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What's the Bible for? We asked dozens of writers to respond to this question in seven words or less, as well as to expand on their response in a few sentences. To see all of the responses together as they are posted, bookmark this [page](#).

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That preposition *for* provokes me, since it reduces the Bible to an instrument, good (or not) for some human purpose. My response pushes back against reduction. The Bible whispers God's ways through story, psalm, law, letter. It confounds our claims to control God and creation. It amazes with its ancient newness. And it never lets us go, compelling us to read, listen, share, probe, resist, and praise.