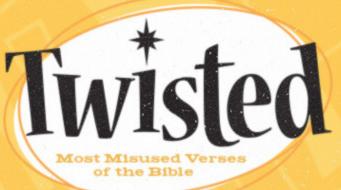
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Part 1

of the Bible

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HOW DO YOU TRANSLATE THE BIBLE?

- **1) Understand the context.**
- 2) Interpret scriptures with other scriptures.
- 3) Apply what you learn.

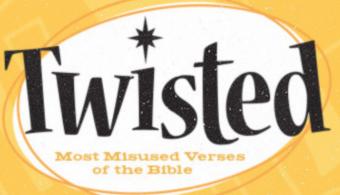
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WHAT MATTERS TO GOD WHEN YOU PRAY?

1) YOUR RELATIONSHIPS MATTER.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:24-25

"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers." 1 Peter 3:7 "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:13-14



2) YOUR MOTIVES MATTER.

When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives... James 4:3

All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Proverbs 16:2

3) YOUR FAITH MATTERS.

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. James 1:6-7

Then [Jesus] touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; and their sight was restored ... Matthew 9:29-30

4) GOD'S WILL MATTERS.

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15

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Start Thinking:

• Think for a second before you answer. Do you most often try to apply truth from Scripture or try to apply Scripture to what you think is true?

• Read 1 John 5:14-15. What do you think it means to ask according to His will?

 Tim talked about three things that might hinder your prayers: unforgiveness, wrong motives, or struggling faith. If you had to choose one of these to work on, which of these would you choose, and why?

• Who is someone you need to forgive? Have you tried asking for God's strength to forgive them?

• What is your biggest prayer request you have right now? Share it with your group, and pray for one another.

Start Praying:

Father, You spoke the Bible into existence to guide our lives. Will You help me to discover the meaning You intended? Holy Spirit, will You give me the strength to live out these life- transforming words? Amen.