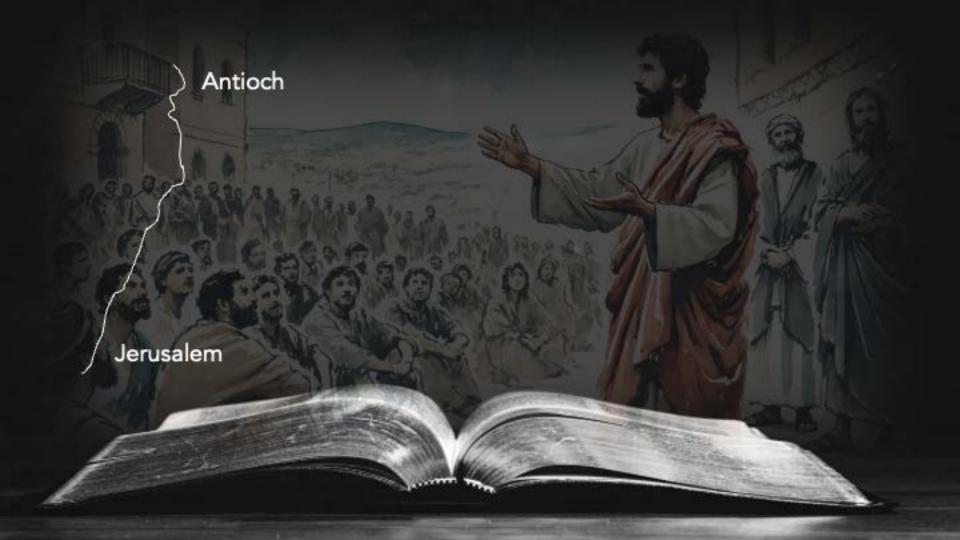




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<sup>1</sup> Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved."



who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said,
"The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."





<sup>6</sup>The apostles and elders met to consider this question.



<sup>7</sup> After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe.



- <sup>8</sup> God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us.
- 9 He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.



No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."



"Brothers," he said, "listen to me.
14 Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles.



15 The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

[Amos 9:11-12]



16 "'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,



<sup>17</sup> that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things' — <sup>18</sup> things known from long ago.



<sup>19</sup> "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.



<sup>20</sup> Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood.



<sup>21</sup> For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."





<sup>28</sup> It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements:



<sup>29</sup> You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell.



<sup>...31</sup> The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message.







## Know the Word

Handle the Word Correctly

#### 2 TIMOTHY 2

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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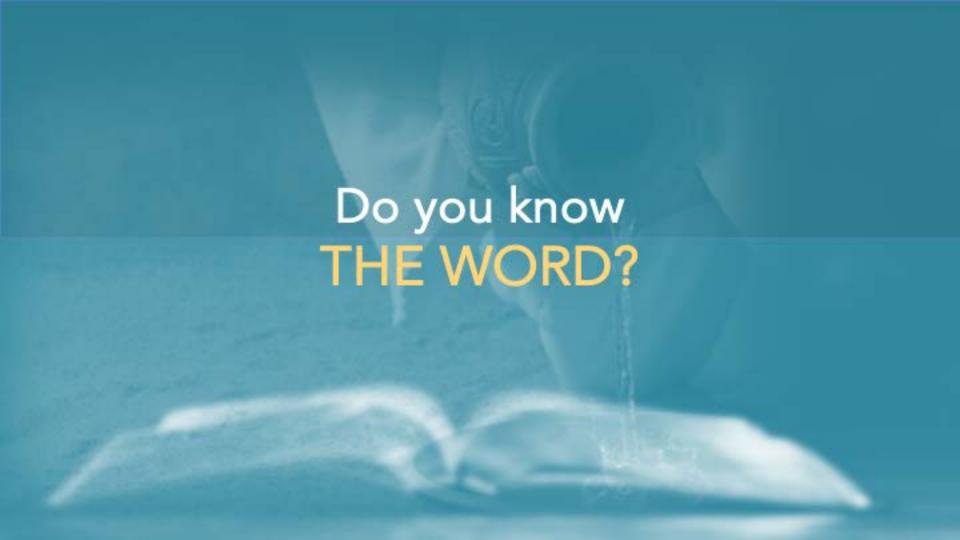
<sup>16</sup> Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

#### 2 TIMOTHY 2

<sup>17</sup> Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

<sup>18</sup> who have departed from the truth.

They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.



## HERMENEUTICS

The study and method of interpreting texts.

## HELLO!

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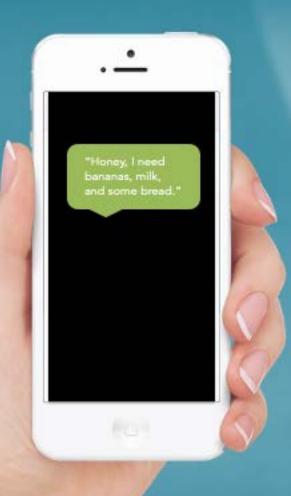
What does it mean to you?

### **ALLEGORICAL**

What does it represent?

### **GRAMMATICAL-HISTORICAL**

What does the text say and mean in its original context? What is the internal evidence?



"Honey, I need bananas, milk, and some bread."



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**SECOND CONVICTION** 

## Trust the Word

Rely on the Word Wholeheartedly

<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, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

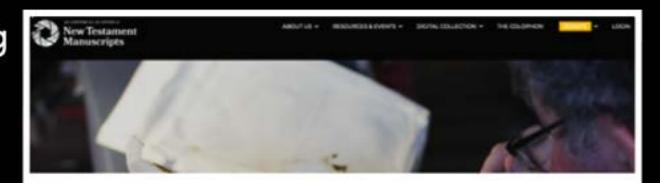
<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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### Live the Word

Practice the Word Courageously

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

<sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.







