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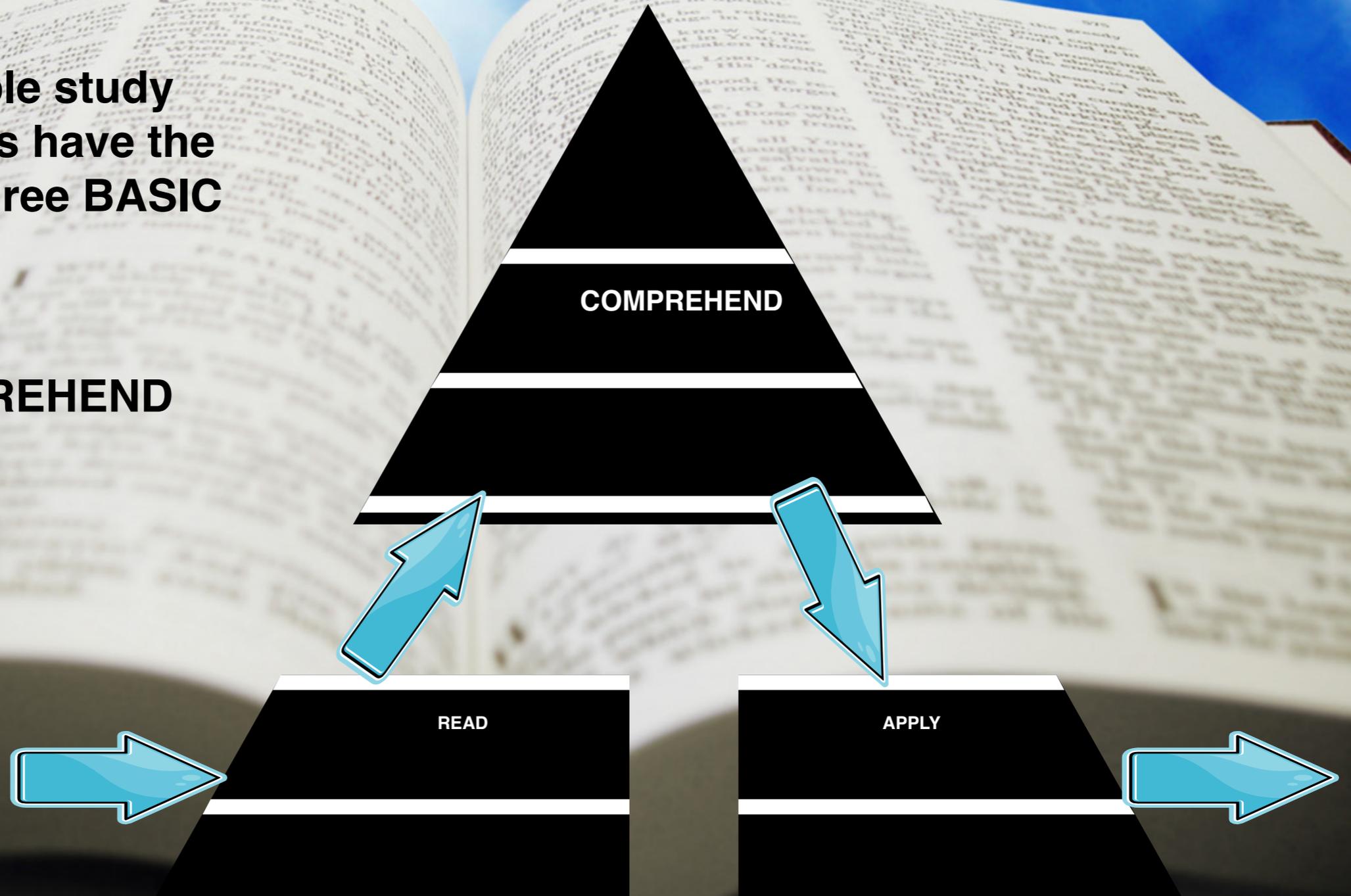
**Courses That Will Change The  
Course of Your Life: Getting to Know God  
and His Word Better**

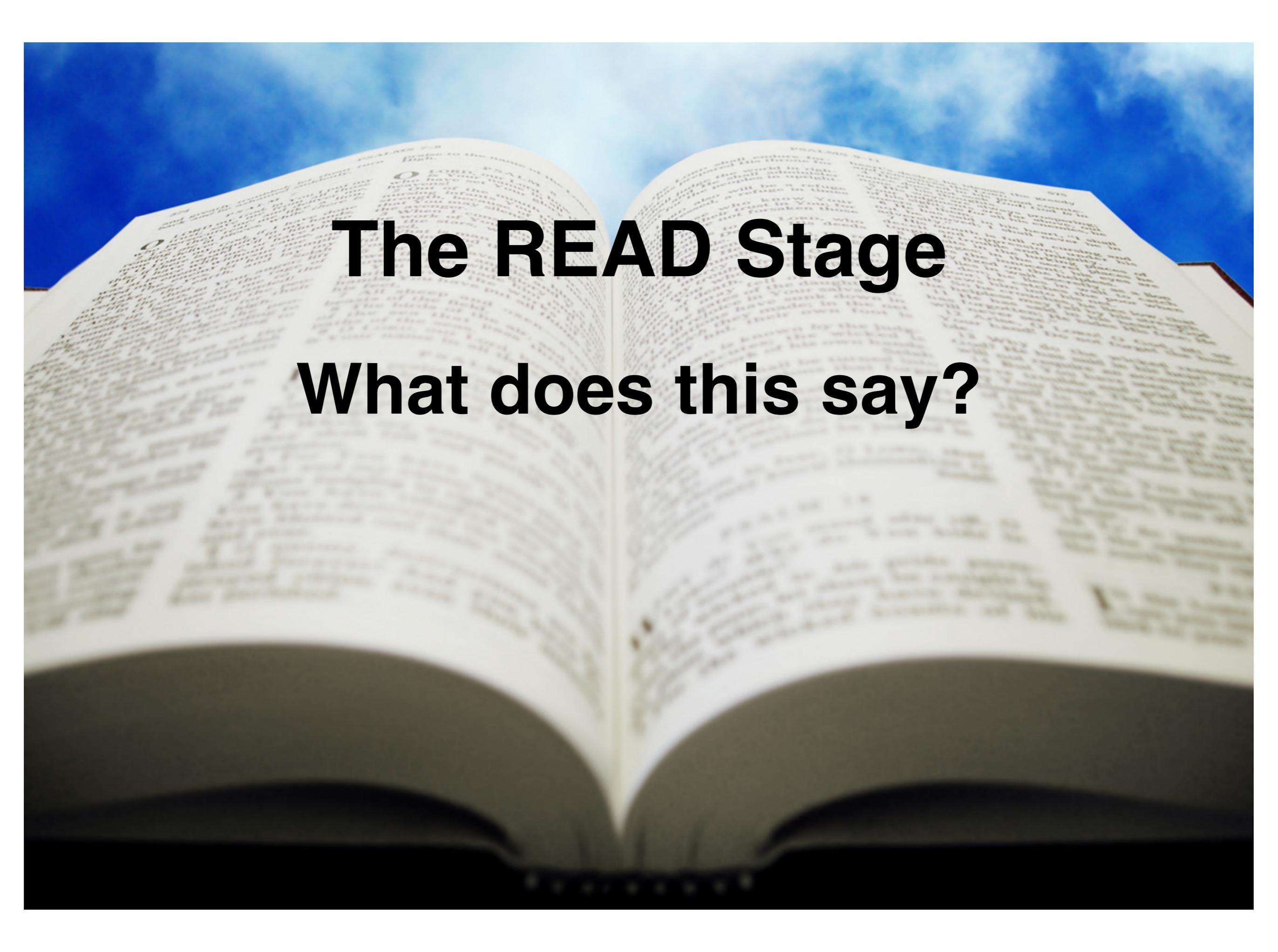
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# THE PYRAMID

**ALL Bible study methods have the same three BASIC stages:**

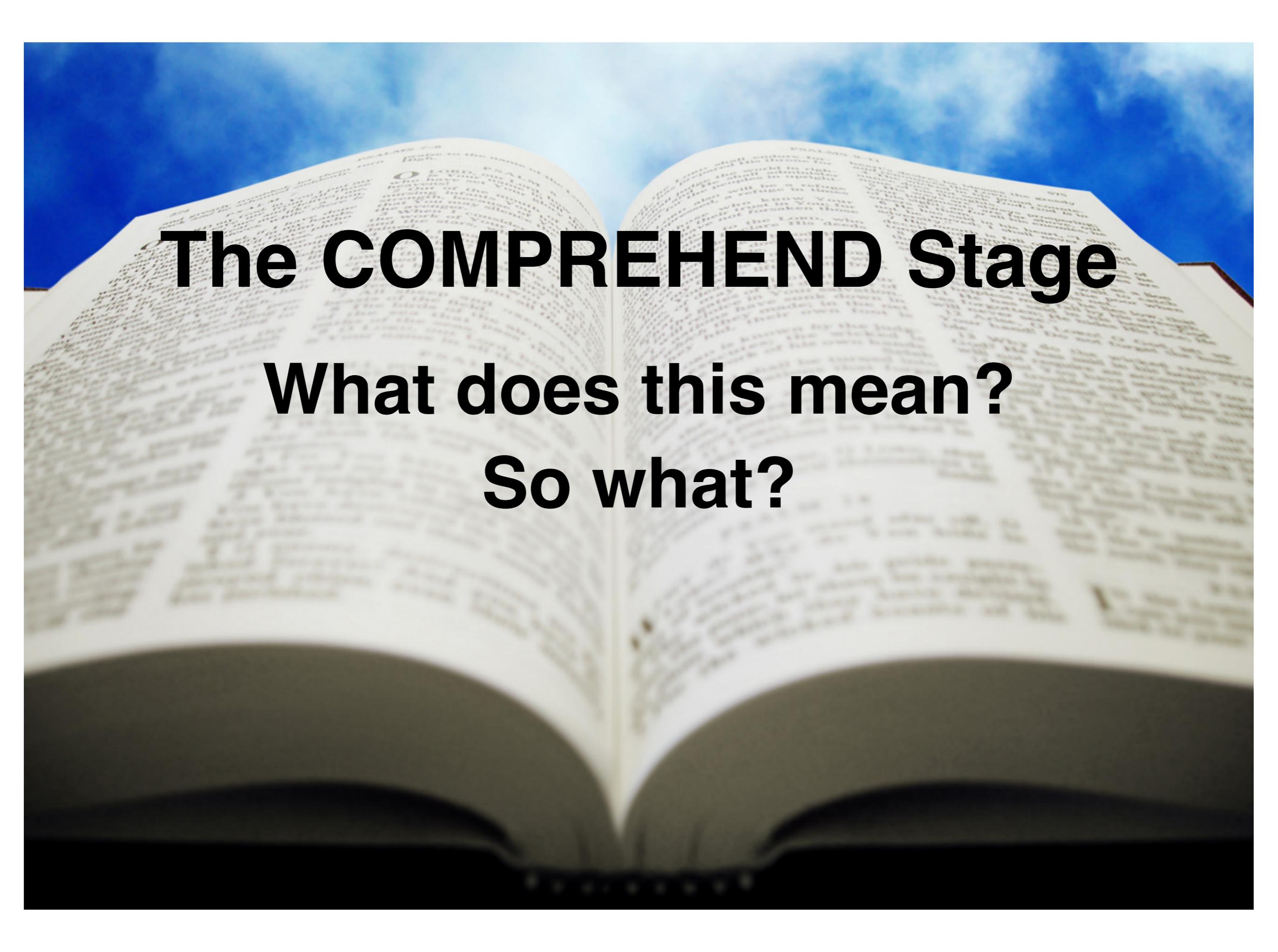
- **READ**
- **COMPREHEND**
- **APPLY**





# **The READ Stage**

**What does this say?**



# **The COMPREHEND Stage**

**What does this mean?**

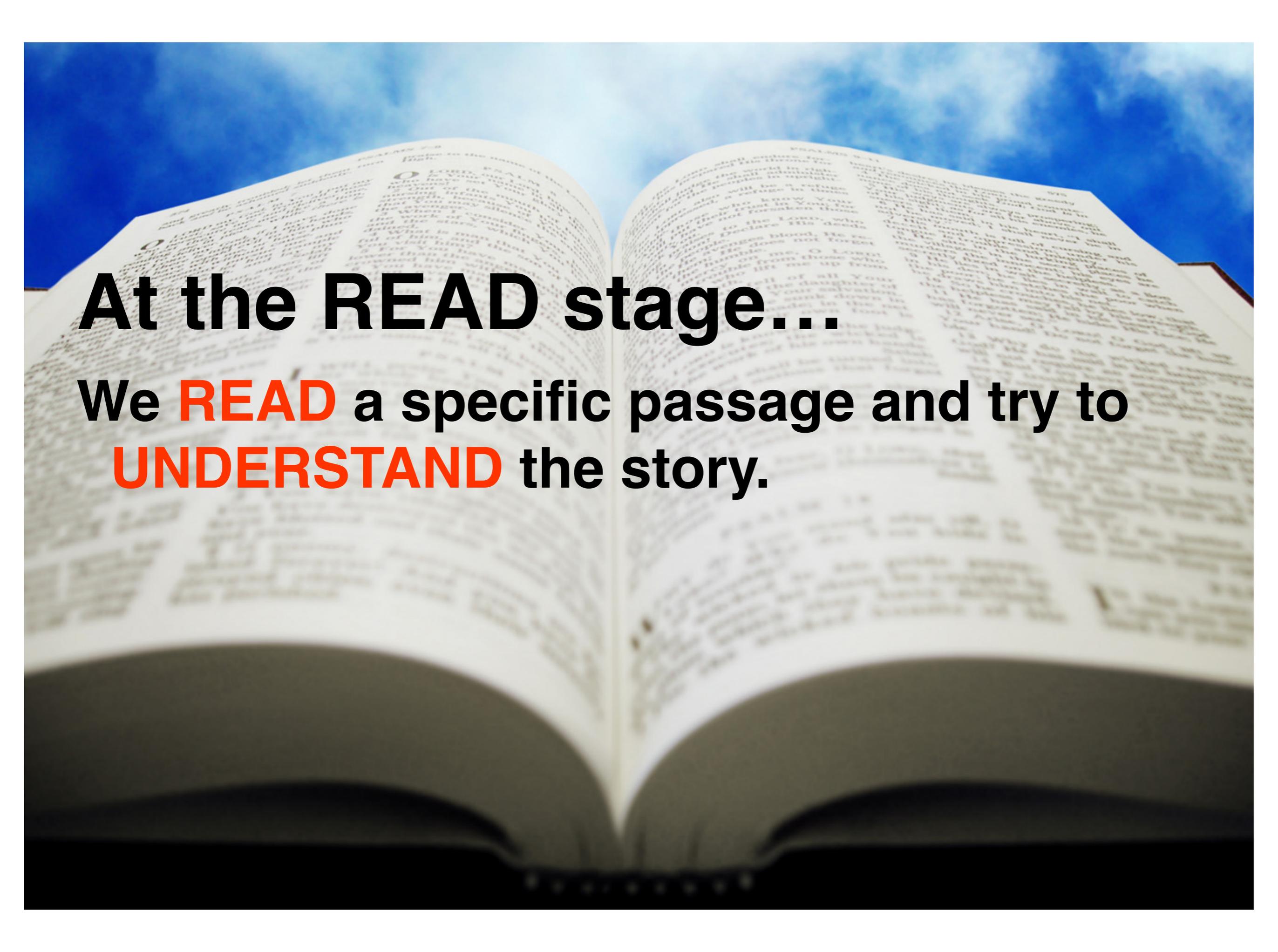
**So what?**



# **The APPLY Stage**

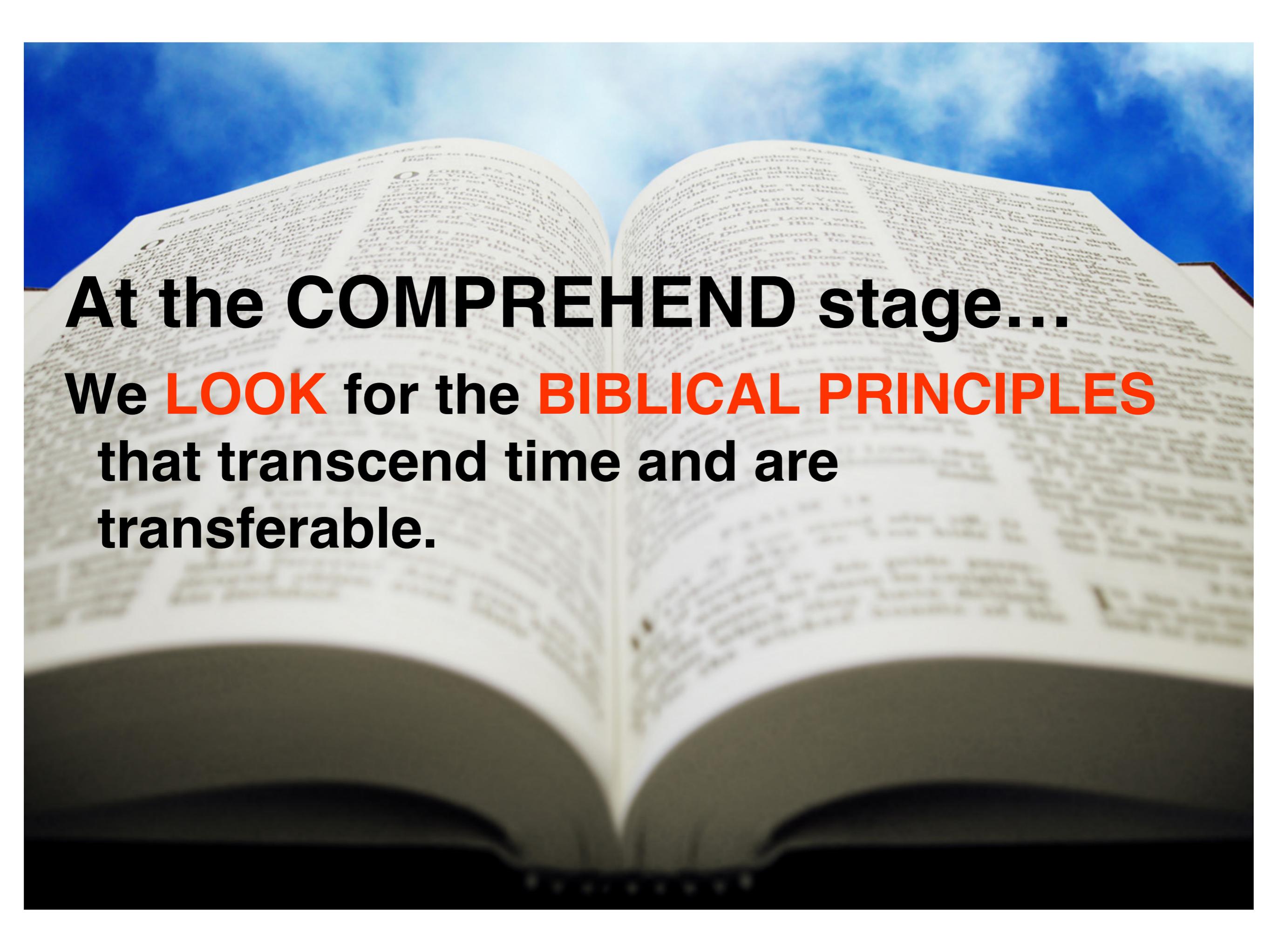
**What should I do?**

**Now what?**



**At the READ stage...**

**We READ a specific passage and try to UNDERSTAND the story.**



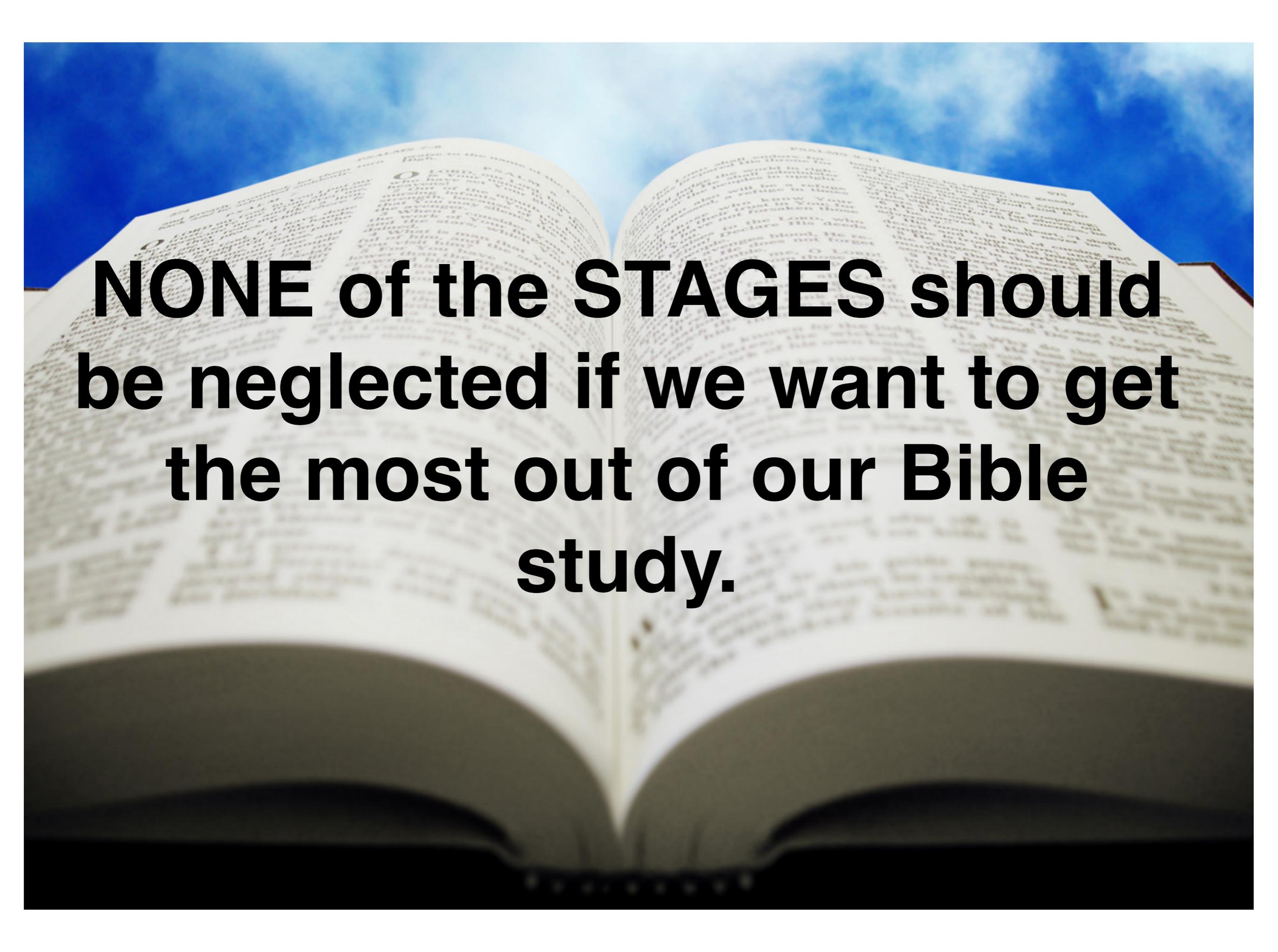
**At the COMPREHEND stage...**

**We LOOK for the BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES  
that transcend time and are  
transferable.**



**At the APPLY stage...**

**We PERSONALIZE the truths and THINK  
about how to live them out.**

An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, and the background is a bright blue sky with light clouds. The text is centered over the open pages.

**NONE of the STAGES should be neglected if we want to get the most out of our Bible study.**

# The BIBLE

- **READ** it through
- **PRAY** it over
- **WORK** it out
- **WRITE** it down
- **PASS** it on
- **Understand Holy Spirit led (John 16:13)**

# THE BIBLE:

- **SUPERNATURAL** in **ORIGIN**
- **HUMAN** in **AUTHORSHIP**
- **DIVINE** in **PENMANSHIP**
- **INFALLIABLE** in **AUTHORITY**
- **INFINITE** in **SCOPE**
- **UNIVERSAL** in **INTEREST**
- **ETERNAL** in **DURATION**
- **PERSONAL** in **APPLICATION**

# BIBLICAL FACTS

- **66 books**
- **Written by 40 men with various backgrounds for over 1,600 years**
- **Longest book – Psalms**
- **Shortest book – 3 John**
- **Longest verse – Esther 8:9**
- **Shortest verse – John 11:35**
- **Can be read in 100 hours**
- **Divided into chapters in 1250 and into verses in 1551.**

# UNIQUENESS OF THE BIBLE

- **“Biblios” = Greek for “the book”**
- **Unique in:**
  - **Power**
  - **Standard of judgment**
  - **Ability to give light**
  - **Instilling faith**
  - **Ability to defeat Satan**
  - **Ability to make wise**
  - **Indestructible**
  - **Salvation**
  - **Guiding speech**

# THE NEED FOR INTERPRETATION

- **TIME GAP**

Extensive time between **US** and **AUTHOR** and **INITIAL READERS**

- **SPACE GAP**

The distance from us **TO THE MIDDLE EAST**

- **CUSTOMS GAP**

The difference in the way we **THINK, LIVE, AND DO THINGS COMPARED TO THE MIDDLE EAST**

## ***THE NEED FOR INTEPRETATION, continued***

- **LANGUAGE GAP**

Difference between **ENGLISH, GREEK, ARAMAIC, AND HEBREW**

- **WRITING GAP**

The difference that exists in **STYLES OF WRITING**

- **SPIRITUAL GAP**

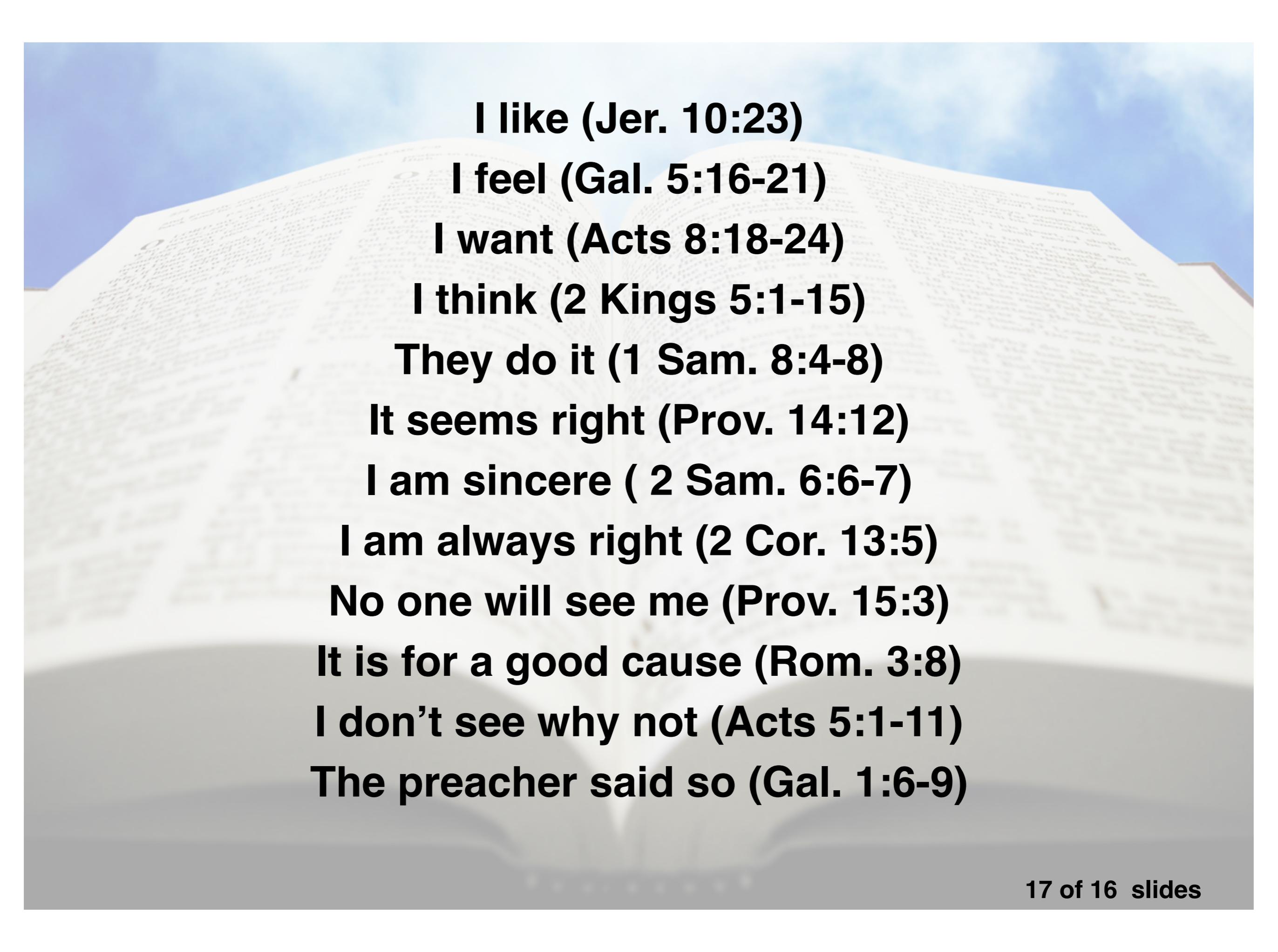
The difference between **OUR WAYS AND GOD'S WAYS.**

# Insufficient Standards

*K. Myers, The Restorer, April 1989*

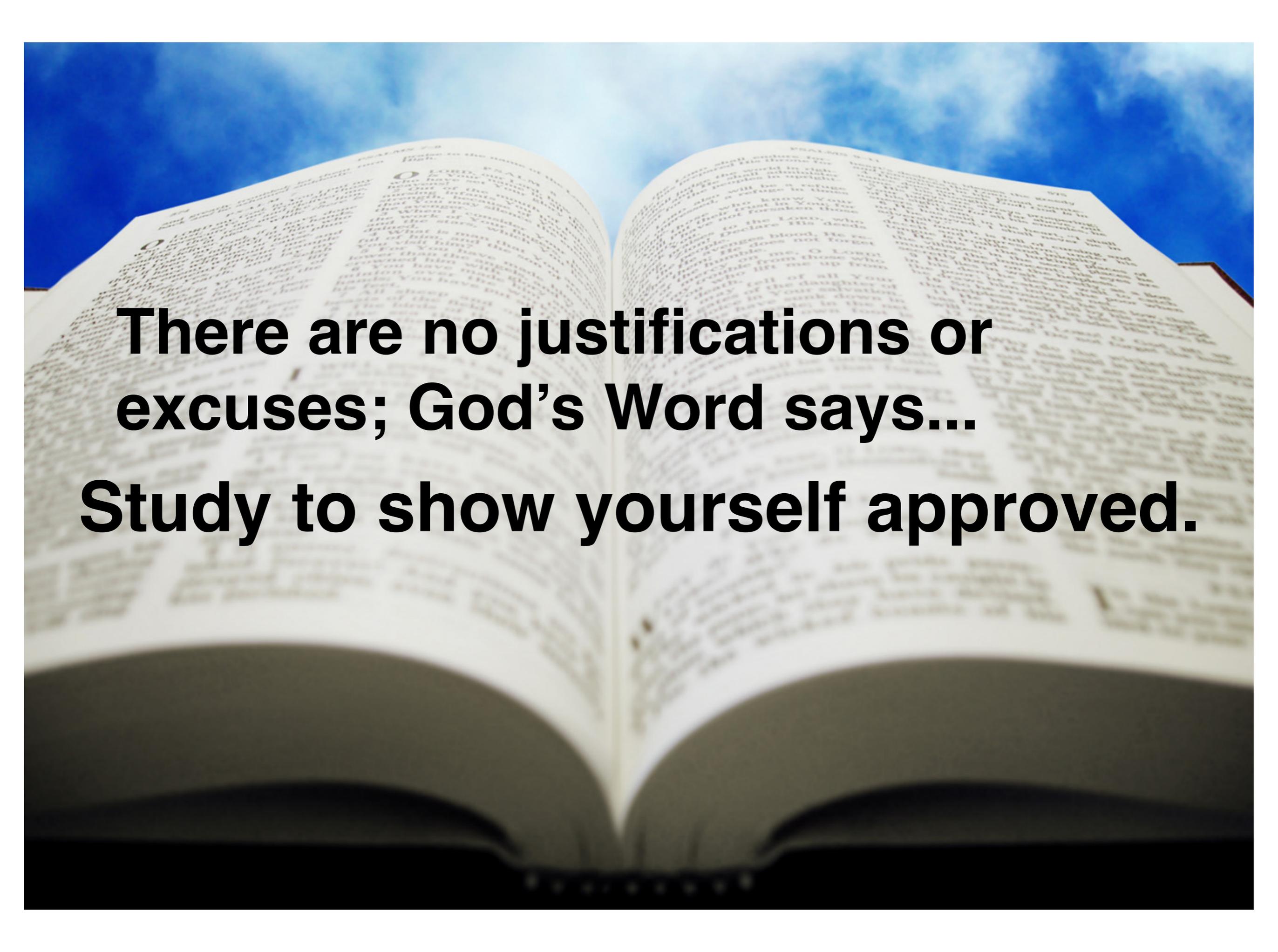
**As the bank returns a hot check stamped, “insufficient funds,” so one day God will turn away our self-serving standards of morality as insufficient.**

**Have you heard or used one of these phrases to justify something lately?**



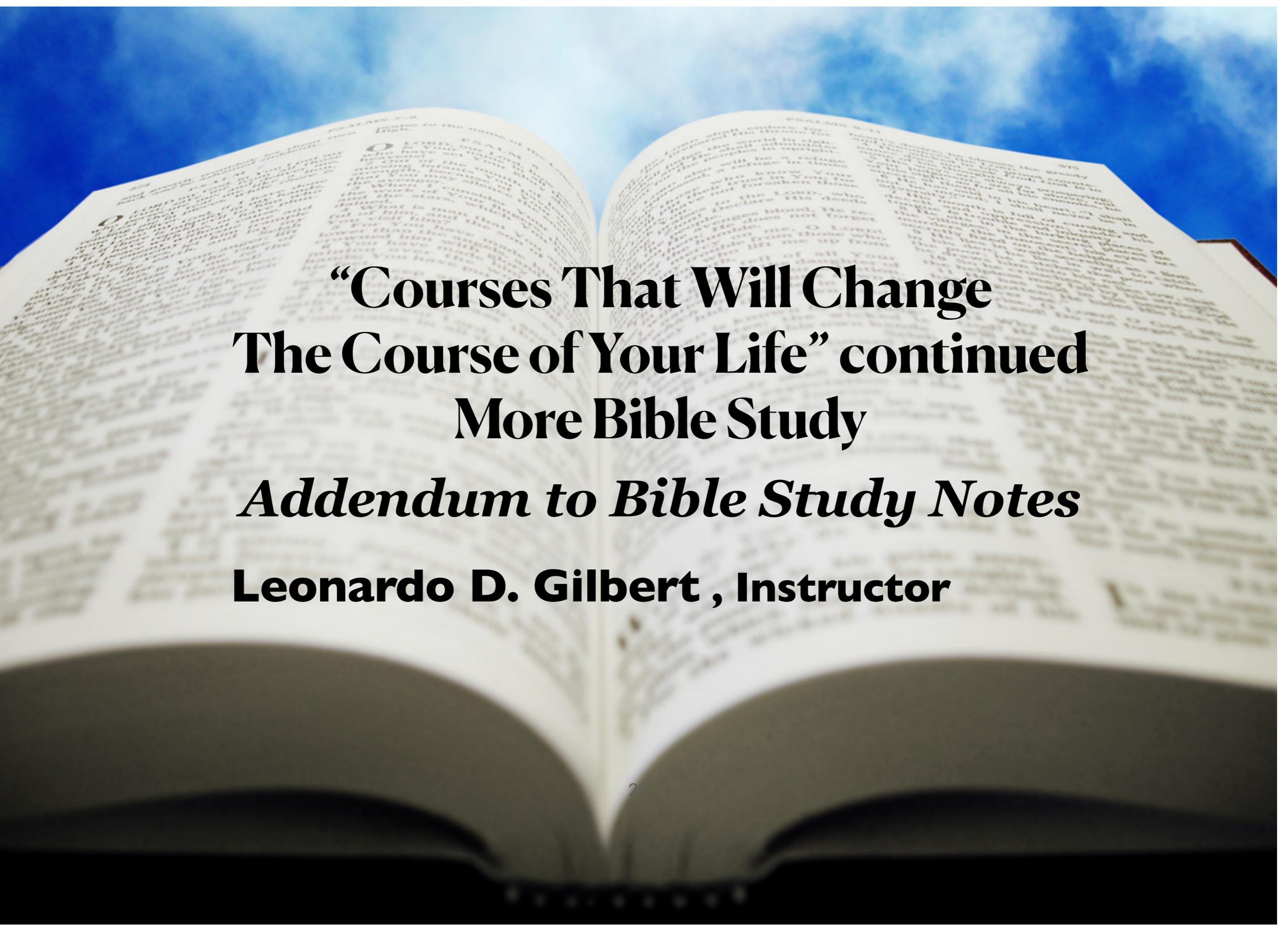
**I like (Jer. 10:23)**  
**I feel (Gal. 5:16-21)**  
**I want (Acts 8:18-24)**  
**I think (2 Kings 5:1-15)**  
**They do it (1 Sam. 8:4-8)**  
**It seems right (Prov. 14:12)**  
**I am sincere ( 2 Sam. 6:6-7)**  
**I am always right (2 Cor. 13:5)**  
**No one will see me (Prov. 15:3)**  
**It is for a good cause (Rom. 3:8)**  
**I don't see why not (Acts 5:1-11)**  
**The preacher said so (Gal. 1:6-9)**

**Others do worse things (Matt. 7:5)**  
**God didn't say not to (Lev. 10:1,2)**  
**God doesn't mind (1 Cor. 2:10-13)**  
**It isn't against the law (Acts 5:26-29)**  
**It hurts no one but me (1 Cor. 8:12-13)**  
**Most people think it is okay (Matt. 7:13-14)**  
**My parents and grandparents did it (Gal. 6:5)**  
**It doesn't bother my conscience (Prov. 30:20)**  
**We have done it this way for years (Josh. 5:2-9)**  
**It's all right if we do it in God's name (Matt. 7:21-23)**  
**God doesn't expect us to be so technical (1 Ths. 5:21)**

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**There are no justifications or  
excuses; God's Word says...**

**Study to show yourself approved.**



**“Courses That Will Change  
The Course of Your Life” continued  
More Bible Study**

***Addendum to Bible Study Notes***

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# Bible Study

- **Bible STUDY** - understand who is speaking, to whom and why
- **Bible STORY** - understand connectivity from beginning to end
- **Bible STRUGGLE** - understand the continual thread of humanity's issue of sin
- **Bible SALVATION** - understand the story of God saving mankind
- **Bible STABILITY** - understand the Bible is consistent; never contradicting itself

# Top Bible Translations

- **NIV- New International Version**
- **KJV- King James Version**
- **NLT- New Living Translation**
- **NKJV- New King James Version**
- **ESV- English Standard Version**
- **CSB- Christian Standard Bible**
- **NASB- New American Standard Bible**
- **NRSV- New Revised Standard Version**
- **ESV- English Standard Bible**
- **CEV- Contemporary English Version**

# Scriptures of Biblical Interpretation

- **2 Timothy 2:15- Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**
- **Ecclesiastes 8:1 .Who is as the wise *man*? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.**
- **2 Peter 1:20 <sup>20</sup> Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.**

# Scriptures of Biblical Interpretation

- **2 Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
- **Proverbs 1:5,6** A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

***ALL of God's Word is TRUE,  
but not Necessarily your  
interpretation of it!***

# **“To Interpret”**

***Hermeneutics is the science of biblical interpretation and  
exegetics is part of it***

- **To understand**
- **To translate**
- **To explain**

# **Laws of Biblical Interpretation**

- **There is always only one true interpretation but many applications**
- **Scripture never contradicts other scripture**
- **Law of first mention- the first time something is mentioned in the Bible has significance**
- **We must seek exegesis and isegesis**
- **Understand the type of literature or genre (narrative, prophecy, poetry, history, gospel, epistle)**

# **Laws of Biblical Interpretation**

- **All biblical text have original authors and readers and we are not them**
- **Every scripture has one interpretation which includes:**
- **What was said we call that content: is it consistent with surrounding verses and chapters?**
- **Why it was said, we call that context: historical (time and culture) and literary (language what did people mean, what's the point? Are there clues from preceding and succeeding verses?)**

# Laws of Biblical Interpretation

- **1 Thessalonians 5:22 “abstain from appearance of evil” (content)**
- **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 “do not treat prophecies with contempt” (context)**
- **Illustrated the problem of isegesis theology**
- **A text can never be made to say what it never meant**
- **Exodus 20:13 “Thou shalt not kill.” And Ecclesiastes 3:3 “A time to kill”**

# Laws of Biblical Interpretation

- **1Timothy 2:11-15**

**Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.**

- **1Timothy 3:1 “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be....)**
- **This Scripture written as a continuous letter, the break shortens the understanding**

# **Laws of Biblical Interpretation**

**Biblical Divisions- Old Testament 39 books**

- **5 books of Law**
- **12 books of History**
- **5 books of Poetry and Wisdom**
- **5 Major Prophets**
- **12 Minor Prophets**

# Laws of Biblical Interpretation

**Biblical Divisions- New Testament 27 books**

- **4 Gospels**
- **1 History**
- **13 Pauline letters**
- **8 General letters**

# Final Thoughts

- **Read the Bible literally according to the type of scripture**
- **Read several translations**
- **Get a good study Bible or bible app**
- **Choose a study method: book, biographical, topical, word study or devotional**
- **Always be ready for the spirit to open your understanding; we are constant learners**
- **Know the difference between what we read and what we heard**
- **This is why I am a member of the Church of Christ**