

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

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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/breathed, 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



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

Reading the WORD well

1. TECHNICAL :

EXEGESIS (out from)

EISEGESIS (into)

HERMENEUTIC

Art and science of interpretation

2. SKILL (handle well) and SPIRIT dependent

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THERE AND THEN 1-2 Peter, Jude, Hebrew

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

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EXTERNAL :
Pressure, Persecution, Suffering

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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

THERE AND THEN 1-2 Peter, Jude, Hebrew

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

- 1. 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 don't have the power to control/decide.

INTERNAL threats: We do have 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)**