

A person with long, wavy hair, wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark pants, is captured from behind while performing a skateboard trick on a city street. The person's right leg is kicked high, and their left foot is on the skateboard. The background shows a blurred city street with a wall covered in graffiti.

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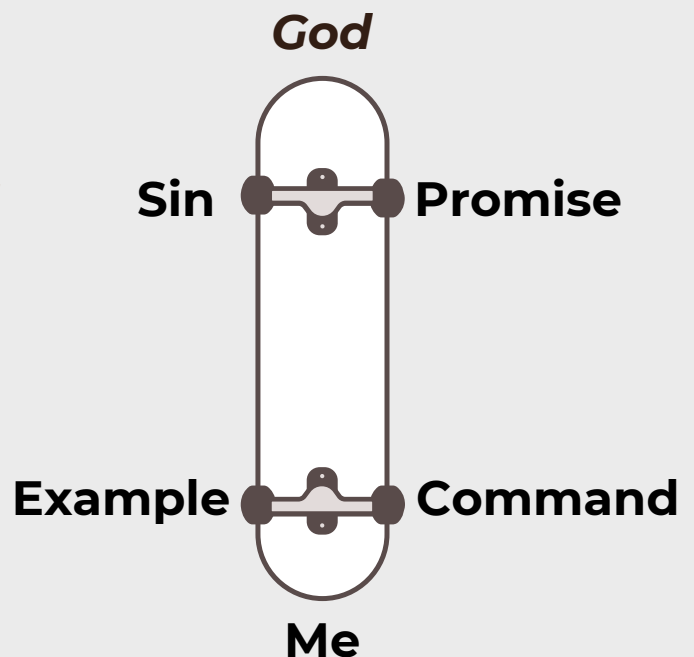
READING THE BIBLE

Reading your bible can be intimidating, especially when you are starting out. In 1 Timothy 3:16-17 the Bible says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." So we need to believe that the word of God is our training guide that holds the answers to all of life's questions. To live a life in service to God. It can teach, rebuke, correct, and train us; therefore we must be reading the Bible.

6 QUESTIONS TO ASK

These 6 questions will help you really soak in what the text is trying to tell you.

- What does it say about God?
- What does it say about me?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a command to obey?



WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT GOD?

This is the the first and most important question that we should ask. Ultimately the Bible is about God, not us. The Bible is the place that we see God's character, His attributes, and His plan for the world. We can only have a good view of the world when we get a good view of God. J.I. Packer has an amazing book called "Knowing God". In his book, he surveys the scriptures constantly asking, "What does this say about God" and the results are a deeper knowledge of God. So begin to ask this question as you search God's word for His revelation!

Romans 11:36 "But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

GOD

While we can never know God fully, we should always be searching for a deeper knowledge of who God is.

- What does it say about His Character?
- What are His Attributes?
- What has God done?
- What is God doing?

GOD



WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT ME?

The Bible is truth and if you want to know a clear and truthful view of yourself, look no further than the Bible. Your true identity is found in who God says you are. The world will tell you all sorts of things but don't believe everything that the world tells you. The bible will give you the truth, even if it hurts. For instance, the bible will say that you are a sinner, but it also will say that you are saved by God's grace.

1 Corinthians 6:17 "But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

ME

This is a good time to search inwardly as a way to grow personally.

- What does the scripture say about my identity?
- What does God say is true about me?
- Is there a lie of the enemy that I have been believing?
- Is there something that God is calling me to?



ME

IS THERE A SIN TO AVOID?

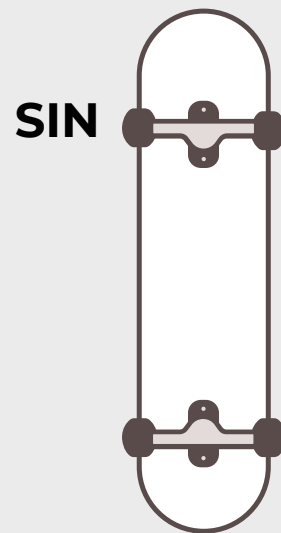
Another question that you want to ask would be, is there a sin to avoid? This is a question that we ask in observance of the scriptures in order to apply to our lives. Often times, the Bible shares examples of sins that we as believers should avoid. These sins tend to put up a wall between us a God, therefor we must acknowledge what these sins are so we can be sure to avoid them in order to become more like Christ. As we read, let us ask if there is a sin that we should avoid.

James 4:17 "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

SIN

Sin is a real issue in our world and it is a hinderance in moving deeper in our relationship with Christ.

- What are the sins that I should avoid?
- What is the consequences of sin?
- When I sin, how does that effect my walk with the Lord?



IS THERE A PROMISE TO KEEP?

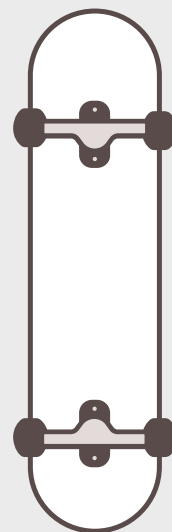
One of the most amazing things about the God that we serve is that He keeps his promises. So when we are reading the scriptures, and we see the Lord make a promise, we can hold on to that promise as full truth. He is not just a promise maker but a promise keeper. We can look back in the bible and see that every promise the Lord has made, He has fulfilled. We should be fully aware when we come across a promise from God that it will come to pass because our God is faithful!

Numbers 23:19 "God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?"

PROMISE

When a promise is fulfilled, we are able to trust because of the faithfulness.

- what has God promised in this passage?
- What has the Lord promised in the past?
- We can trust in God's promises because He is faithful.



PROMISE

IS THERE AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW?

The Bible is full of stories, teachings, and parables that we can read and glean from as good examples to follow. The best example is obviously the life and teachings of Jesus Himself. Jesus set the example of what it practically looks like to live a life following the will of God. We can also look at the old testament prophets and the new testament heroes of the faith and see the examples that they have set for us. Lastly we can look at the different teachings that we can follow the example that is taught in the teachings.

1 Corinthians 11:1 "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ"

EXAMPLE

One of the best ways to learn is from the example set by someone who has done it well.

- What example is shown in this passage?
- Why is this example a good one to follow?
- How can I implement this into my life to look more like Christ?
- How can I teach this example to others?

EXAMPLE



IS THERE A COMMAND TO OBEY?

Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commands". In order to obey His commands, we must know and observe the commands. Lucky for us, the Bible is pretty clear with what the Lord God commands of us. A good place to start is obviously the 10 commandments. When we read the scriptures, there are many teachings that have an explicit command that God is giving us to obey.

John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands."

COMMAND

Knowing the commands that God gives is the first step to practically obeying and living out God's commands.

- What command is God asking you to obey?
- What is the reason for this command?
- What is the outcome of following this command?



COMMAND

QUALITY TIME READING THE WORD

At this point, we need to make a plan to implement all that we have learned. The only way that this will be helpful is if you begin to read the Bible. We want to help you start a habit of reading the Bible and using this method to gain a deeper understanding as you read. In order to

When do you plan on reading (what time & how long)?

Where do you plan on reading (your room, coffee shop, etc.)?

What do you plan on reading (bible reading plan)?

After you read, take a moment to pray and ask God these questions.

- God, what are my marching orders for today?
- What do you want me to do today?
- Who do you want me to talk to?
- What do you want me to work on today?
- Help me apply what i have learned in my reading.

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ACTS 1:8