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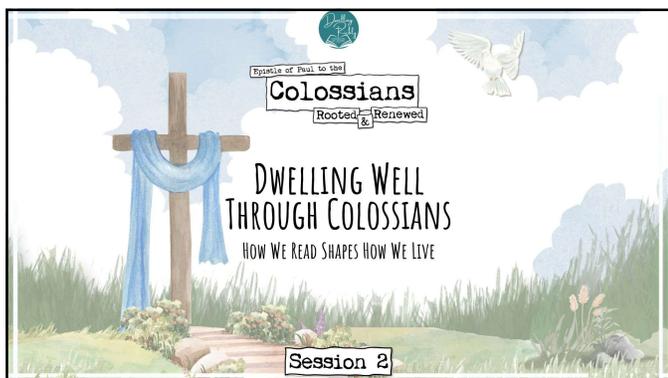
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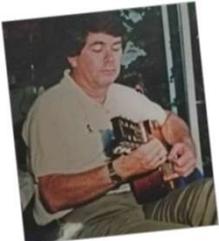
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### Our Foundational Scripture

“Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.”

- The Bible is not about discovering ourselves...
- It's about discovering God



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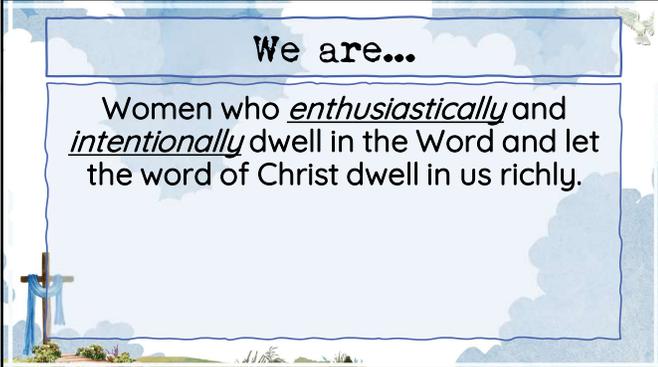
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**We are...**

Women who *enthusiastically* and *intentionally* dwell in the Word and let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.



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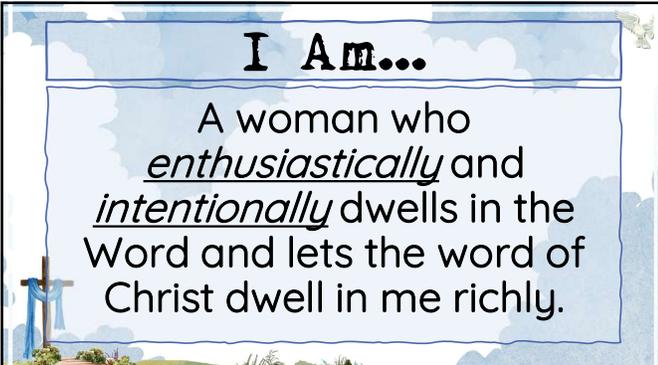
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**I Am...**

A woman who *enthusiastically* and *intentionally* dwells in the Word and lets the word of Christ dwell in me richly.



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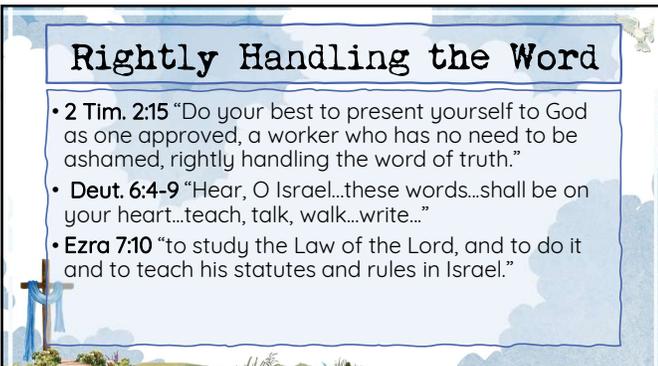
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**Rightly Handling the Word**

- **2 Tim. 2:15** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
- **Deut. 6:4-9** "Hear, O Israel...these words...shall be on your heart...teach, talk, walk...write..."
- **Ezra 7:10** "to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."



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### Hermeneutics

Hermeneutics is how we interpret Scripture

- *Context interprets Scripture*
- *Scripture interprets Scripture.*
- *Author's intent Interprets Scripture*

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### Hermeneutics

- *Context interprets Scripture*
  1. **Who wrote the book? To whom was it written?**
    - *Paul, the apostle to the Christians in Colossae*
  2. **When and where was the book written?**
    - *Around a.d. 62 from Rome*

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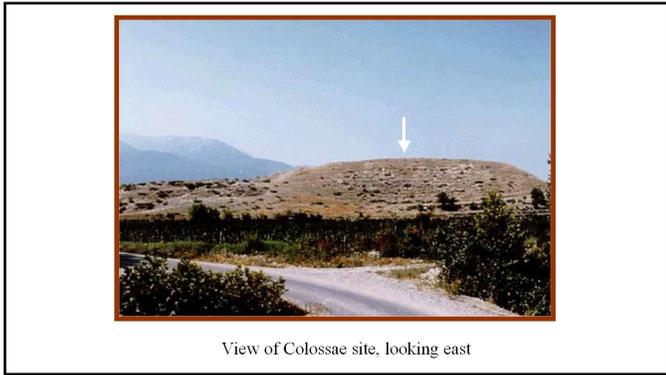
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### Hermeneutics

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    - Paul, the apostle to the Christians in Colossae
  2. **When and where was the book written?**
    - Around a.d. 62 from Rome
  3. **What is the purpose or theme of the book?**
    - Teaching that Christ is supreme over all

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### Hermeneutics

- **Context interprets Scripture**
- **Scripture interprets Scripture.**
  - God's Word is unified
  - Interpret harder passages in light of clearer ones
  - Don't build on isolated or obscure verses
  - Use cross-references

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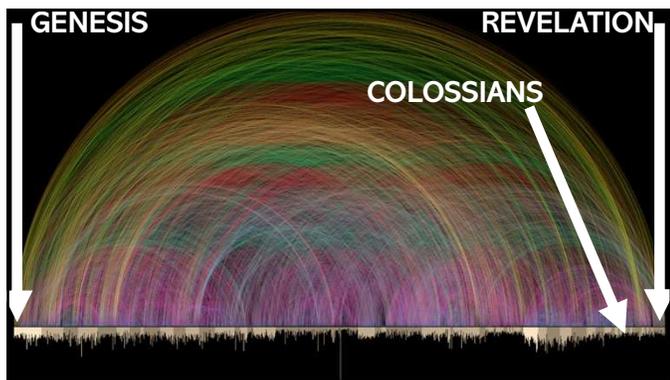
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**Hermeneutics**

- 1) Never read a verse.
  - Pulling a verse out of its context is problematic
  - Always read the context
- 2) Never read a commentary
  - read 5
- 3) Always begin with Scripture
  - The best commentary on Scripture is Scripture

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Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them...The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. (Psalm 111:2,10)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16)

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**Principles of Hermeneutics**

- *Context interprets Scripture*
- *Scripture interprets Scripture.*
- *Author's intent Interprets Scripture*
  - *Written for us-not to us*
  - *Ask: What did it originally mean*
  - *Ask Big-Picture Questions to know God*
  - *Notice truths within the letter*

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*"I study my Bible as I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest may fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf."*

-Martin Luther

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**The DWELL Method**

- **Discover** ...Who's writing? Who's it to? What's the situation?
- **Wonder** ...Ask questions. "What does this mean? Why would Paul say that?"
- **Examine** ...Look for repeated words, themes, structure.
- **Link** ...Connect what you're reading to other parts of the Bible. footnotes, cross-references, and concordance - Scripture interprets Scripture.
- **Live** ..."How does God want me to live because of what I've just read?"

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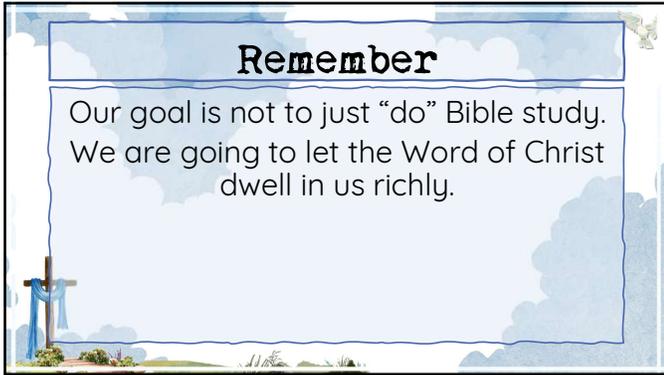
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**Remember**

Our goal is not to just “do” Bible study.  
We are going to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly.

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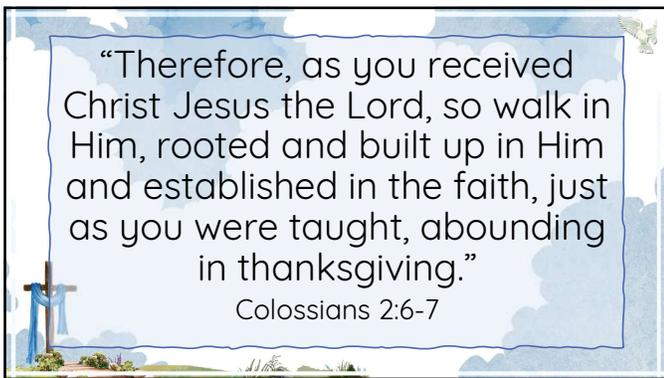
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“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”  
Colossians 2:6-7

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“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord...”	...so walk in Him...	rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught...	... abounding in thanksgiving.”
Ex. 12:1-2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.” Ex. 12:12-13 “For I will pass through the land of Egypt... and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.”	Ex 13:21 “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud... and by night in a pillar of fire.” Ex. 15:13 “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed.”	Ex 15:26 “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God... I am the LORD, your healer.” Ex 16:4 “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you... that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.”	Ex 15:1-2 “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously... The LORD is my strength and my song.”

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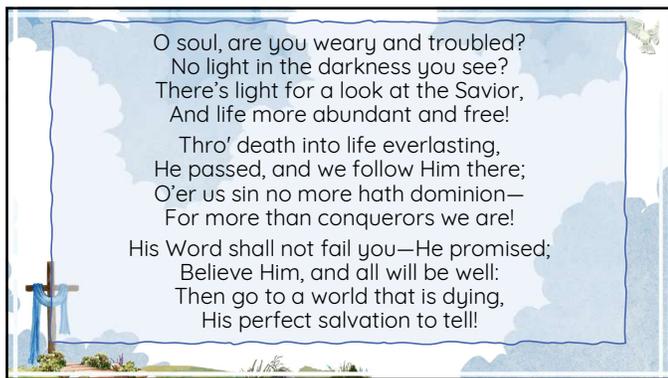
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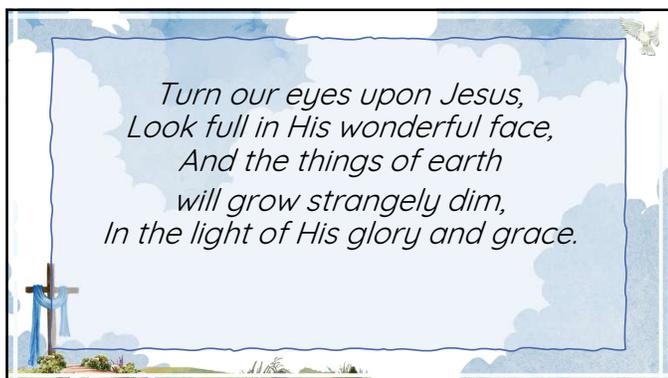
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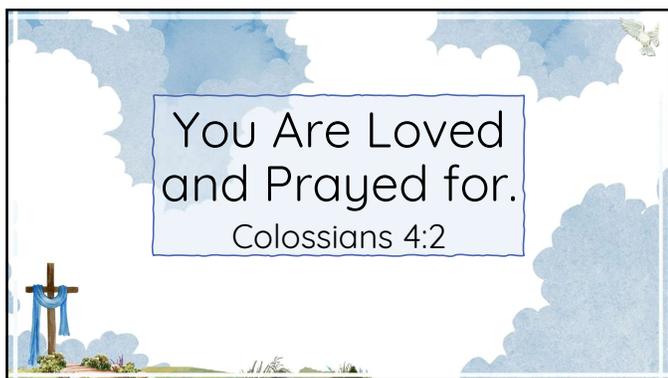
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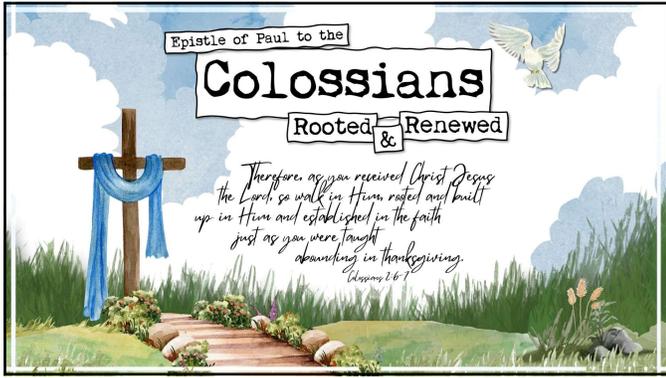
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