

The Story of the Bible pt. 2

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How do we find Jesus in Every Text?

- Read the Bible to see Jesus, not for life advice.
- Unless you realize scripture is about _____, you will look for the “moral of the story” and think the Bible is about _____.

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law ...This righteousness is given through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all who believe. Romans 3:20-22

- As you read, ask, “Who or what points to Jesus and His Gospel Message?” The Gospel Message Encompasses:
 - Sinfulness and Brokenness of Man
 - The Sacrifice and Redemption of Jesus for humanity
- Just because you identify Jesus in the text, doesn’t mean you’ve connected it to _____.
- If I make scripture about me and what I need to do, I will read through 2 lenses:
 - “I’m doing well”: leads to self-righteousness, entitlement, and a feeling of judgement toward others
 - “I’m a failure”: leads to self-loathing, self-condemnation, guilt and shame
- Both of these lenses are _____!

Context is Critical

- All of scripture has an _____, which can only be grasped by looking at stories and verses *in context*.

- If you read a Bible story without putting it into _____, you will change its meaning.

What I Believe About God Affects My Understanding

Sir, I knew that you were a hard man, harvesting where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Matthew 25:24-28

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified [my name], and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. John 12:28-30

- If what you read doesn’t point to the Goodness and Redemptive nature of God, you are reading through a _____!

Interpretation without Application is Stagnation

- A Passage can’t be fully understood until we see how it _____.
- The word of God is meant to lead to an _____ with God’s presence and power.

For the word of God is alive 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

- Unless what you’re reading _____ in you, you haven’t grasped its meaning.

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:14-17

