

REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

As Luke recorded concerning the apostle Paul, *"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures"* (Acts 17:2, KJV), we are reminded that the gospel is advanced not through force or human wisdom, but through the faithful teaching of God's Word. Throughout Scripture, men and women were invited to examine God's message and respond in obedient faith. That same example guides us today.

One of the blessings of summer is seeing congregations throughout the United States become involved in evangelistic efforts and mission trips. Years ago, while helping with a campaign in Panama as a teacher and interpreter, a young brother approached me during a break and said, *"Let's go attack them with the gospel."* I knew what he meant, but his words have stayed with me ever since. Jesus never instructed His followers to attack people with the gospel. Instead, He taught, reasoned, and invited people to follow Him. The purpose of the gospel is not to defeat people—it is to save them.

Through courses, videos, and online resources, **we continue placing God's Word before those searching for answers and seeking a better understanding of His will.**

Recently, we published a new video titled *Idols*. As often happens when biblical subjects intersect with deeply rooted religious traditions, the video generated a variety of responses. While we do not ignore false teaching or compromise with error, we believe the most effective way to confront error is by presenting the truth of Scripture plainly and allowing sincere students to compare their beliefs with God's Word. This month I also began teaching a course on *Evangelism and Missions* for the Spanish-speaking students of the Brown Trail School of Preaching. We are also looking forward to *Polishing the Pulpit in Branson* next month, where we will once again help coordinate and teach in the Spanish track alongside brethren gathered for Bible study, encouragement, and fellowship.

We remain deeply grateful to those who faithfully support the School through prayers, encouragement, sharing our resources, and financial generosity. Your support helps place sound biblical teaching before Spanish-speaking souls throughout the world. Many of you also use these materials in your own congregations, Bible classes, and personal evangelism efforts, helping extend the reach of God's Word even further. If you believe this is a worthwhile work for the Lord, we humbly ask you to consider helping us continue these efforts. To learn more about the School or support this work, please visit spanishbibleschool.org.

We thank God for every opportunity to teach His Word. May we all continue reasoning from the Scriptures and pointing others to the truth that leads to salvation.

May God bless you and your family richly today, and always!
To Him be the glory!