

Pathway to Biblical Understanding | “Reading the Bible With Purpose”

Week 1: Why the Bible Can Feel Confusing and How to Approach it with Confidence

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God’s Word Is Alive

- God’s Word is settled in heaven (Ps 119:89) and is quick, powerful, and a discerner of the heart (Heb 4:12).
- Creation follows the sound of His voice (Matthew 8:27; Mark 1:40–45).
- Spending time in the Word builds relationship and helps us hear His voice.

Why the Bible Can Feel Confusing

- Different interpretations, cultural and historical context, KJV language, reading without relationship, etc
- Confusion can lead to questions and doubt. Confusion is not a sign to quit. It is an invitation to grow.

Ways to Approach the Word of God with Confidence

- **Humility** - Search the Scriptures with openness. (Matthew 11:29; James 4:7–10; Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- **Pray for Understanding** – Seek the Lord for guidance; the Spirit of truth will guide you. (Colossians 1:9–10; John 16:13)
- **Personal Devotion / Relationship Building** – Humble yourself, pray, seek His face, abide in Him. (2 Chronicles 7:14; John 15:7; Jeremiah 29:12–13)
- **Embrace God’s Word as Authority and Absolute Truth** – All Scripture is inspired and will accomplish what He sends it to do. (Numbers 23:19; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Isaiah 55:11)
- **Believe His Word / Let Faith Arise** – Trust the Lord; faith comes by hearing the Word. (Mark 11:22–24; Proverbs 3:5–6; Romans 10:17)

Find the Promise in His Word That Fits Your Need and Pray the Word

- Sickness – Psalm 103:2–3
- Fear – Isaiah 41:10, 13
- Worry / Anxiety – Isaiah 26:3–4
- Finances – Philippians 4:19

Command Your Mountains to Move

- Focus your faith – Matthew 17:20
- Discard your doubts – Matthew 21:21–22
- Feed your faith – Romans 10:17

God’s Word is truth.

- All that He has spoken shall come to pass.
- Meditate on His promises and speak them aloud.
- Faith is a weapon, a tool, and a key.
- Pursuit is the proof of faith.

Things to Think About

- What has made the Bible feel confusing to you in the past?
- Which approach (humility, prayer, devotion, faith) do you need to strengthen most?
- Are you reading the Bible for information or transformation?
- What promise in Scripture do you need to stand on right now?
- How can you become more intentional about “reading with purpose” this week?

