



The authority of Scripture means that all the words of Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.  
- Wayne Grudem

Do have confidence in the authority of God's Word in this way? Why or why not? Are there any specific areas of the Bible that you struggle to believe?

What are some of the reasons that were given for why we should have confidence in the authority of God's Word?

Probably the most convincing argument for the authority of God's Word is Jesus' attitude towards the Bible. How does Jesus' attitude towards the Old Testament help us to have confidence in God's Word? Look at these examples:

- Matthew 19:3-5. Jesus is quoting from Genesis 2. Who does Jesus say is speaking?
- Matthew 12:38-41. Jesus uses the stories of Jonah and Solomon as a teaching point. Did Jesus think the stories were true? How can you tell based on what He said?
- John 10:35. What do you think Jesus meant by "Scripture cannot be broken"?

What about Jesus' promises about the writing of the New Testament?

- Matthew 16:13-19. On what is Jesus going to build His church? How does this passage relate to Ephesians 2:19-20, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, and Revelation 21:91-14?
- John 16:12-15. Jesus is talking to the disciples after the last supper (before He is arrested). What does He say the Holy Spirit do for them when He comes?

How did Jesus' confidence in the Bible affect the way He lived?

- Matthew 4:1-11
- Matthew 22:29
- Luke 19:45-46
- John 6:38 (This one isn't specifically about the Bible, but it demonstrates a general principle about how Jesus lived.)

What is one thing you can do differently this week to live more fully under the authority of God's Word?