

# Designed for Growth

A SERIES ON SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

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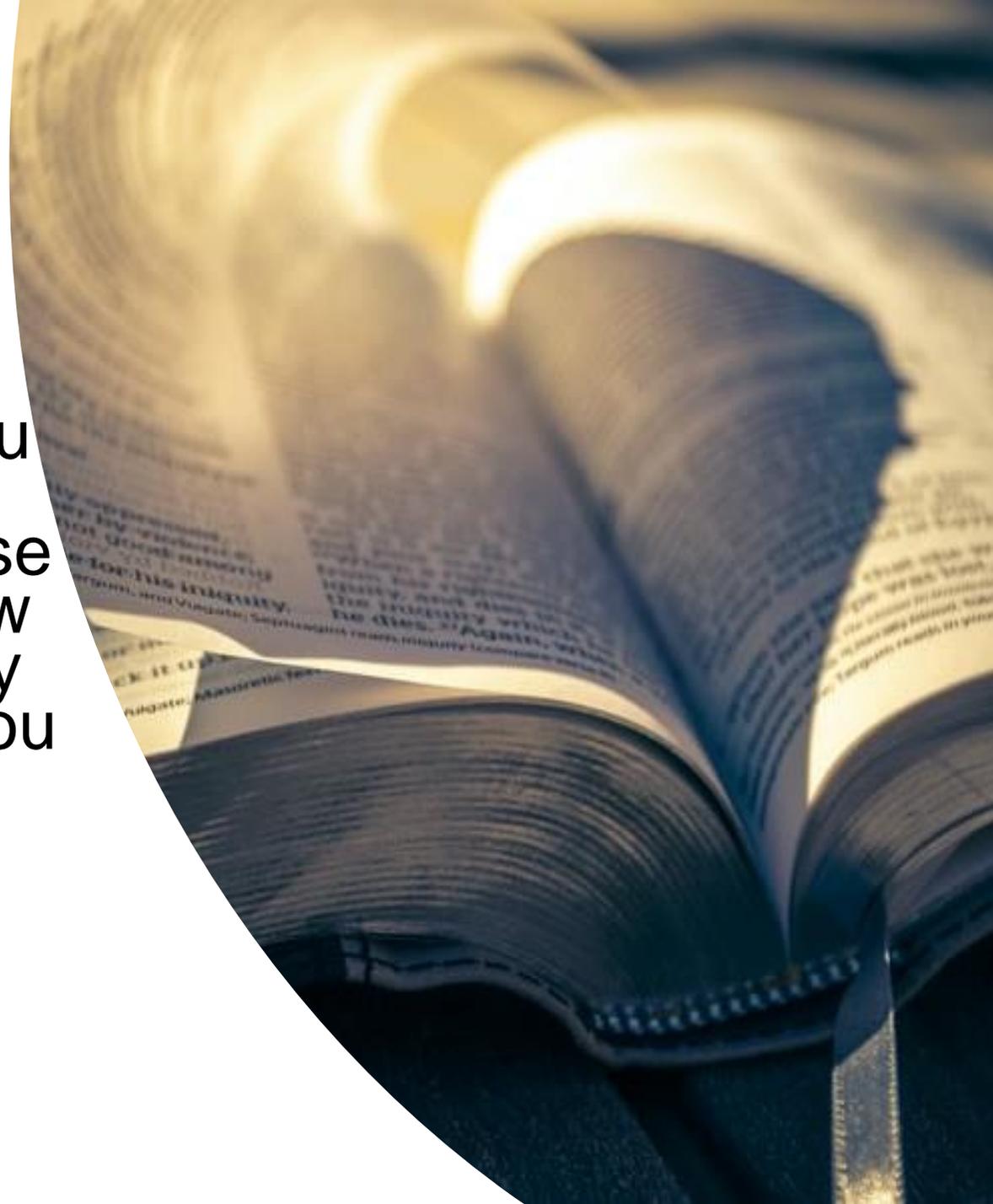
Growing  
Through  
**GOD'S WORD**

A Spiritual Discipline

# Scripture is *Inspired* by God

## **2 Timothy 3:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



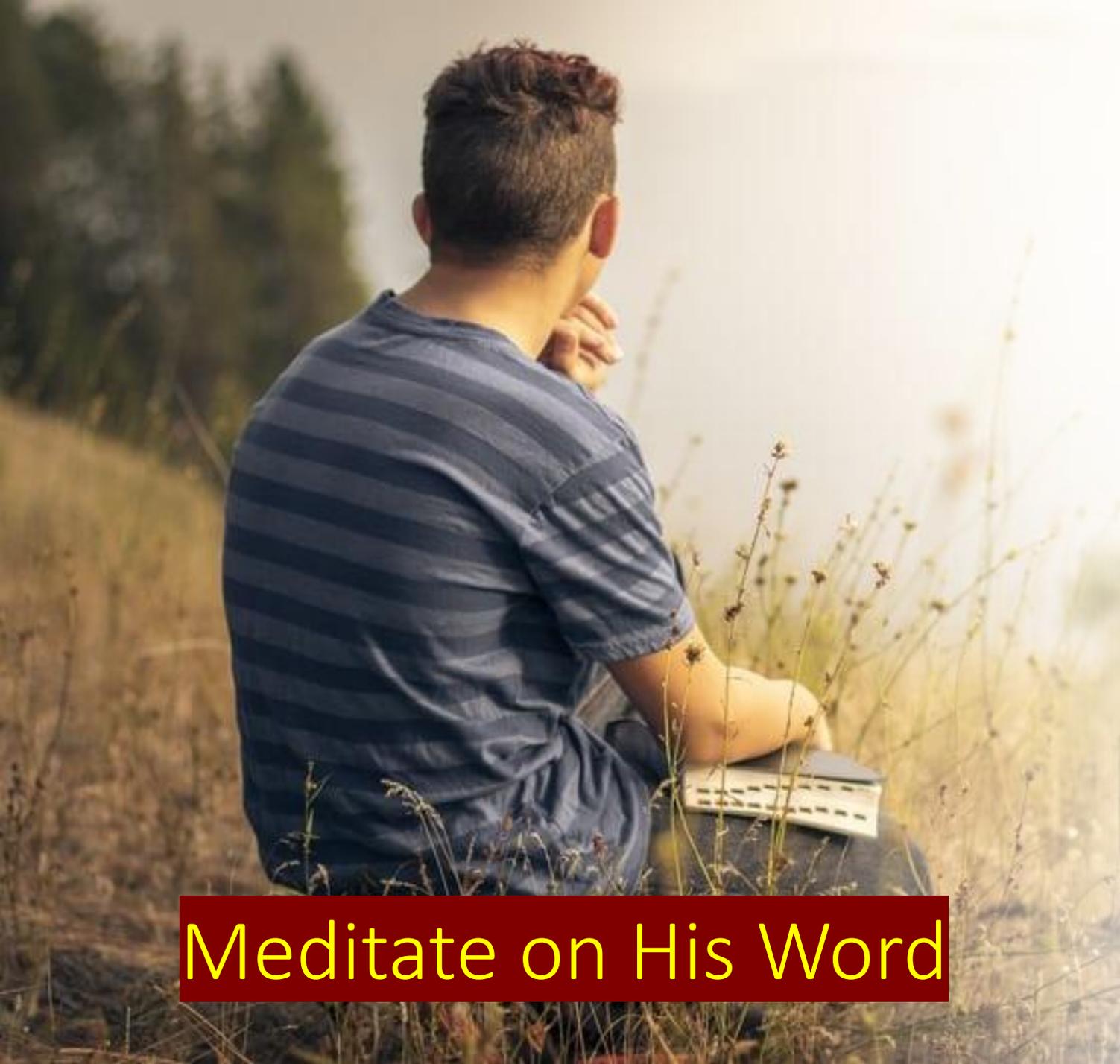
Scripture is *Living* and *Active*

**Hebrews 4:12** <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living 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.





Scripture is *God's Word* to us



Meditate on His Word

**Psalm 119:97-101** <sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. <sup>98</sup> Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. <sup>100</sup> I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. <sup>101</sup> I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.

# Psalm 119:102-105

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

A **Lamp** onto our Feet

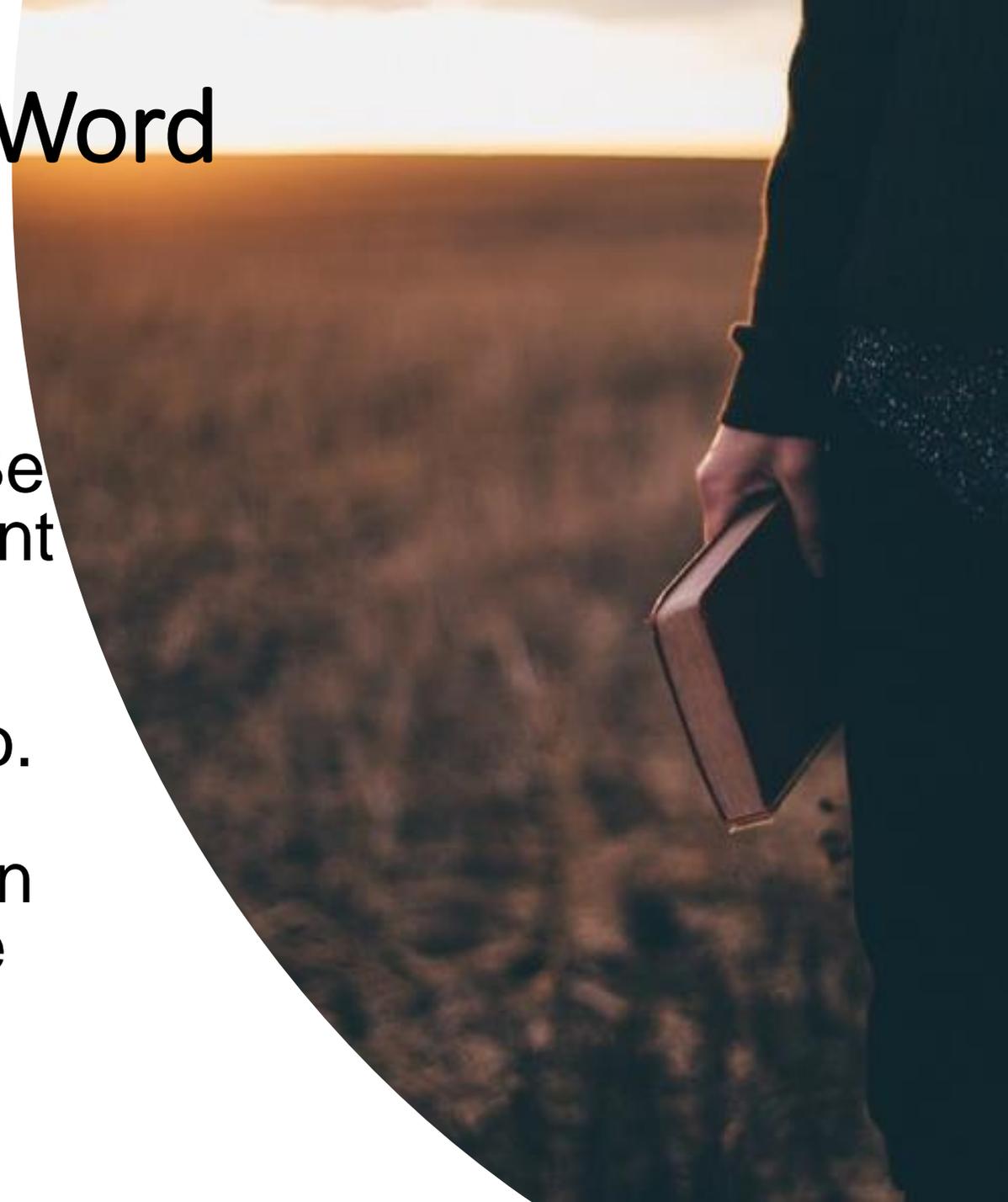


# Obey and Apply His Word

## Joshua 1:7-8

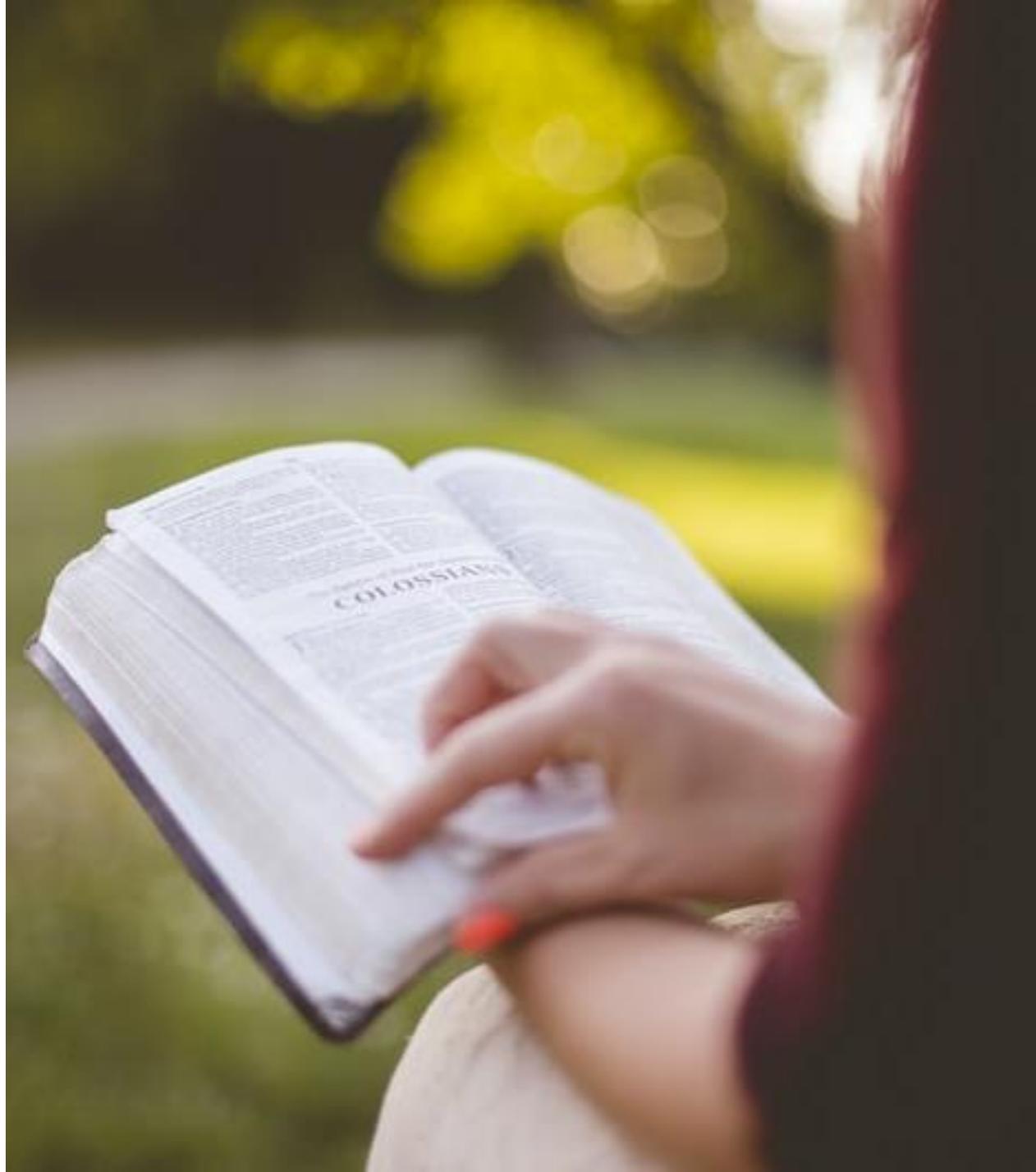
<sup>7</sup> Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

<sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.



# Listen and Act

**James 1:21-23** <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror





## Listen and Act

**James 1:24-25** <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-- he will be blessed in what he does.



**KNOW  
THE WORD OF  
GOD**

**Hermeneutics**

*The Study of Interpretation*



# Exegesis vs. Eisegesis: *The Source of Meaning*





*Growing* through God's Word