

- Is there a duty to perform?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin for me to confess?

Plan and Journal It!

Pray It!

Share It!

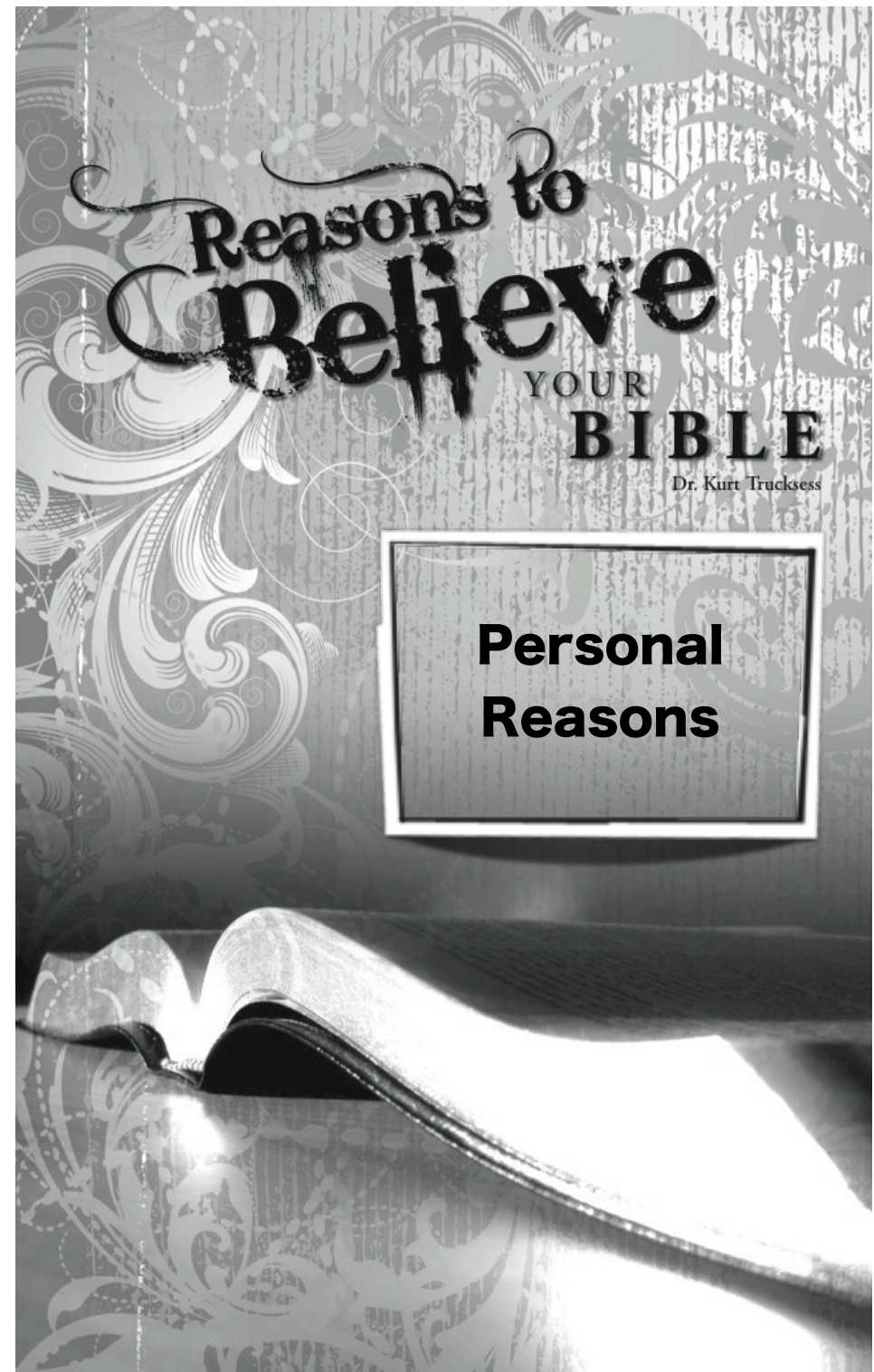
The Bible is how God will transform my life.

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Personal Reasons to Believe Your Bible

How does God use the Bible to transform a life?

God uses the Bible to wound us.

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. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)

The Word of God is living and active.

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11 (ESV)

How can the Bible transform my life?

Pick it up!

Eat it up!

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart,... Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)

Read It

- How much should I read?
- Where should I start?
- What should I do before I read?

Question It

- What portion of my reading stands out to me?
- Why does this part have my attention?
- Is there an example for me to follow?
- Is there an error to avoid?

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17 (ESV)

The Word of God is sharper than a sword.

The Word of God pierces.

The Word of God judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." Romans 7:7 (ESV)

God's Word heals us.

(for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God (Jesus Christ)...Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:19 + 25 (ESV)

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh... Romans 7:18 (ESV)