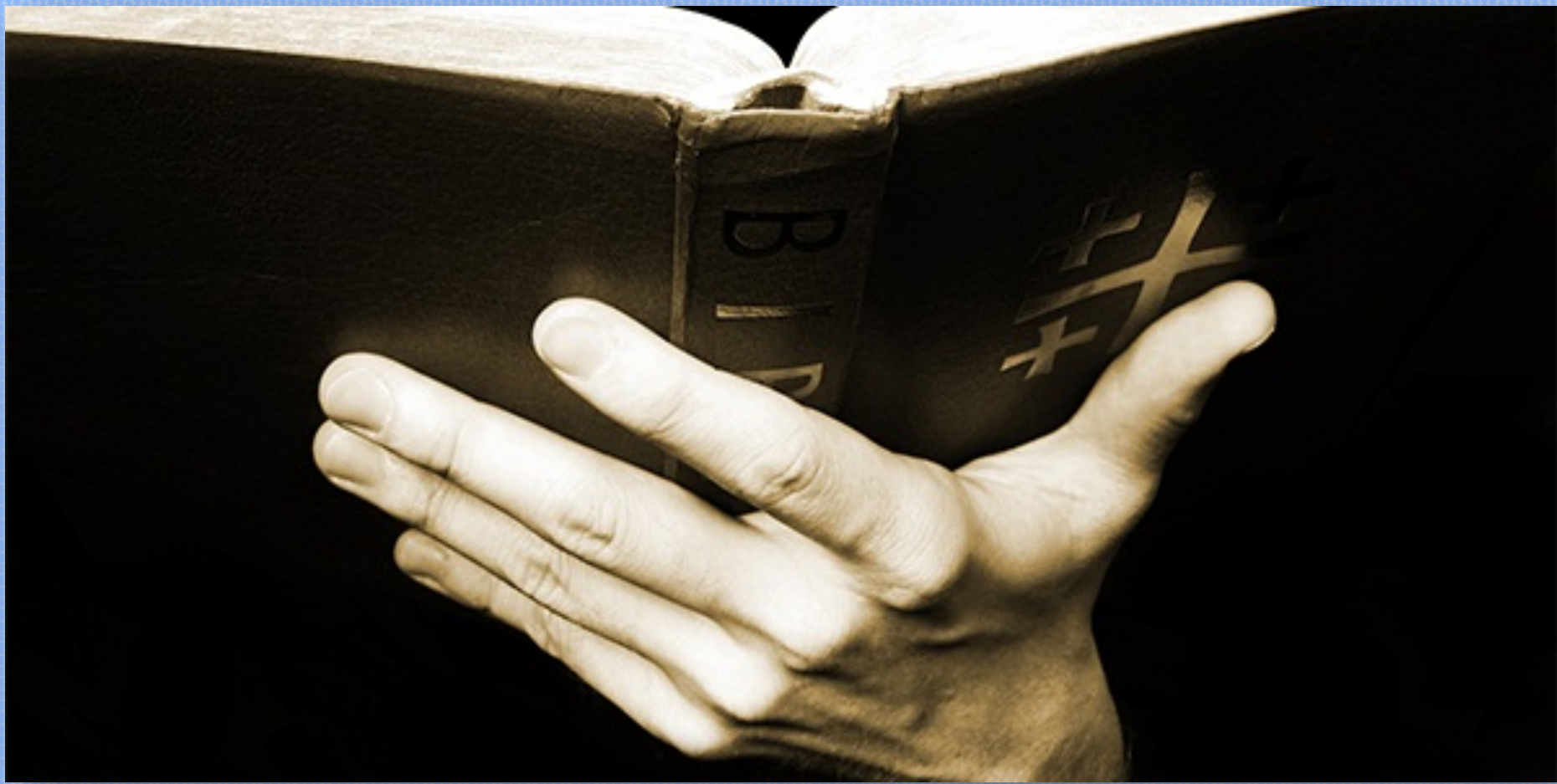






**“Because I said so!”**



**Pay attention to the Bible? Why?!**

# **Because God Says So**

**The question of Bible  
authority is fundamental to  
all we believe and practice.**

# Examples Of God's Word To People Of The Past





**Genesis 2:16,17 – The tree didn't look deadly. Why not have a bite?**

**Genesis 19:12,13 – Why leave home? It doesn't *look* dangerous.**





**Luke 17:12-14 – Why did they go?  
They still had leprosy.**





**“We are losing the idea of the authority of the Bible.” John Oswalt**

# Why Should We Heed What God Says?



# **Why Should We Heed?**

**Because God is real**

**Daniel 2:28 – “There is a God in heaven”**

**Do we laugh off such a claim without any investigation?**

# **Why Should We Heed?**

**Because God is real**

**Because God is good**



**Deuteronomy 6:24 –  
“for our good always”**

**John 10:10 – Jesus came  
to give life abundantly**

# **Why Should We Heed?**

**Because God is real**

**Because God is good**

**Because God is true**

**Psalm 119:160 – “The sum of Your word is truth.”**

**Luke 19:32; 22:13 – They found things “just as He had told them”.**

# **Why Should We Heed?**

**Because God is real**

**Because God is good**

**Because God is true**

**Because God will judge us**



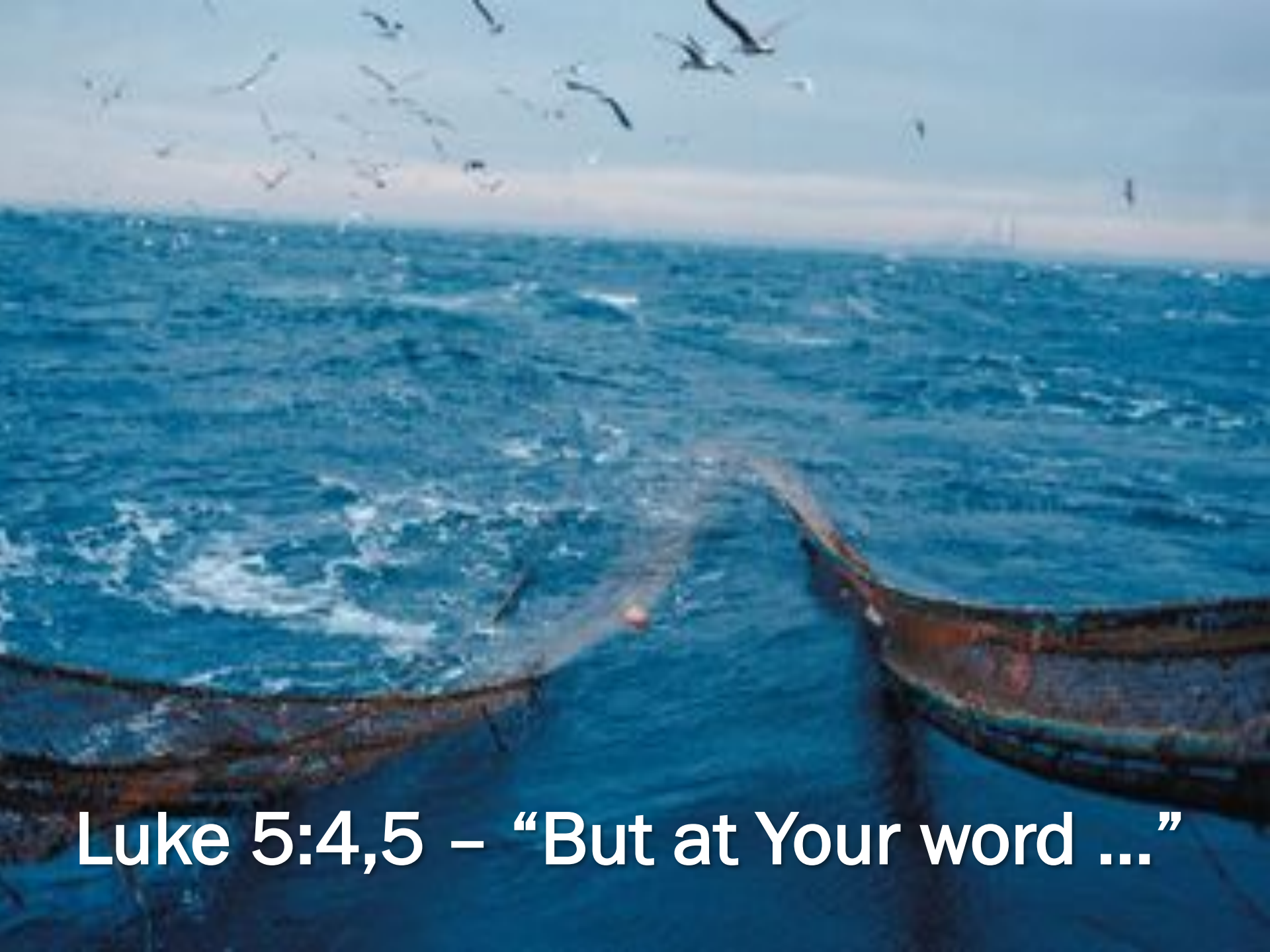
**Deuteronomy  
18:18,19 – If they  
don't hear him, I'll  
require it of them.**

**John 12:47,48 –  
The words I have  
spoken will judge**



Hebrews 2:1-3 – Will we  
“pay much closer attention  
to God’s word?”





**Luke 5:4,5 – “But at Your word ...”**

A man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt, is looking down at an open book he is holding. The book has a red bookmark. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Bottom line –  
“because God  
says so”**

