



Leading Bible Study I

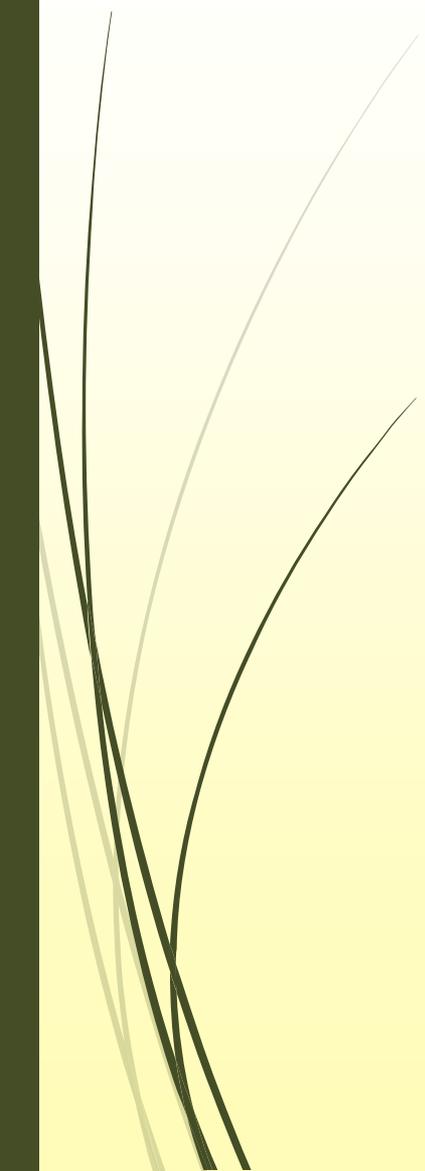
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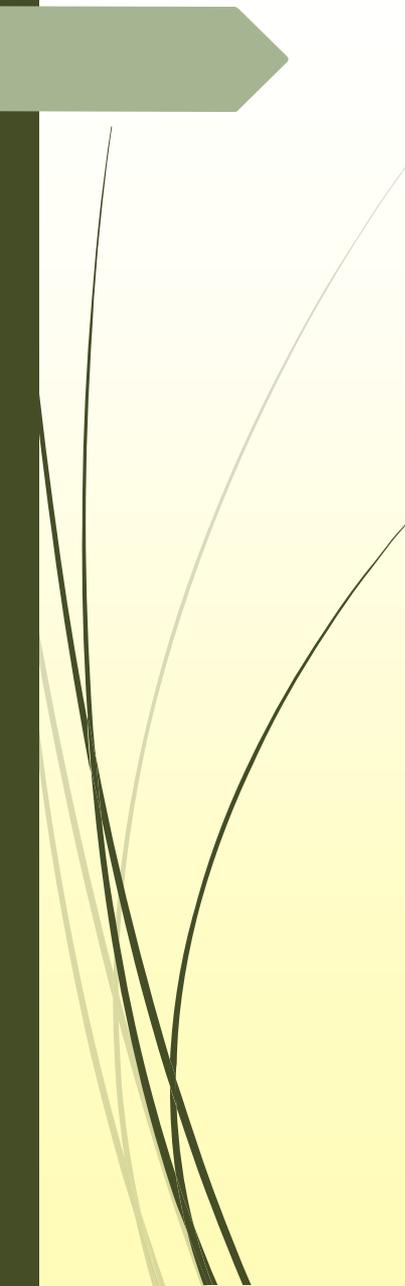
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Your Commitment



1. Growing in reading, understanding and obeying the Word
2. Growing through regular attendance in fellowship, Sunday School, Worship, & other training opportunities
3. Being an example of a disciple in words & conducts
4. Being disciplined in preparation
 - a) Prepare for pre-study by making text outline & observation of the passage
 - b) Attend pre-studies
 - c) If a leader is absent from a pre-study, he/she will not lead the particular study.
5. Pray regularly for group members & fellow leaders
6. Leaders & esp. Pre-study leaders:
 - a) Make text & contextual outlines & observations
 - b) Study commentary
 - c) Formulate questions
 - d) If possible, type out your notes

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Your Commitment - Summary

- Be **real/genuine** in your faith
- Be a **humble learner**
- Be **diligent** in preparation
- Be **prayerful** as a leader

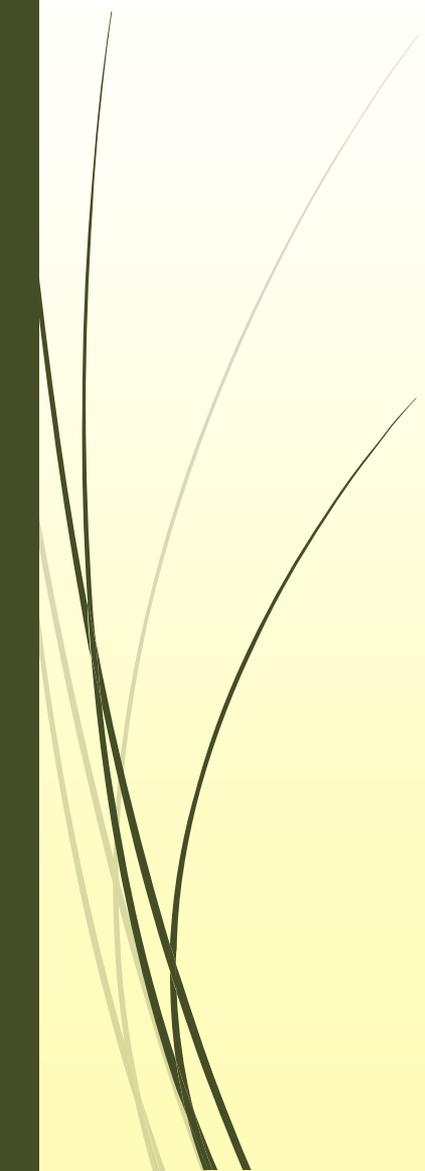


Upcoming Sessions

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1/12/19	Experience Methods Studying the Bible <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifestyle Bible Study• Inductive Bible Study Method
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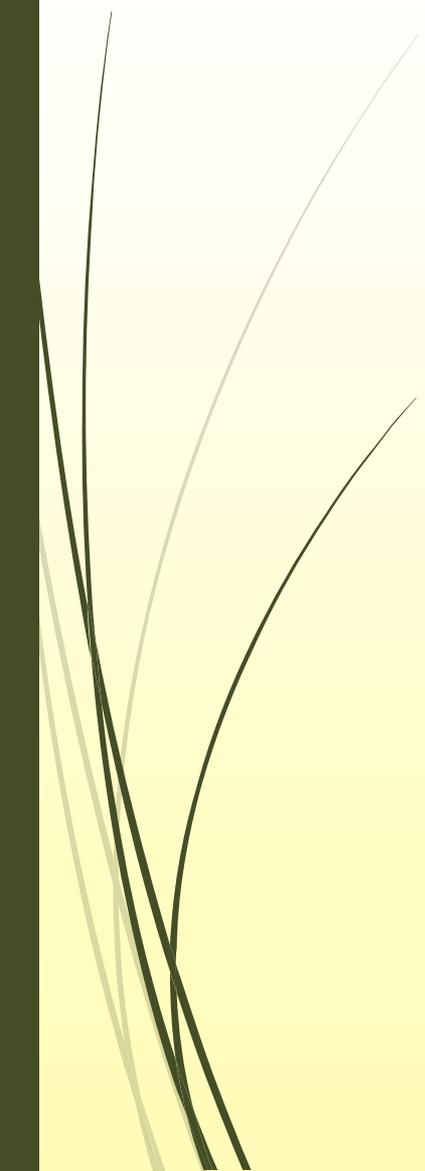


Methods of Bible Study

- Inductive - read the text and draw conclusions directly from the text itself says
 - Deductive - begins from thought/teaching, the leader uses a number of scripture verses and examples to support that conclusion. Most sermons and Bible studies are conducted this way.
 - Lifestyle/Meditative – Read the passage and make it personal
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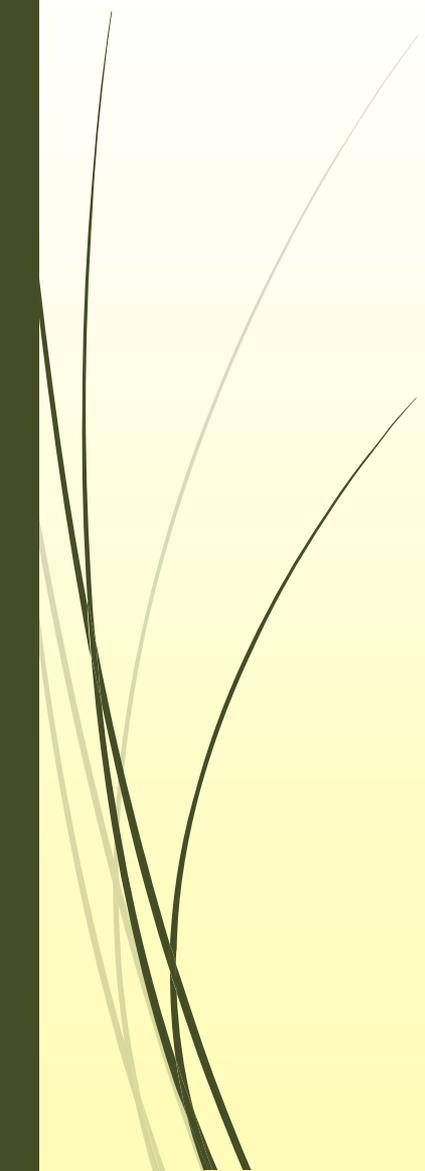


Types of Bible Study

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- Book
 - Topical
 - Word
 - Character
 - Chronological



Lifestyle



- **Lectio Divina** (Latin for *divine reading*)
 - Intended to promote communion with God, letting God speak through the Word.
 - It does not study Scripture as texts but as living.
 - 4 steps:
 - *Read – quiet down, invite the Holy Spirit to speak, attentive reading slowly & repeatedly*
 - *Meditate – repeat a verse or phrase, ponder & wait for the Holy Spirit to illuminate*
 - *Pray – speak to God in a loving conversation & hear Him through the Word*
 - *Contemplate – prayer in silence, beyond speech*



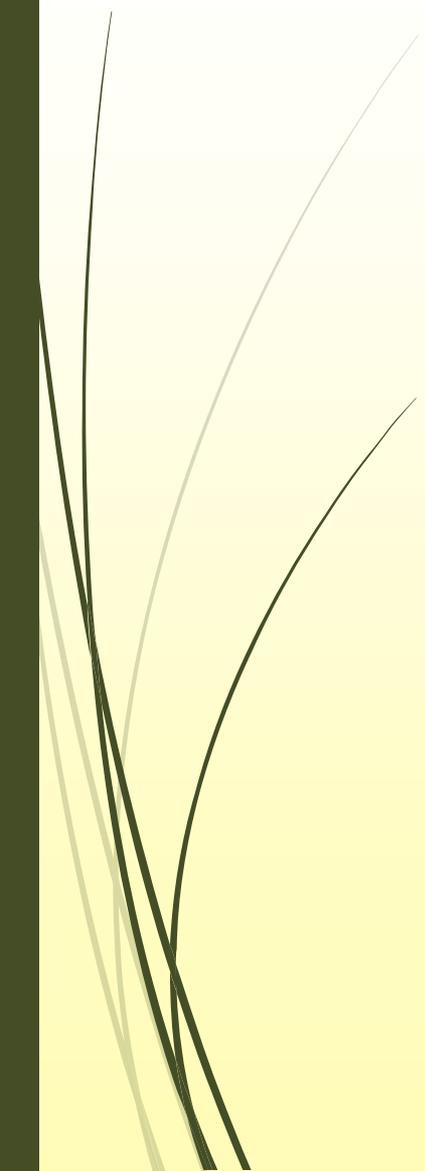
Lifestyle

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- A = Abide in Christ (Spend time in silence focusing on God; offer him your heart & mind during this formation time)
- E = Examine (Using your senses, take in the scripture. Visualize the situation; Is there any thing you could smell, any thing you could touch, anything you could hear?)
- I = I (Personalize scripture by putting your name in it & read it out loud that way)
- O = Open heart (After reading scripture, sit in God's presence with an open your heart allowing God's Spirit to speak and reveal what he chooses to say to you)
- U = Use It (How were you affected by this scripture today? What did you hear in the heavenly Whisper? Pray back your response to God.)



Lifestyle



- Read Genesis 12: 1-8 slowly
- Recite/reflect word or phrase in silence
- Read the passage again. Substitute “He/him” to “I/me”, “Abram” to “your name”, other names into people you know, “they” to “we”, etc.
- Read again with the purpose using all your senses. Visualize the situation. What do you hear, smell, taste, see?
- Read again with the purpose of experiencing Christ. What is He prompting you to do/be?



Potential Dangers of Deductive & Lifestyle

- Reading into the Word, inject own ideas, meanings (eisegesis, not exegesis)
- Neglect main thrust/theme of the passage
- Leave out portions of passage
- Over Magnification
- Taking passage out of context
- Subjective interpretation/Misinterpretation



Examples of Misinterpretation

► Salvation by work - Hebrews 6:5-7

- ⁵ “who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶ and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. ⁷ Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.”
- Context: Heb 6:10 (God will not forget), Heb 6:13-20 (Certainty of God's promise)
- Reality of security – Jn 10:28-30; Rm 8:29-39; I Cor 3:15; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30; Jud 24
- Corrective influence – Prov 3:12; Heb 12:6; Rev 3:19; Ps 89:31-32; I Cor 11:29-30; Heb 12:5-11
- Nominal Christians – Lk 6:45-47; Mt 25:31-46; Mt 7:13-23; Mt 13:36-43



Examples of Misinterpretation

- ▶ OK to drink alcohol – I Tim 5:23
 - ▶ “Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”
- ▶ Women should not wear pants - Deuteronomy 22:5
 - ▶ “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.
- ▶ Mormons doctrine that man can become divine – Ps 82:6
 - ▶ “I said, ‘You are “gods”;
you are all sons of the Most High.’
 - ▶ Read Ps 82 in context



Inductive

- 1-Observation-what does the Bible say?
- 2-Interpretation-What does the Bible mean?
- 3-Application-How does this biblical truth apply to my life, or how is this passage relevant today?

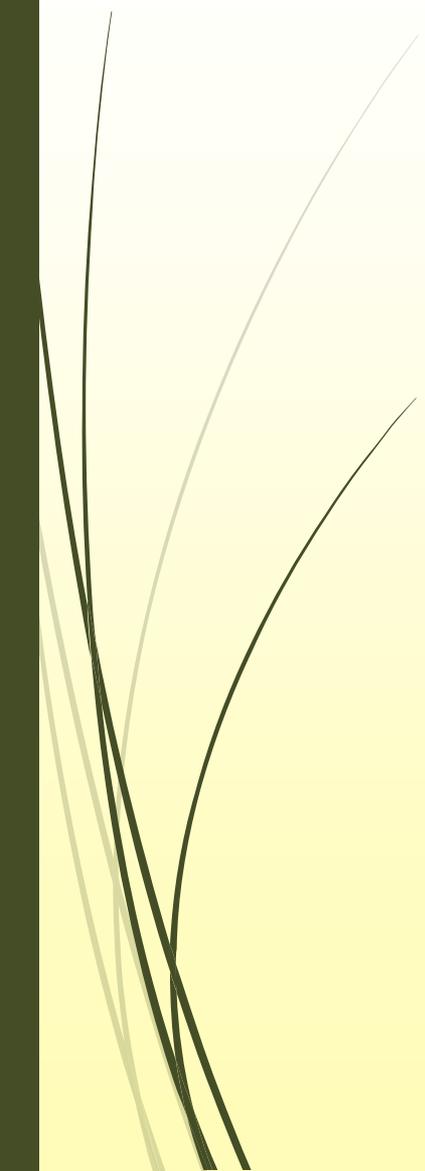


Preparation

- When do you prepare
- Overview of the book
 - NT/OT Survey
 - Bible Dictionary
- 1. Start by prayer & outlining the text
- 2. Make observations
- 3. Getting answers to questions
 - Commentaries/expositions
 - Bible Dictionaries
 - Pre-study



Preparation



4. Let the text speak to you for a period of time
5. Apply the new insights in your daily life
6. Writing guiding questions
7. Pray



Outlining

➤ Main Theme

I. Major point 1

A. Sub-point 1

1. Sub-subpoint 1
2. Sub-subpoint 2

B. Sub-point 2

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2. Sub-subpoint 2

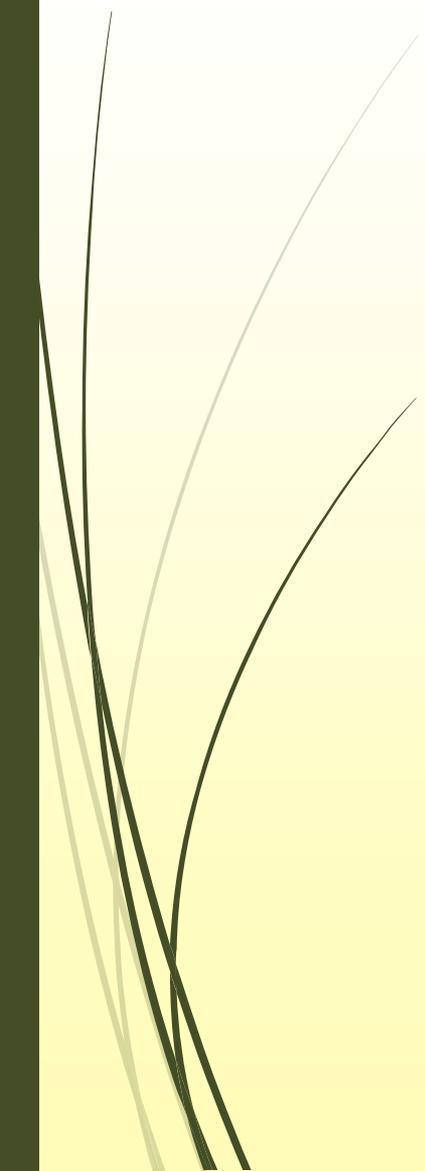
II. Major point 2

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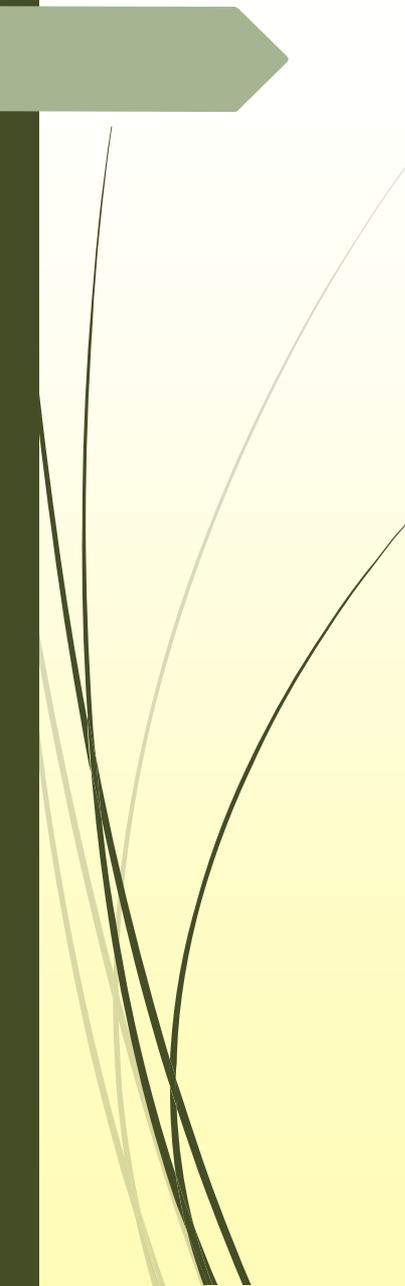
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Observations



- How do points connect?
- Key Words – repeated, emphasized
- Commands/Advices/Warnings/Blessings
- Reasons/Cause & effect
- Comparison/contrasts/similarities
- Illustrations
- Lists
- Questions
- Connectors – Therefore, but, and, if, however...

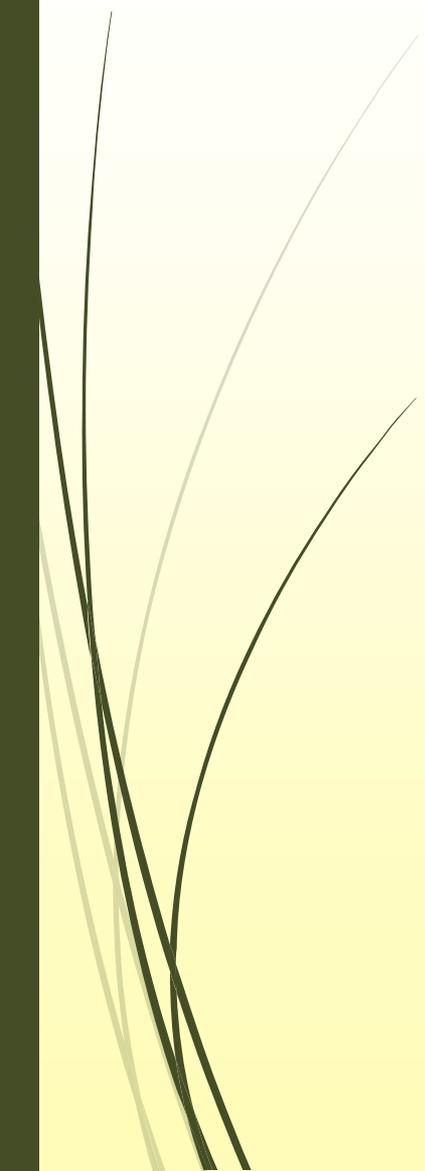
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Potential Danger of Inductive Study

- Intellectualization
- Mechanical
- Lacking in personal relationship with God
- Lacking in application
- Needs humility (learner vs. leader)
- Needs obedience – letting Scriptures shape us



Joshua 1:8

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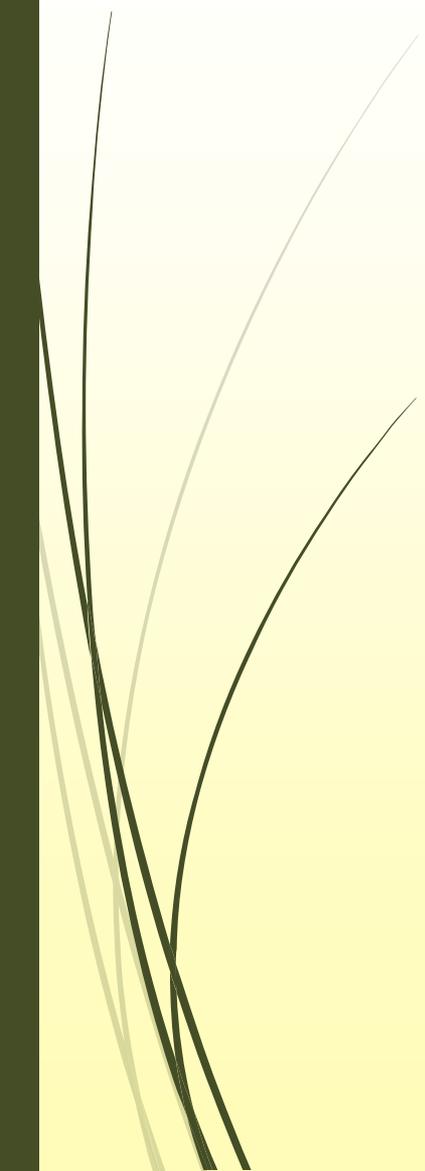


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Outline – Romans 8:12-17

- **12** Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. **13** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
- **14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.^[a] And by him we cry, “Abba,^[b] Father.” **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



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Homework

- Outline
 - Dan 1:3-21
 - Dan 2:12-30



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