

Wednesday  
October 13, 2021  
WEEK 2

# THY WORD



- TO CLARIFY WITH EXAMPLES, PICTURES + ANALOGIES; EXPLANATION; TO MAKE CLEAR
- TO EXHIBIT; TO DECORATE; TO DEMONSTRATE

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To converse confidentially and sympathetically. To communicate is to impart something to another, so that it becomes common to giver and receiver.

**PSALM 119:105** Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

**2 TIM 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

**ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL**

“ Before anything else, \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to success. ”

WHAT IS GOD TRYING TO ILLUSTRATE WITH HIS WORD?



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**JEN WILKIN**

When we grow increasingly lax in our pursuit of Bible literacy, everyone in our circle of influence is affected. Rather than acting as salt and light, we become bland contributions to the environment we inhabit and shape, indistinguishable from those who have never been changed by the gospel. Home, church, community, and country desperately need the influence of those who know why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God. They desperately need the influence of believers who love deeply and actively the God proclaimed in the Bible.

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**1**

**OBSERVATION**

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THE WORD

What does it say?

HOW TO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD



**2**

**INTERPRETATION**

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THE WORD

What does it mean?

**3**

**APPLICATION**

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THE WORD

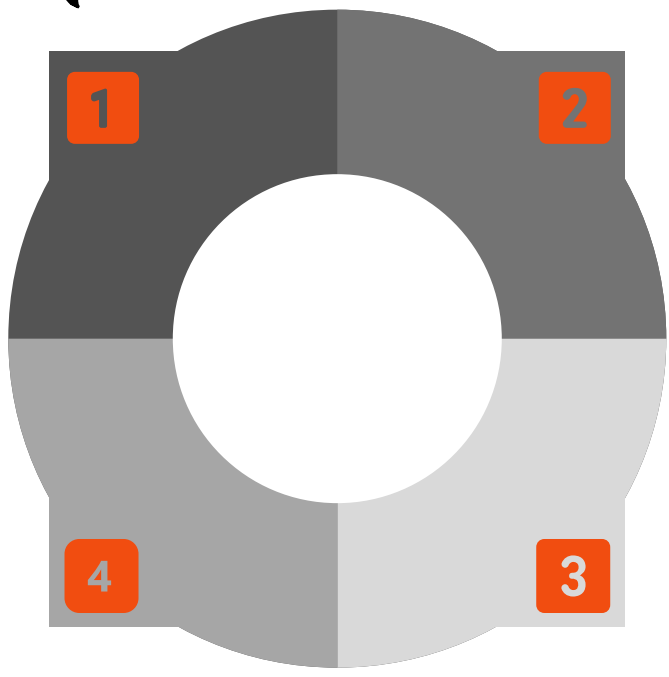
How does this change me?

Interpretation refers to understanding the meaning or big idea of the passage. Resources that can be beneficial to this step are Bible dictionaries and commentaries.

Ask questions such as:

- Why did God include this in His Word?
- Why did the author write this?
- What is the historical and cultural context of this passage?
- What is true about God and His character?
- What sinful, broken or fallen condition is being addressed or corrected by this passage?
- How are people putting their trust in something apart from God?
- What are the universal principles, beliefs and values that can be taken from this passage?

PRACTICAL TOOLS



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Resolve not to hurry. Set a realistic expectation for your pace of study, focusing on the long term. Quality over quantity.

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Look through the lens of relationship. The God of Abraham, Jeremiah & Paul wants to speak to your heart every day.

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You are communing with God, discovering His Word. Set aside time to ask Him to help you understand what you are reading so you can better know His heart.

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Try to understand where your text fits into the Big Story of the Bible. What part does it play in telling the story of creation-fall-redemption-restoration? How does it point to the reign and rule of God?

JEN WILKIN

“ Bible study is a means to an end, not an end in and of itself. It is a means to love God more, & to live differently because we have learned to behold Him better. ”