



Pastor's Comments

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The Book Came Alive!

Dr. Howard W. Pope tells the story of a young lady who, after reading a certain book, remarked that it was one of **the dullest books** she had ever read. Not long after this, she met a certain young man. In the course of time **their friendship ripened into love**, and they became engaged. During a visit in the home of his fiancée one evening, she said to him, "I have a book in my library which was written by a man whose name is the same as yours. Isn't that a coincidence?" He replied, "**I don't think so—I wrote the book!**" Dr. Pope concludes the story by remarking that the young lady sat up until the early morning hours to read the book again. When she had completed it, she thought it **was the most interesting book** she had ever read! The secret? **She now knew and loved the author.**

I have heard Christians say that before they were converted to Jesus Christ they had tried to read the Bible but **it seemed hard to understand**. After they were "*born of the Spirit*" (John 3:6) they found that **the words seemed to come alive!** Not only could they understand the meaning but **they enjoyed reading God's Word!** What made the difference? They did not **know the Author** of the Bible before they were "*saved*" (John 3:17). The Holy Spirit is the Author of Scripture (2 Peter 1:21). Jesus said, "*When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...and shall shew it unto you*" (John 16:13-15).

If you do not enjoy reading the Bible, I have two questions to ask: **Have you been "born of the Spirit?"** If not, please go to www.naog.ws/message.htm or email me at pastor@naog.ws or call 610-262-5645. If you have been born again, **are you walking in fellowship with the Lord or have you grieved the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:30)?**