

## WELCOME

### Our Mission is ONE REAL PASSION

1. Each **ONE** Matters
2. Be **REAL**
3. Follow the **PASSION** of Jesus

### Our Goal is to

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

**New to Foothills?** Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011**, or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

**Baptism** - One important step in your faith journey is baptism. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

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## ONGOING/UPCOMING

- **MomCo** - [Foothills Moms Community- MomCo - Foothills Church](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **MOMENTUM:** Find out more here [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)
- **NEW! CHURCH CENTER App** – Watch sermons live, follow along with the message and take notes, join a group, register for upcoming events, chat with your small group. The app is available in the App Store or Google Play -- search for *Foothills Christian Church*
- **Host the Adsit Famly** – [Adsit Home Stays - Foothills Church](#)
- **Serving Opportunities:** Fill out a **CONNECT** card or visit the **CONNECTION BOOTH** in the Atrium
  - **FH Kids** – Love kids? Prefer not to teach? Perfect. We have super easy, low-prep roles like Crew Guides and helpers that make a huge difference.
  - **Production** – If you can push a button, we can teach you the rest! Whether you are tech-savvy or brand new, this behind-the-scenes team has a spot for you.
  - **Worship** – If you sing or play, come audition! Our leaders will coach, support, and help you grow.
  - **Sunday Breakfast Team** - Love to cook? We are looking for someone to provide breakfast once a month for the Sunday Morning volunteers -- a fun and creative way to serve your church community.
- **Parents' Night Out** – February 13, 6-8 pm. **DROP OFF YOUR KIDDOS** for Movie & Pizza Night – ages 3 months – 11 years; then go out and have some fun! Includes crafts & bounce house. [RSVP required.](#)
- **Parent's Night Out Volunteers Needed:** For more info or to sign up: [Parent's Night Out Volunteer Form - Foothills Church](#)
- **Missions Bake Sale** – Sunday, February 8 after service. Stock up on Super Bowl-ready snacks or Valentine's treats. Proceeds go to support **Casa de Fe (mission partners in Ecuador)**

# The Message: It's Just A Book . . . Unless It's Not

Pastor Trent Renner

## SERIES IN REVIEW

### Message #1

- How did we get the Bible
- God to Man—Man to Paper—Paper to Heart
- Inspiration—Revelation—Illumination
- 7 rules of interpreting Scripture

### Message #2

- Ask, "Is this God's design or man's distortion?"
- Practice Exegesis vs Isegesis
- Begin and Break and End in His Word
- God wants you back...**"Begin Again"**

### Message #3

- Driving question: Why is there an Old & New Testament?
- Movements: Abraham, Moses, Sinai Covenant, Kings, Prophets, Silence, Jesus
- Old Testament: SORROW looks back, WORRY looks around, FAITH looks ahead
- New Testament: GRATITUDE looks back, PREPARATION looks around, and FAITH looks ahead

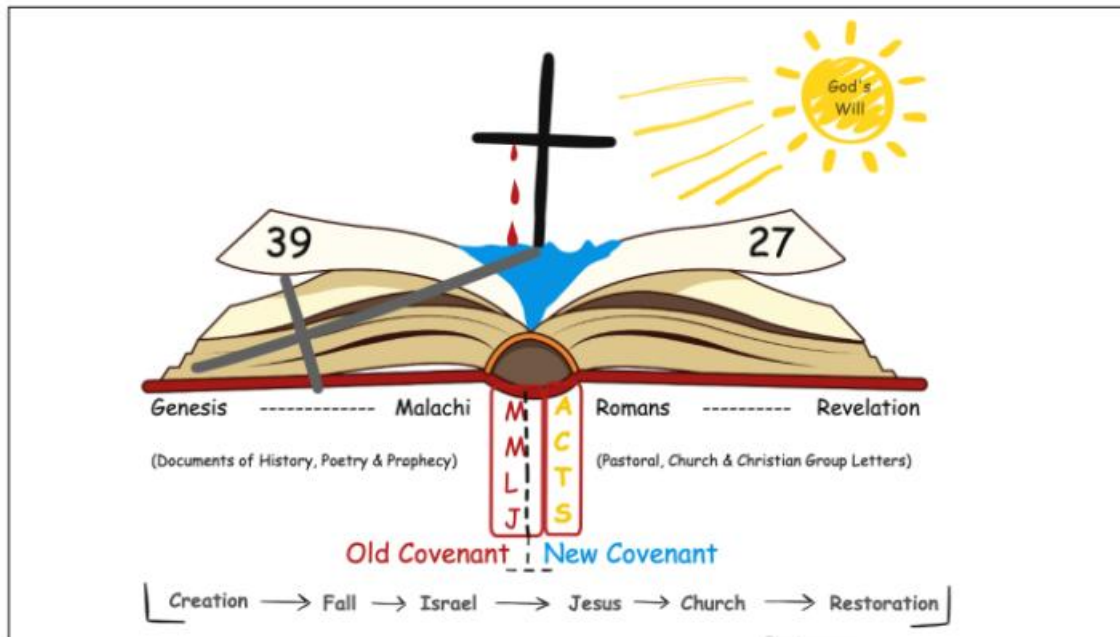
## TODAY'S MESSAGE (#4): The Use of the Book of "Acts of the Holy Spirit"

1. The Epistles are to Christians
2. Describes the Gospel addressed to non-Christians
3. Where we find Evangelism models
4. Never use commands given to people ALREADY Christian on how to become Christian
5. Two kinds of people addressed in the New Testament
  - A. Not in Christ
  - B. Already in Christ (SEE HANDOUT)

## BIBLE FACTS

- **Old Testament = old covenant – 39 Books**
  - Genesis to Malachi
  - Documents of History, Poetry & Prophecy
  - Covers Creation, the Fall, and Israel
- **New Testament = new covenant – 27 Books**
  - Gospels, Acts, Romans to Revelation

- Pastoral, Church & Christian Group letters
- From Jesus, formation of the Church, to Restoration



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## Life Group Questions Week of 01/25/2026 (Simplified Bible)

**BIG IDEA:** Understand the simplified overview of the whole Bible.

### PRIMER TO READ ALOUD:

The Bible is not nearly as “deep” as the educational system and institutional religion teach it to be. The Bible is RELATIONAL. The **Word of God** is simply INSPIRATION—REVELATION—ILLUMINATION, or, more easily understood, God to People, People to Paper, Paper to Heart.

### The 6 phases of God’s will / story are:

1. Creation
2. The Fall
3. Israel
4. Jesus
5. The Church
6. Restoration/New Creation

Realizing the Bible is a very simple library of 66 books is the motivation needed to grow as a disciple of Jesus. Disciple is best defined as “learner!”

Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and point out where it uses the word “disciple.” Are you a disciple of God’s Word? Are you making disciples?

### ICE BREAKERS

1. Please tell the “Who-What-When-Where” story regarding your first encounter with a Bible.
2. What is your favorite and not-so-favorite thing about the Bible?

### ACADEMIC QUESTIONS

1. Trent drew an **image of the Bible** on the big screen this past weekend. Try to name the different parts of the image that was drawn. Repeat the best you can why it is recommended not to use Romans to Revelation to teach people how to be saved in Jesus.
2. Read the following passages and discuss how the verses personally apply to your lives. **Genesis 18:17-19, Proverbs 16:17-21, John 1:1-5, Acts 2:37-47, Matthew 6:9-15.**
3. Flip through as many of the New Testament books as you can and identify which books/letters are Historical, Pastoral, Church, or Christian Group focused
  - **4 Pastoral books:** 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon
  - **9 “Church” books all written by Paul:** 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Colossians, Philippians, Ephesians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Corinthians, and Romans
  - **9 Christian-Group books:** Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3rd John, Revelation
  - **5 Historical books:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts

### PERSONAL CONNECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Share some ideas with one another about whether or not you journal while reading God’s Word. It is said that the difference between reading and studying God’s word is simply the use of pen and paper.
2. Discuss around the circle your personal commitments to read the Bible regularly. Is there anything we can do as a group to help prod each other on?

### GUIDING VERSE REFLECTION

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (NLT)*

**Discuss:** Anyone want to volunteer a response regarding to how the Scripture made you realize what is wrong in your life? How about it teaching you to do what is right in your life?

### APPLICATION

American culture is actually hungry and growing in its desire for spiritual discussions. This same culture is more open to learning about God. What a time to honor the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20). Who are you encountering regularly and planning to have more spiritual discussions with?

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Pray for each other's prayer requests. Also: Pray for one another to grow in your understanding of the simplicity of the Bible, grow in your desire to spend more time reading and applying it to your lives, and go out into the world making disciples of people!