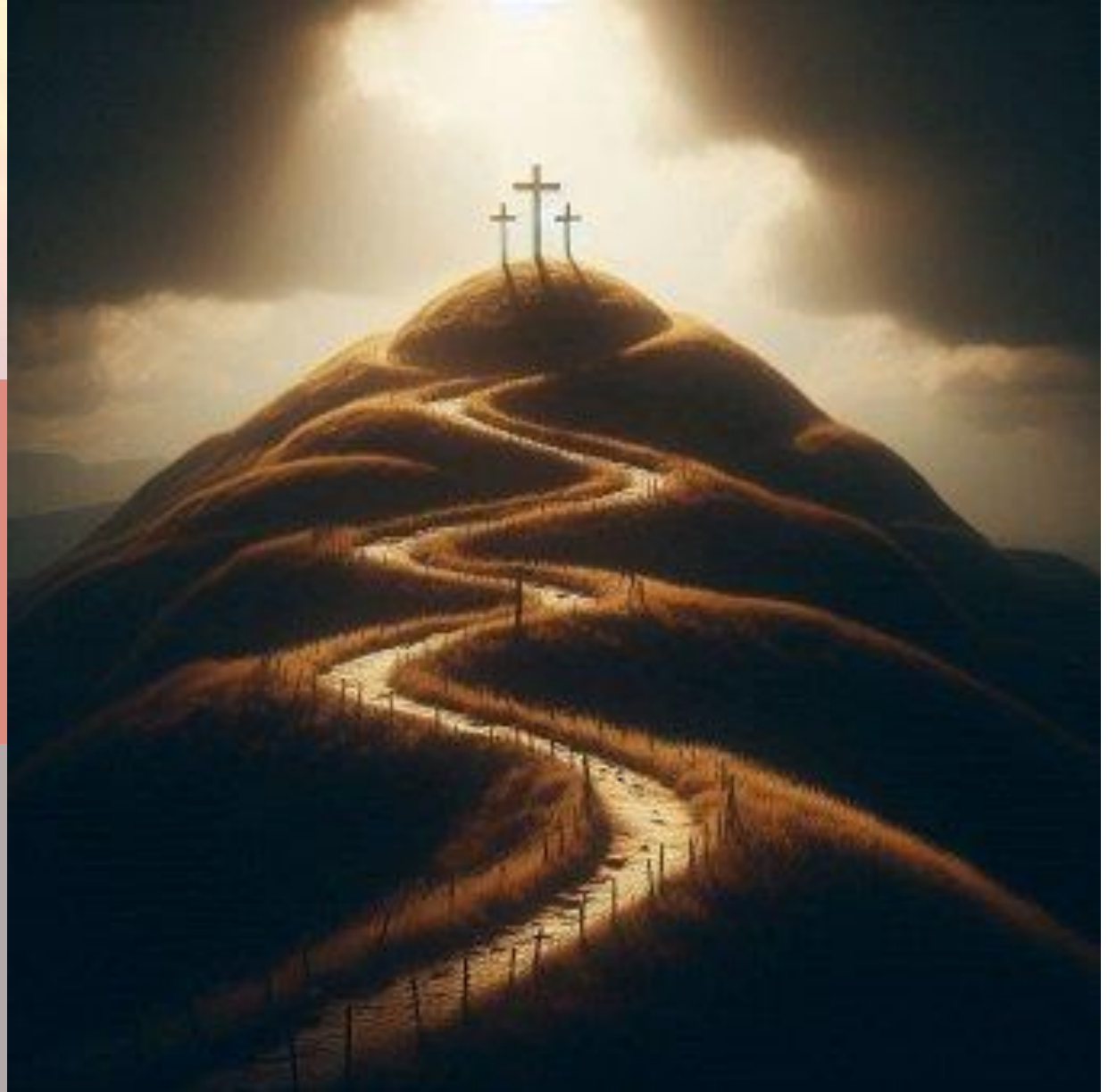


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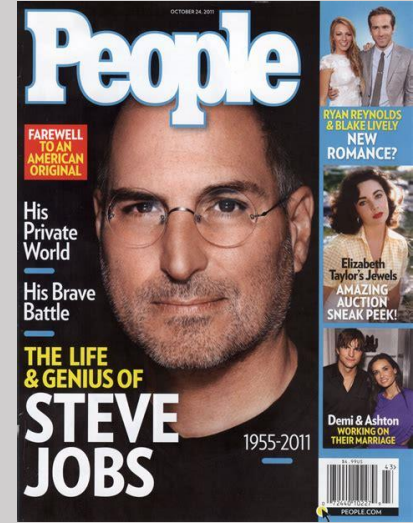
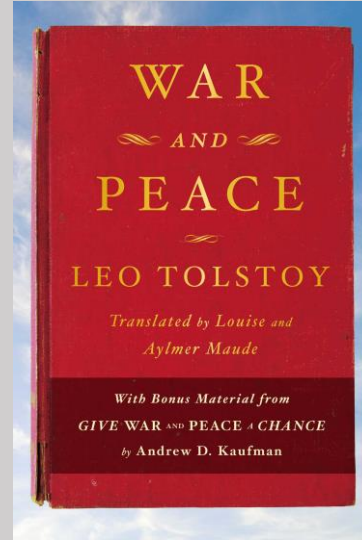
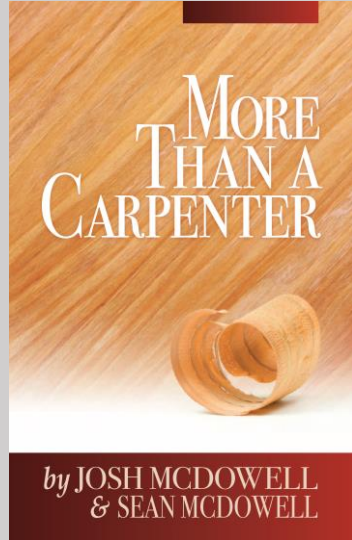
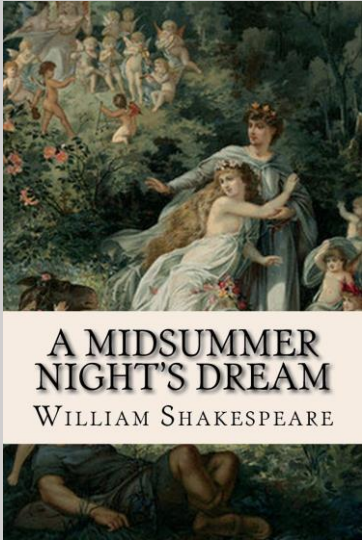
*Week 2:
Reading with
Understanding*



- Jesus says that the scriptures are unbreakable, point to himself, and are fulfilled in himself
- The purpose of reading scripture is to know the Lord
- The Holy Spirit empowers us as we seek to read and walk with the Lord
- Read with humility, simplicity, and faith

Summary of Last Week

How do you read a book?



What genres are found in scripture?

Genre, context, culture, audience, language, plot, and protagonist matter in understanding scripture.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30



= Rabbai's teaching

Jesus is the protagonist of all scripture. So read seeking Jesus.

And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

- Luke 24:25-27

STEP	KEY QUESTION
1. Observation	What is being said?
2. Interpretation	What does it mean?
3. Correlation	Where does it fit into the larger picture?
4. Application	How does it work? What do these words of God mean for my life?

These are important steps in both relationships and reading scripture.

Exercise: Observe scripture

James 2:1-13

Exercise: Interpret scripture

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Scripture interprets scripture: Often what is unclear in one passage is stated plainly elsewhere in scripture

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

- 1 Peter 3:18-20

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And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- Hebrews 9:27-28

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For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

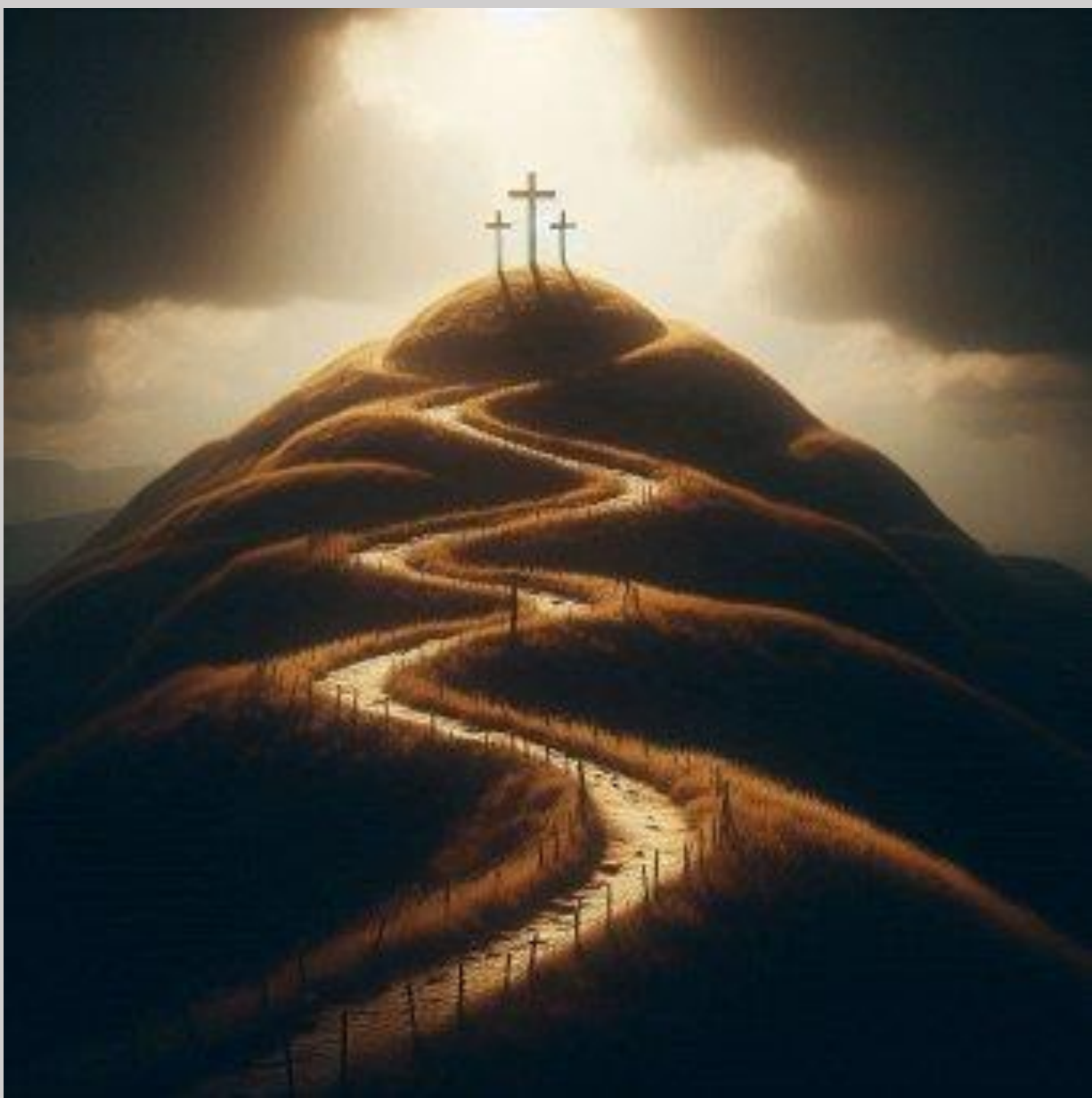
- 2 Corinthians 5:10

Exercise: Meditate on scripture

James 2:1-13

Exercise: Let scripture interpret scripture

James 2:14-26, Ephesians 2:1-10



“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

- Matthew 22:36-40