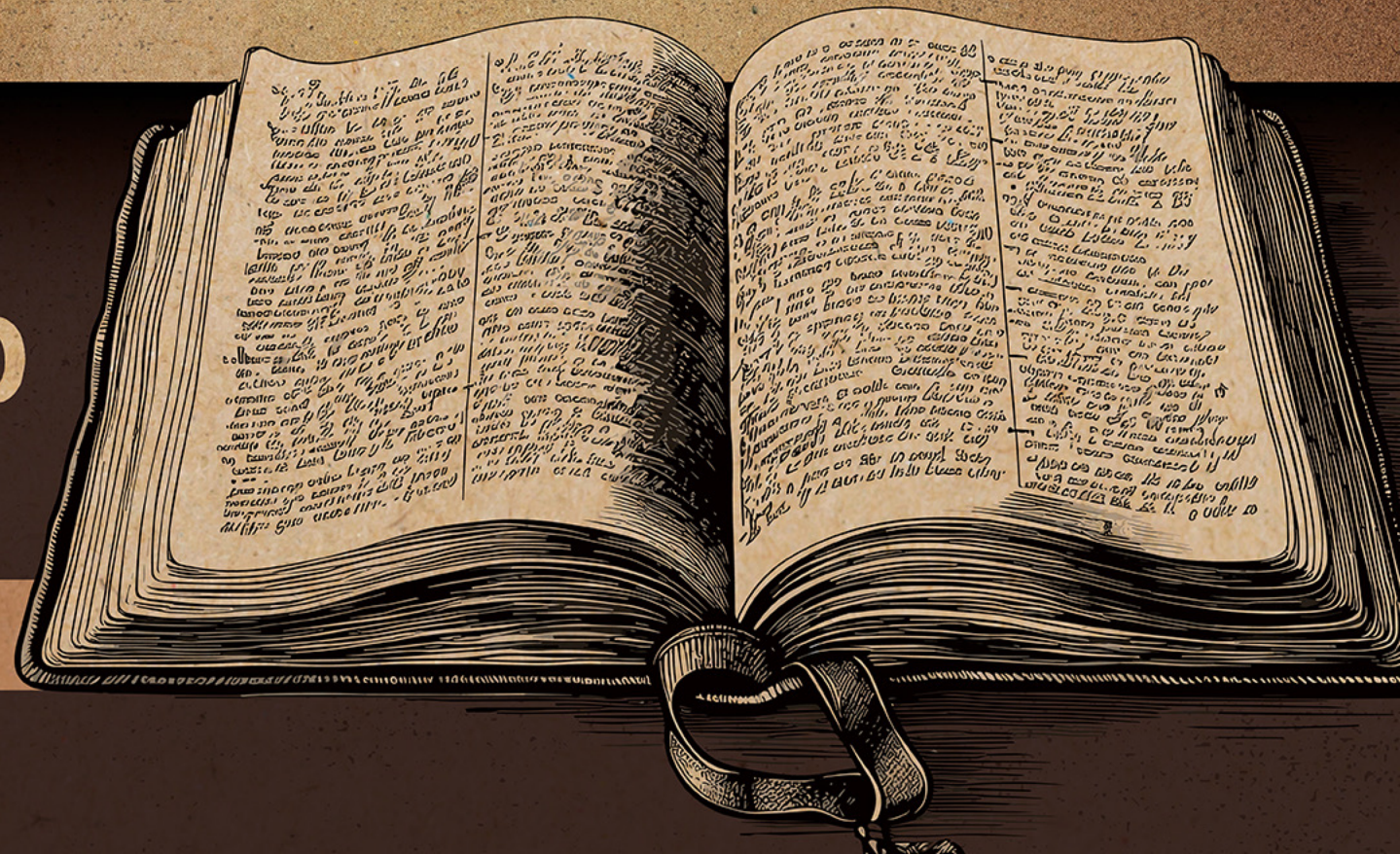


FORGED BY THE WORD

THURSDAYS, JUNE 5–JULY 31 @ 6:30–7:30A

**LEARN TO READ
AND UNDERSTAND
GOD'S WORD**

MEN'S MORNING STUDY

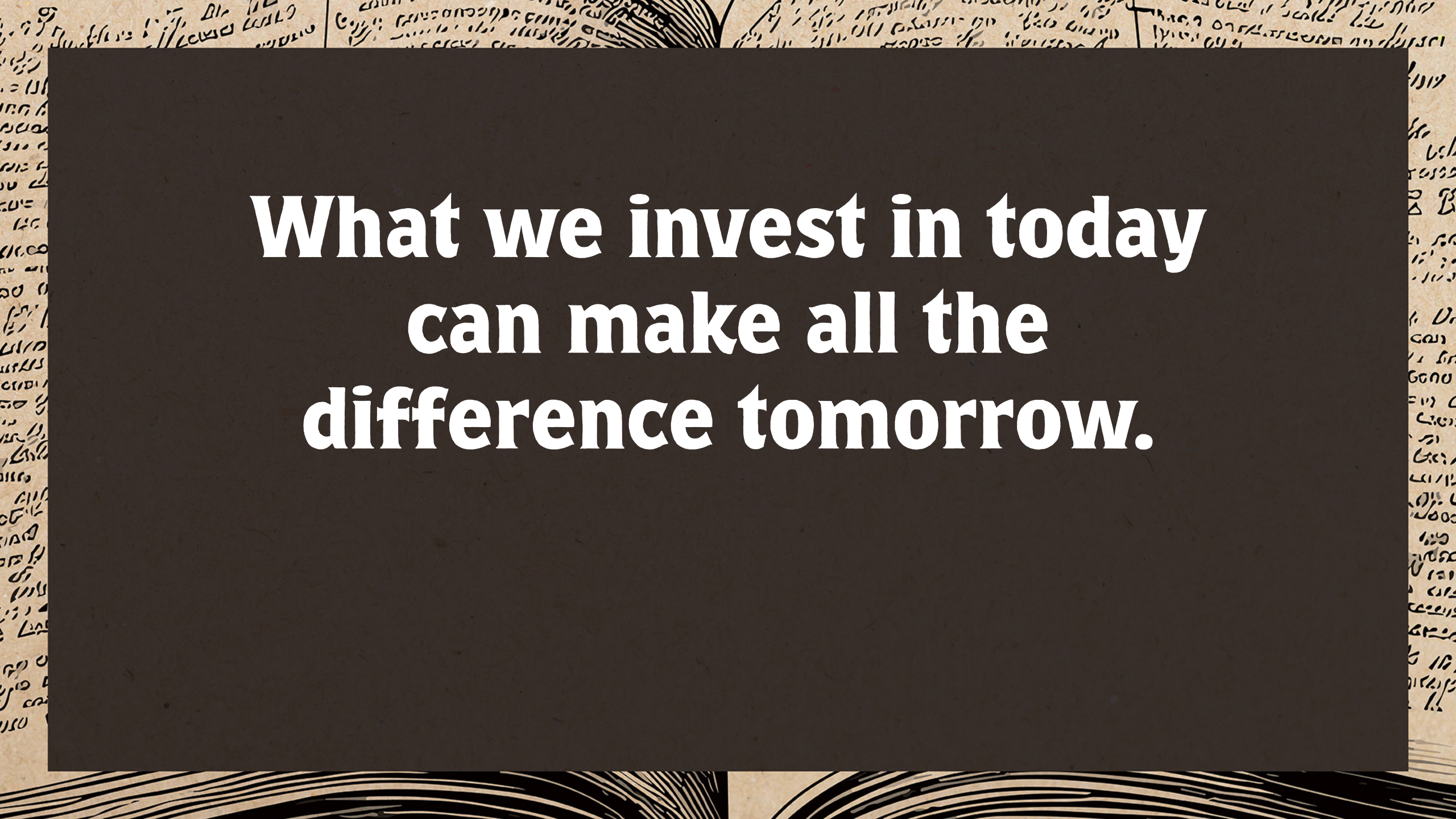


What is your normal approach to reading the Bible?

What is a challenge for you in reading the Bible?



5:00



**What we invest in today
can make all the
difference tomorrow.**

5 years?
10 years?
30 years?



Today...

1. Different ways we engage with the Word of God
2. Forge a Plan for the Word in our life.
3. Discuss Tools and Resources
4. Q&A (aka “Stump the Chump”)

Two Enemies other than Sin & Shame

Distraction and Margin



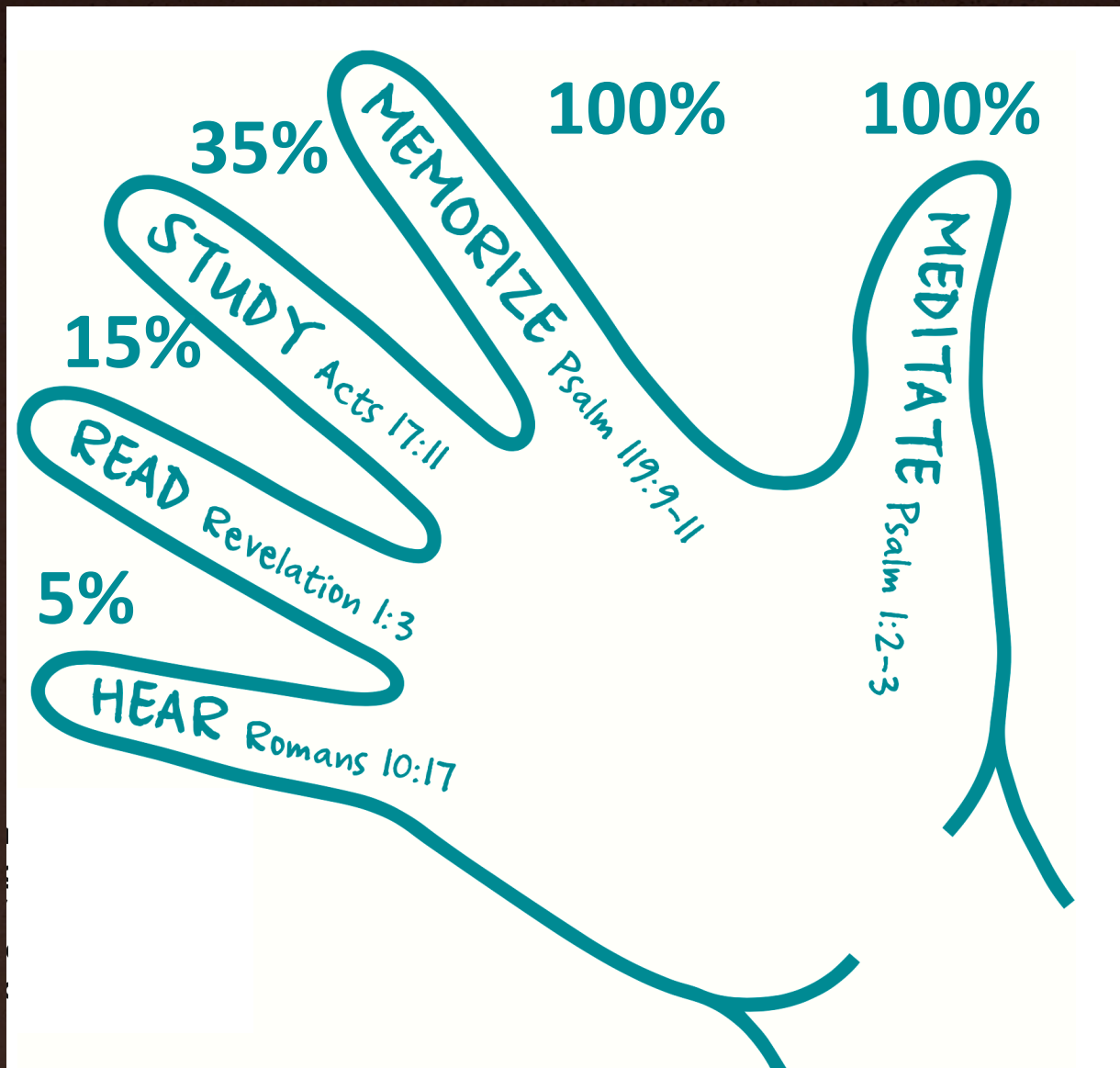
**Christ has not conquered
my affections if He has to
compete for my attention.**

Leonard Ravenhill



**Margin is created by
Prioritized Pruning**

4 X 15 min = 1 Hour
365 Hours a Year
9.125 Work Weeks



Engaging the Word

1. Hearing
2. Reading
3. Studying
4. Memorizing
5. Meditating

A Plan for Time in the Word

1. Choose a time
2. Choose a place
3. Choose a passage
4. Begin in stillness
5. Shift into Prayer
6. Read
7. Write & Share

Where do I begin?

- Bible in a Year?
- Chronological Bible?
- Genesis —> Revelation?
- F260?
- Gospel —> Letter —> OT History —>
Psalms —> Minor Prophet?

Resources and Tools

1. Digital Tools

2. Analog Tools

Digital Tools

- Step Bible (www.stepbible.org)
- NET Bible (netbible.org)
- Bible Hub (biblehub.com)
- BibleGateway (www.biblegateway.com)
- Blue Letter Bible (www.blueletterbible.org)
- 10,000 Questions (www.10000questions.org)
- Logos Bible Study (www.logos.com)

Resources & Tools

- A good English Translation

Translation Segue

Three Pillars

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- Manuscripts
- Philosophy
- Methodology

Manuscripts

Feature	Textus Receptus (TR)	Majority Text (MT)	Critical Text (CT)
Based on	~6 late Byzantine MSS (1500s)	Thousands of mostly Byzantine MSS	Oldest and most diverse MSS (esp. Alexandrian)
Strengths	Traditional, consistent with KJV	Strong manuscript support	Earliest, most original readings
Weaknesses	Small, late manuscript base	Few early manuscripts	Omits traditional/liturgical verses
Used in	KJV, NKJV	MEV, World English Bible	ESV, NIV, NASB, CSB, NET, NRSV

Philosophy

- Word-for-Word (“Literal”)
- Thought-for-Thought (“Dynamic Equivalence”)
- Paraphrase (“Personal Thoughts”)

WORD-FOR-WORD

Formal Equivalence

Optimal Equivalence

Closest Natural Equivalence

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

Functional Equivalence

PARAPHRASE

Retelling

NASB

ESV

KJV

NKJV

TRB

CSB

NIV

NLT

NIRV

CEV

MSG

CSB Christian Standard Bible

CEV Contemporary English Version

ESV English Standard Version

GW GOD'S WORD Translation

KJV King James Version

MSG The Message

NASB New American Standard Bible

NIRV New International Reader's Version

NIV New International Version

NKJV New King James Version

NLT New Living Translation

TRB The Readable Bible

Methodology

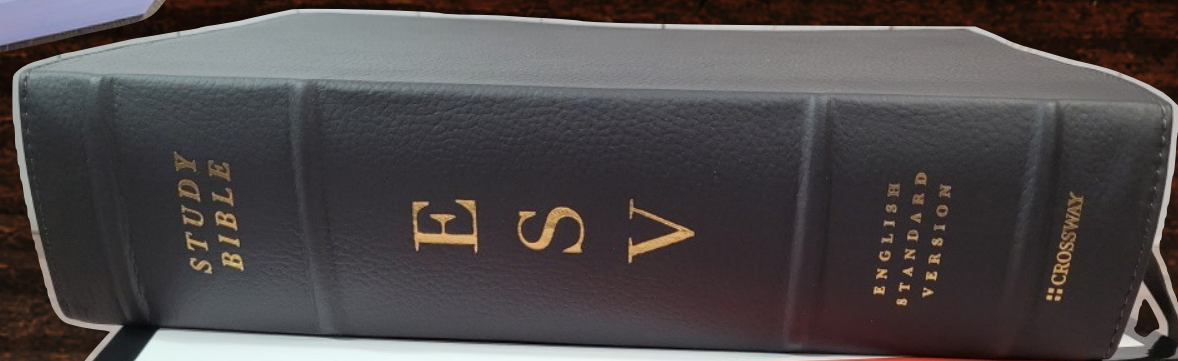
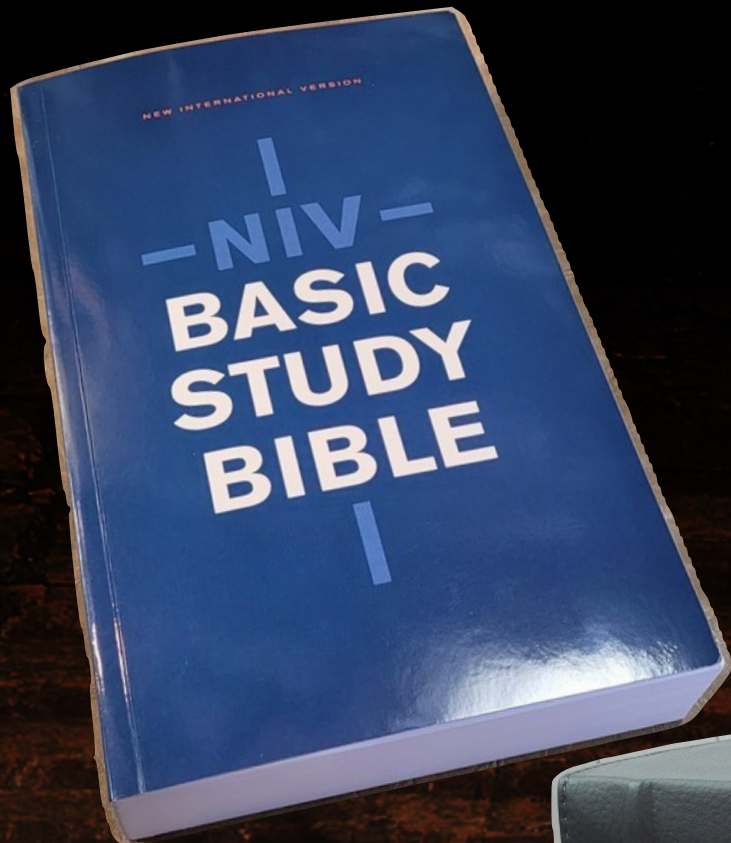
- Narrow Perspective Scholarship
- Broader Perspective Scholarship
- Sectarian

Resources & Tools

- A good English Translation
- A Bible Dictionary
- A Bible Atlas
- A Cross Reference Tool
- A Concordance

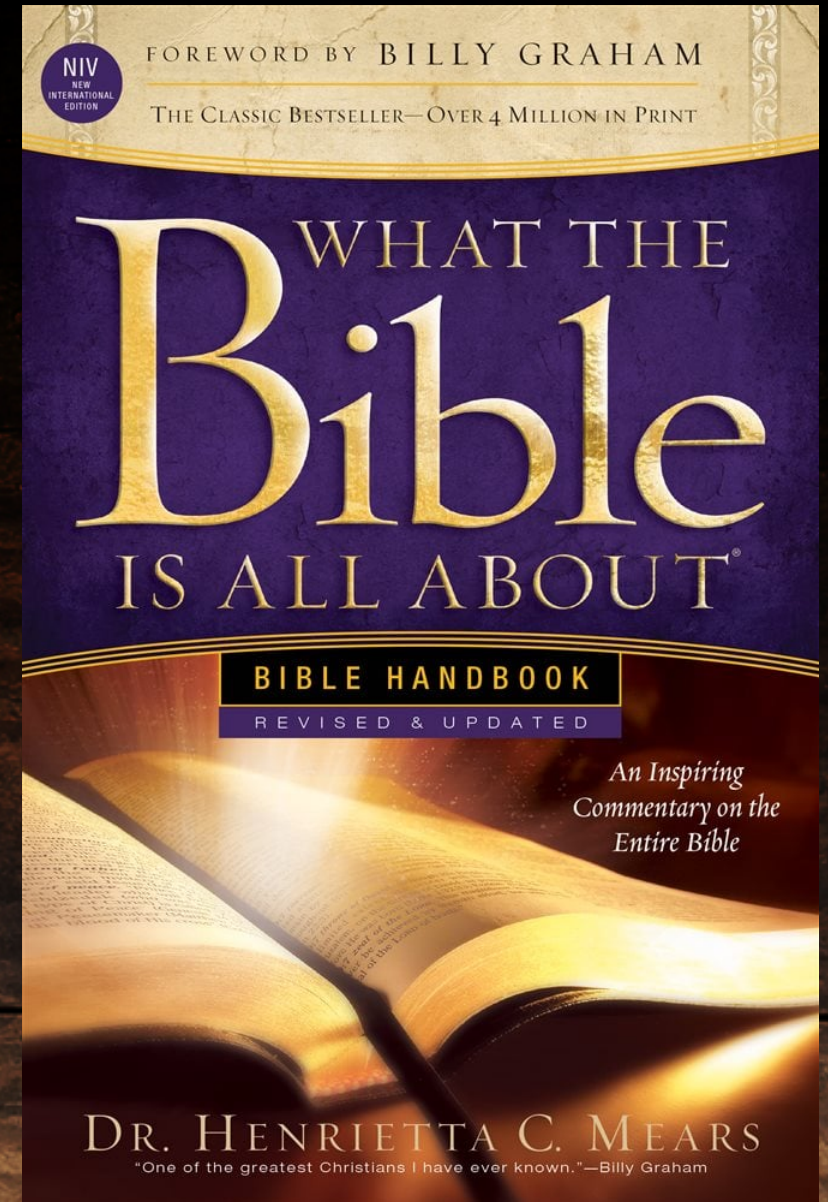
The Leatherman Tool



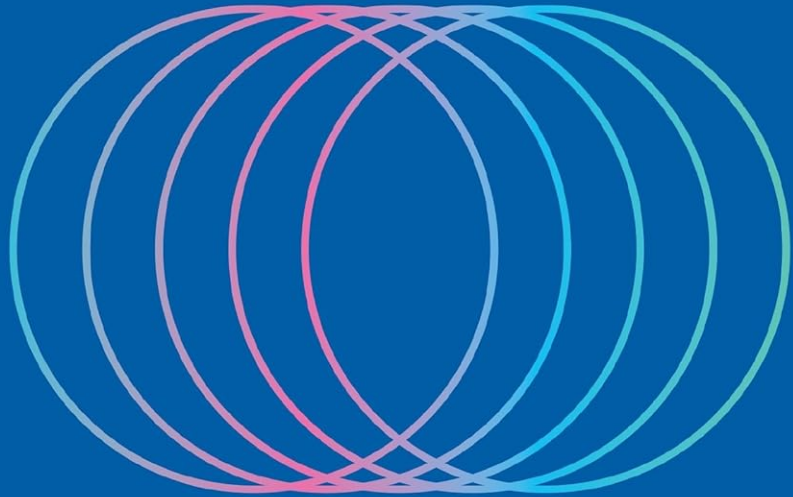


Bonus Resource #1

What the Bible is All About: Bible Handbook by Henrietta Mears



The Bible, Simplified.



Learn the story.
Live the story.

Zach Windahl

Bonus Resource #2

The Bible, Simplified.

By Zach Windahl

Tips and Pitfalls

- Worship Songs?
- Pacing?
- Lingering Worship,
Prayer and Word

Tips and Pitfalls Continued

- Do not be impatient with God's transformation.
- Don't get bogged down when you don't understand.
- Don't feel like you have to finish a chapter or two all at once.
- Get an overview of the Bible early on.

Q&A