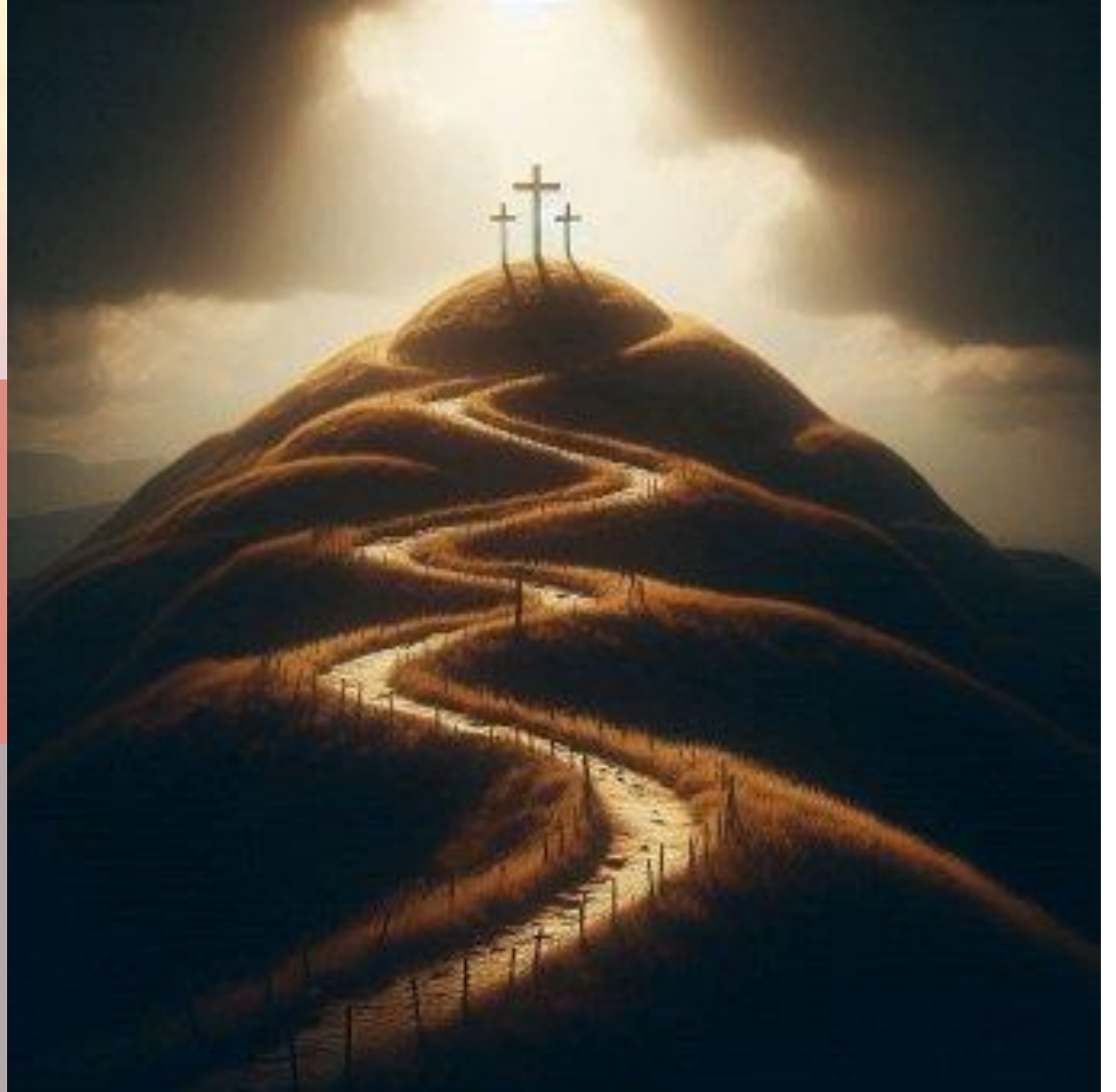


How to Read the Bible

*Week 3:
Reading with
Understanding Part 2*



The goal in reading the Bible is to grow in relationship with Jesus

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

- John 17:3

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?

Breaking scripture
reading down into
four steps

Exercise: Observe scripture

James 3

Exercise: Interpret scripture

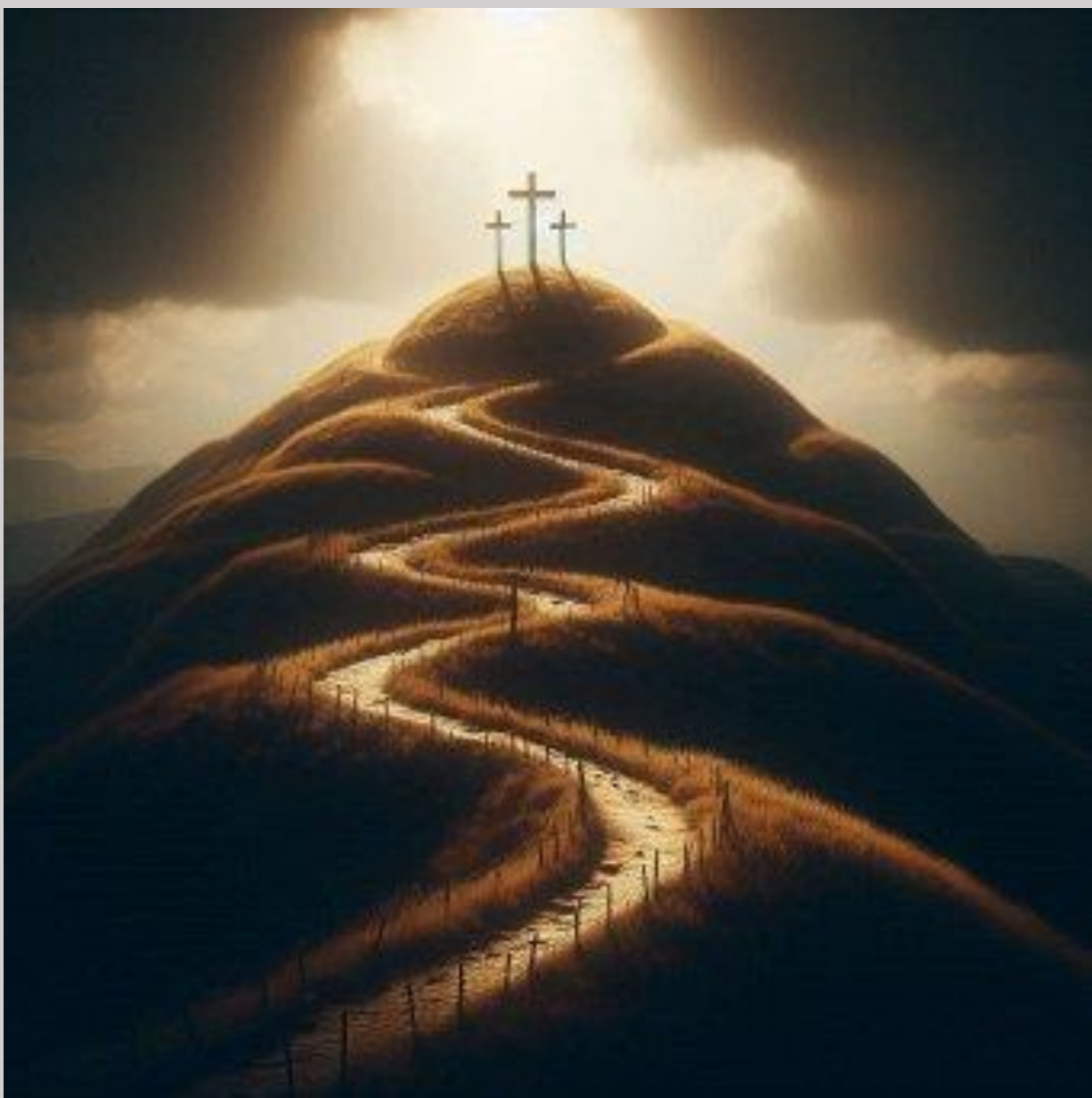
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Exercise: Correlate scripture

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Exercise: Apply 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: Let scripture interpret scripture

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

Exercise: Meditate on scripture

James 2:1-13

“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