



" <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

1 Peter 2:2-3

The amount and degree of our spiritual growth will be directly tied to our relationship with God's Word!



" <sup>16</sup> All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness."

2 Timothy 3:16

" <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

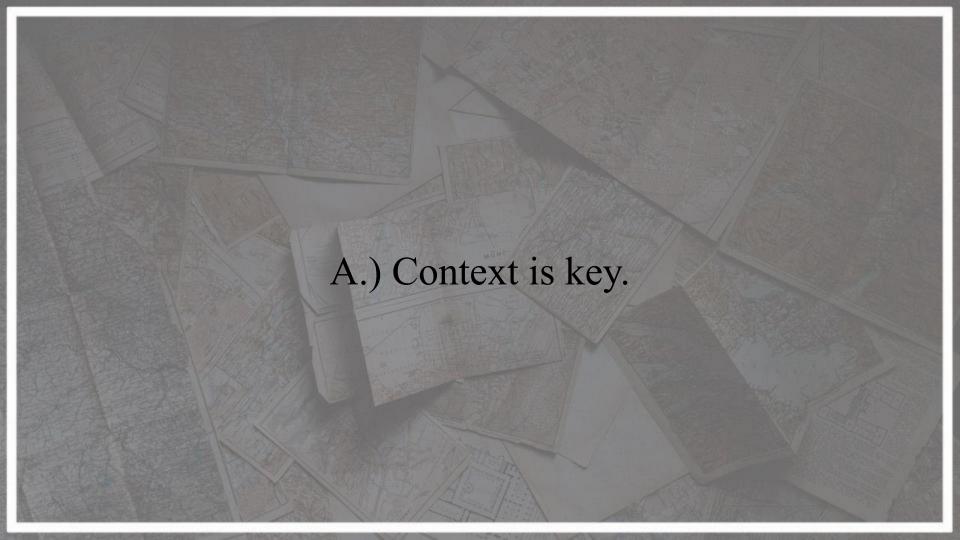
Hebrews 4:12



"8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Joshua 1:8







B.) Early and Often



C.) The Goal is not to finish

The goal is transformation due to an encounter with the living God We must <u>See It</u> for what it really is! We must <u>Study It</u> for all it's worth! And we must <u>Share It</u> with the world!



" <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

" 16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"

" <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

- 1.) It helps us carry out the message of telling others about Jesus
- 2.) It encourages those around us to grow.
  - 3.) It helps hold us accountable.

