

EAT THIS'S BOOK

SERIES OVERVIEW

Week 1 | What is the Bible and why does it matter?

Week 2 | Can the Bible be trusted?

Week 3 | How to read it?

Week 4 | *"Straight Outta Context"*

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE?

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MISREADING THE BIBLE

1. If we don't actually read it

“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**

MISREADING THE BIBLE

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2. If we read without recognizing context

RECOGNIZING CONTEXT

“Video of US
Teen Taunting
Native
American
Goes Viral”
-BBC



“The MAGA boys are racist brats”
-[truthout.org](https://www.truthout.org)

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4. We inappropriately personalize

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE ON ITS TERMS

1. Read the Bible as it was written

“The practice of of dividing the Bible in numbered chapters and verses...gives the impression that the Bible is a collection of thousands of self-contained sentences and phrases that can be picked out or combined arbitrarily” | **Eugene Peterson**

“Its important to know that chapter and verse divisions were added to the Bible much later to help readers find particular sections. They were never intended to break the Bible up into smaller, more readable parts, nor is this helpful. When we approach the Bible this way, we very often miss the meaning both the human author and the divine Author intended.” | *Practical Guide to Culture*

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REMEMBER THE STORY



- Israel (OT)
- Jesus (NT)
- Gods Redemptive Plan

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RECOGNIZE THE CONTEXT

- Questions to Ask:
 - *"who wrote this and why?"*
 - *"to whom was the author writing to?"*
 - *"who is this about?"*
 - *"when did it happen?"*
 - *"what was the historical situation around the book?"*
 - *"How does it fit in the overall history of God's redemptive purpose and plan?"*

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



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NEVER READ A BIBLE VERSE

Turn to Philippians 4:10-15

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE ON ITS TERMS

1. Read the Bible as it was written
2. Approach with an intentional process

PRAAY

- Focus
- Peace
- Guidance
- Patience
- Humility
- Wonder

READ

1. **Highlight** | key sentences
2. **Underline** | important words
3. **Circle** | what sticks out to you

ASK

Take note of questions:

- Context
- Wording
- Meaning

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SUMMARIZE

- What is the author saying?
- What might God be saying?
- What's the overall meaning?

DISCOVER

- Insight about God?
- Insight about Humanity?

RESPOND

- Insight on your own life?
- Ways to respond:
 - Confession
 - Gratitude
 - Praise

READING THE BIBLE

1. **Pray** | "God focus my heart and mind..."
2. **Read** | Highlight, Underline, Circle
3. **Ask** | Any Questions?
4. **Summarize** | What's it saying?
5. **Discover** | God, Humanity, the World
6. **Respond** | "God, how should I respond?"

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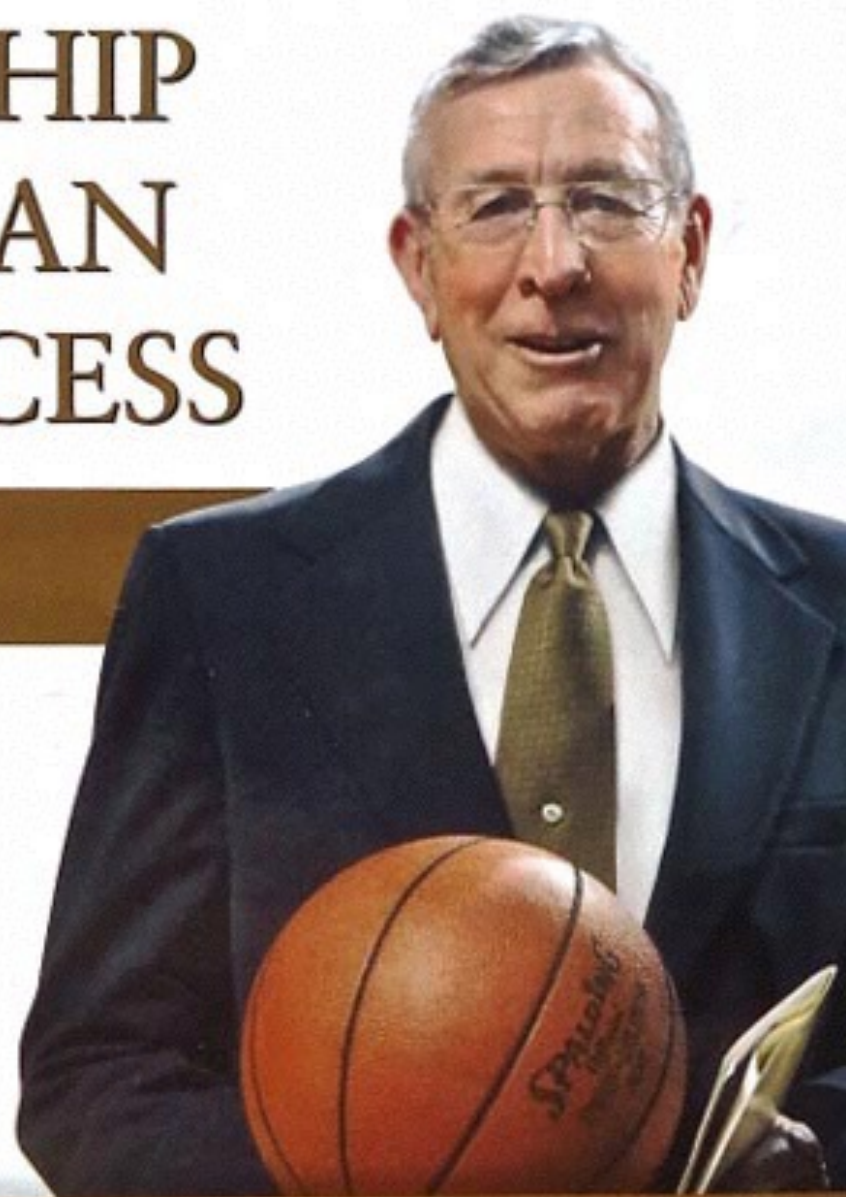
—STEPHEN R. COVEY, author, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

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“I would spend almost as much time planning a practice as conducting it. Everything was planned out each day... Failing to prepare is preparing to fail”

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HAVE A PLAN

1. Have a schedule

AM		Workout @ CFCM 7 – 8am	Workout @ CFCM 7 – 8am	Workout @ CFCM 7 – 8am		Workout @ CFCM 7 – 8am
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AM	Church Main Sanctuary 8:30 – 10am		Prayer & Scrip, 8:30am			Time w/ God, 9am
AM		Visit [REDACTED] 9:30 – 10:30am	OVERFLOW Family Meeting 9:30 – 11:30am		Time w/God @ Park 9:30 – 10:15am	
AM	Sunday Youth Gathering 10:30am – 12:30pm	Time w/God @ Park 10:30 – 11:30am		Prayer & Scr, 10:15am	Teaching Prep Study & Commentary 10:45am – 12pm	Check-in Meeting HS 10:45 – 11:45am
						Sermon Outline 10am – 12pm

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2. Make realistic goals

REALISTIC GOALS

“Don't let not being able to do what is optimal, keep you from doing what is beneficial” | **Anonymous**

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5. Remember the WHY

