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THERE and THEN. HERE and NOW.

1 Corinthians 10:11, Romans 15:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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The WORD of GOD

1. Warning (1 Cor 10:11)

2. To instruct, to encourage and give us hope (Romans 15:4)

3. God inspired/breathe, teach, admonish, correct, train and equip (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Being with Jesus (BWJ)

Q1 : Joshua, Judges

Q2 : Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians, Philemon

Q3 : Minor Prophets (Pre-Exilic), 1-3 John

Q4 : 1-2 Peter, Jude, Hebrew

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NAME:

Reading the WORD well

"A text without a context is a pretext for a proof text." D.A. Carson



Reading the WORD well

" that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

3 John 1:2

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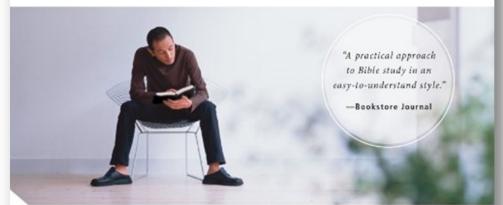
1. TECHNICAL : EXEGESIS (out from) EISEGESIS (into)

HERMENEUTIC Art and science of interpretation

2. SKILL (handle well) and SPIRIT dependent

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What was the political, religious and social context there and then ?

EXTERNAL : Pressure, Persecution, Suffering

1 Peter : Encouragement to stand firm in suffering and persecution

Hebrew : Don't turn your back on JESUS Better promises in JESUS and NEW COVENANT

INTERNAL:

- Shallow faith (Hebrew 4:11-14) and Apostasy (Hebrew 6:4-6)
- False teachers and teaching (2 Peter 2:1-2; Jude 3-4)



HERE AND NOW

- What are the perceived threats to your FAITH today ?
- 2. What is the GREATER threat to our faith today, the EXTERNAL and/or INTERNAL ?

HERE AND NOW

EXTERNAL threats: We <u>don't have</u> the power to control/decide.

INTERNAL threats: We <u>do have</u> the power to do something about it.

CONCLUSION

1. Keep our eyes on Jesus and many who have gone ahead of us (Heb 12:1-2) 2. Know our inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5) 3. God is able to keep us (Jude 24)