

Description: Three guys walk into a bookstore. One is Jewish, another Catholic, another from a Bible church... They all ask for a Bible and each gets a different book. That isn't a joke – it's what happens! How do we know the books we have come from God and are the right collection? How can we really trust that God was at work behind the writings that come from the quills and hands of men so long ago? Here is the truth: there is a way to know.

Key verses: Hebrews 1:1-3; Luke 1:1-4; 2 Peter 1:16-21; 1 John 1:3

Prompt: In this video, Randy will tell the story of the Bible in two minutes. He is answering the Big Question: ***What is the Bible about?*** Give students a piece of paper and two minutes to summarize the big story of the Bible. Invite a few of them to share their summary before starting the PowerTrax.

Play: Video of Randy Smith, "Rock Solid Faith" www.buildmomentum.org/resources.html

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- KK Randy started by saying, "The Bible is under attack." ***Where have you witnessed this attack?***
- KK "Most of the arguments about the Bible aren't about the Bible," Randy said. "They're about the notion there's a moral truth that cannot be bent by popular vote." ***What does he mean by this? What examples did he provide?***
- KK Early in his talk, Randy summarized the Bible as "A story within a story." ***Explain the 2 stories.***
- KK Reread Hebrews 1:1-3 and 2 Peter 1:16-21. ***What do these verses say about the Bible?***
- KK Randy provided "Four Tests" for the trustworthiness of the Bible. These are the Historical, Integrity, Testimony, and Transmission Tests. ***Explain each test and its strengths.***
- KK ***How does the evidence of these "Tests" build your confidence in Christian faith?***
- KK ***What value do the Dead Sea Scrolls (1947) add to reliability of the Bible?***
- KK Randy compared the manuscript evidence of the Biblical books to other ancient Greek literature. ***How is the Biblical evidence superior? How is it viewed in most college campuses?***
- KK When you consider the "Testimony Test" and "Cross-Reference" evidence of the Early Church Fathers, you discover profound depth of faith in the Word of God and resurrection of Jesus among Jesus' earliest followers. ***How have the Word of God and resurrection shaped your life?***
- KK Toward his conclusion Randy said, "The best life is a surrendered life." ***What would you give up for God? Be specific.***

Pray: Remind students that persecution is predicted for godly people (2 Tim. 3:12). Freedom of religion may not always exist. Invite students to pray aloud for confidence in their faith and opportunities to share about the trustworthiness of God and His Word (Col. 4:2-4).