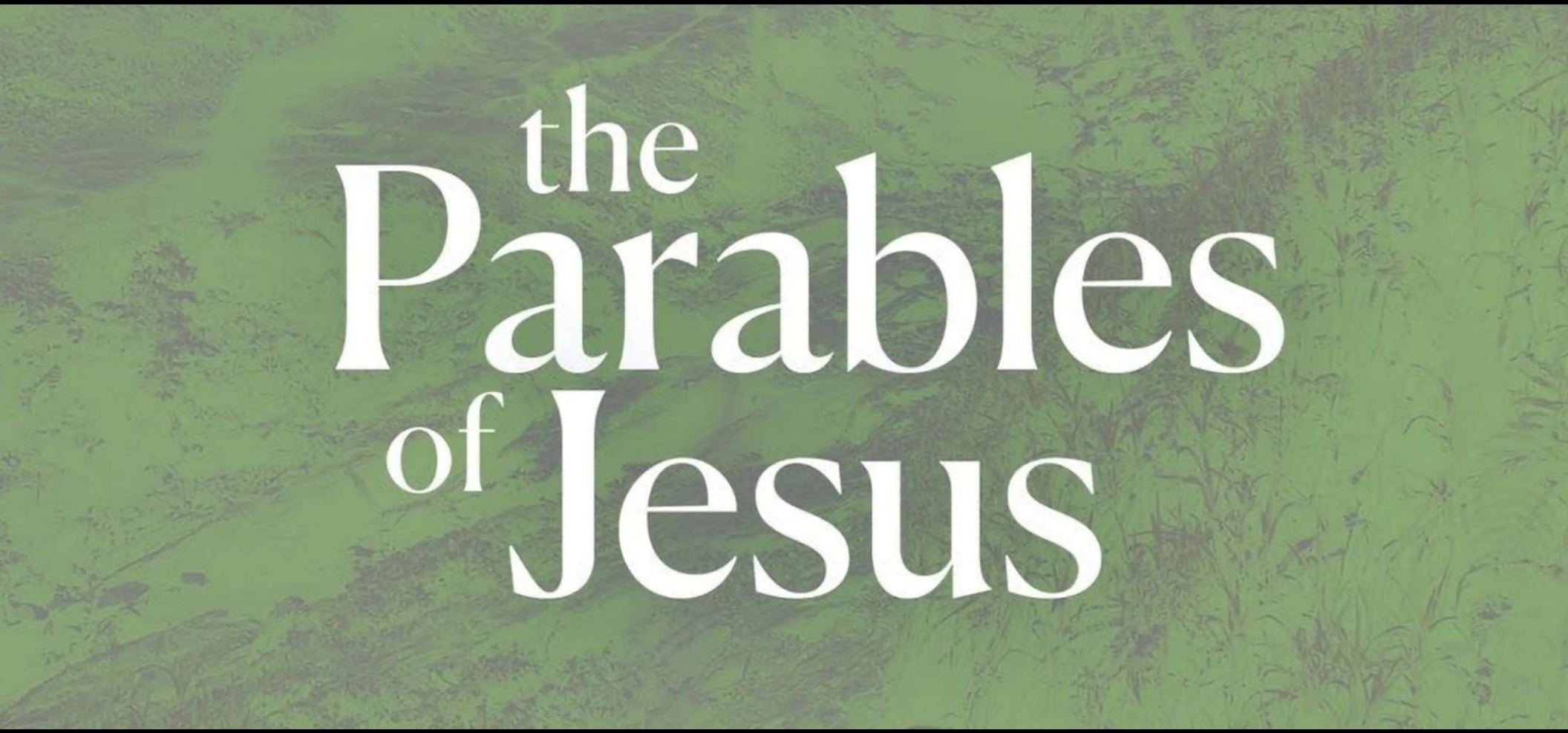


Movement Church

October 4 – November 1

8:30 AM

The Parables of Jesus

Week 1 – **Understanding Parables**
INTRO: Matthew 13:35

Week 2 – **The Prodigal Son**
LOSTNESS: Luke 15:11-32

Week 3 – **The Good Samaritan**
GOODNESS: Luke 10:25-37

Week 4 – **The Two Debtors**
SINFULNESS: Luke 7:36-50

Week 5 – **The Workers in the Vineyard**
FAIRNESS: Matthew 20:1-16

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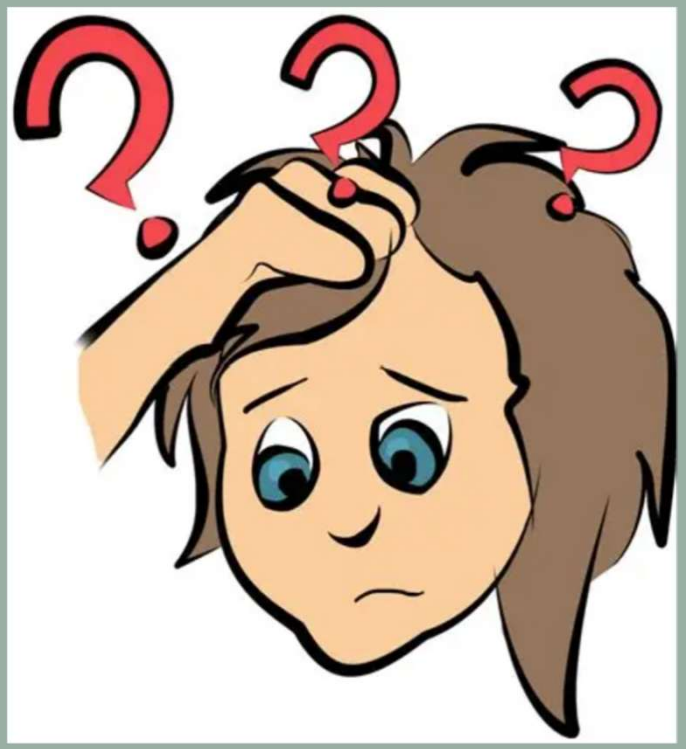
Grasping Their Meaning



Understanding Jesus' Parables

Grasping Their Meaning





"Let those with understanding receive guidance
by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and **parables**,
the words of the wise and their **riddles**." Solomon

Proverbs 1:6 (NLT)

Understanding Jesus' Parables

The Disciples Didn't Understand

Later, when Jesus was alone with
the twelve disciples and
with the others who were gathered around,
they asked him **what the parables meant**.
Then Jesus said to them,
"If you **can't understand**
the meaning of this parable,
how will you **understand**
all the other parables?

Mark 4:10-13 (NLT)

Understanding Jesus' Parables

Figures of Speech Used By Jesus

METAPHOR

(A is B) - Equivalency

SIMILE

(A is like B) – Similarity

ANALOGY

(A to B) - Comparison

SAYING/PROVERB

Truism

HYPERBOLE

Exaggerated Emphasis

Understanding Jesus' Parables

Defining Parables

Earthly Stories with Heavenly Meaning

Tell a Story
(Analogy, Simile)

Teach a Main Point

Cause Us to Compare

Engage Us in Thought & Emotion

Compel Us to Go Away & Ponder

Understanding Jesus' Parables

Parables Discussion Worksheet

Main Characters?

Main Events/Scenes?

Historical-Cultural Gaps?

Turning Point?

Main Point?
(Earthly & Heavenly)

Understanding Jesus' Parables

Why Jesus Taught Using Parables

This fulfilled what God had spoken
through the prophet:
"I will speak to you in parables.
I will explain things hidden
since the creation of the world."

Matthew 13:35 (NLT) , Reference to Psalm 78:2

The Gospel is the lens by which we understand the parables and Scripture.

Understanding Jesus' Parables

Why the Pharisees Didn't Understand

'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.
For the hearts of these people are hardened and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'

Matthew 13:14-15 (NLT) , Reference to Isaiah 6:9-10

The Parables of Jesus

(Refer to Handout)

Parables of Jesus

TITLE	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
Salt	5:13		14:34-35
Two Builders	7:24-27		6:47-49
Children in the Marketplace	11:16-19		7:31-35
Sower and Soils	13:3-8	4:3-8	8:5-8
Seed Growing Secretly		4:26-29	
Wheat and Weeds	13:24-30		
Mustard Seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
Yeast	13:33		13:21-21
Hidden Treasure	13:44		
Pearl	13:45-46		
Fish Net	13:47-50		
Unforgiving Servant	18:21-35		
Workers in the Vineyard	20:1-16		
Two Sons	21:28-32		
Tenants	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19
Wedding Banquet	22:1-14		
Fig Tree	24:32-35	13:28-31	21:29-33
Watchful Servant		13:32-37	12:35-38
Burglar	24:42-44		12:39-40
Entrusted Servant	24:45-51		12:41-46
Ten Virgins	25:1-13		
Talents	25:14-30		
Last Judgment; Sheep and Goats	25:31-46		
Two Debtors			7:3650
Good Samaritan			10:25-37
Friends at Midnight			11:5-8
Rich Fool			12:13-21
Barren Fig Tree			13:6-9
Places of Honor at the Table			14:15-24
Great Supper			14:15-24
Tower Builder and Warring King			14:28-33
Lost Sheep	18:12-14		15:4-7
Lost Coin			15:9-10
Prodigal Son			15:11-32
Shrewd Manager			16:1-9
Rich Man and Lazarus			16:19-31
Farmer and Servant			17:7-10
Unjust Judge			18:1-8
Pharisee and Tax Collector			18:9-14
Pounds			19:11-27

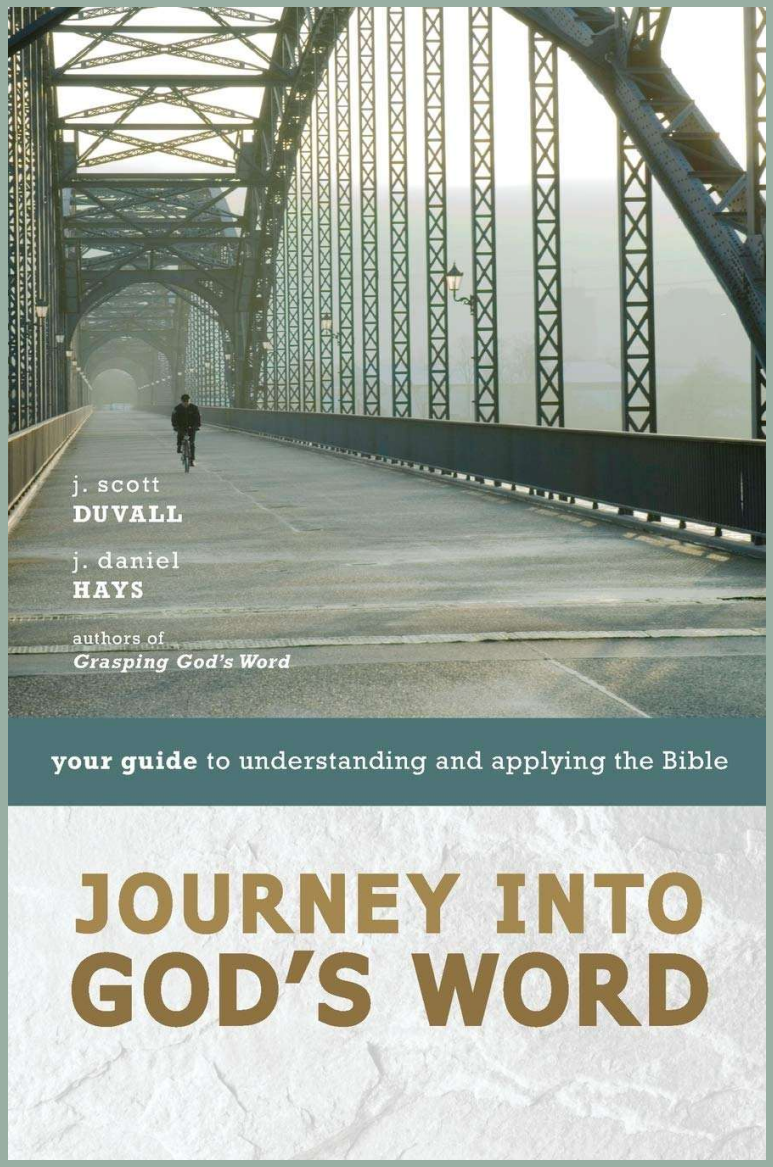
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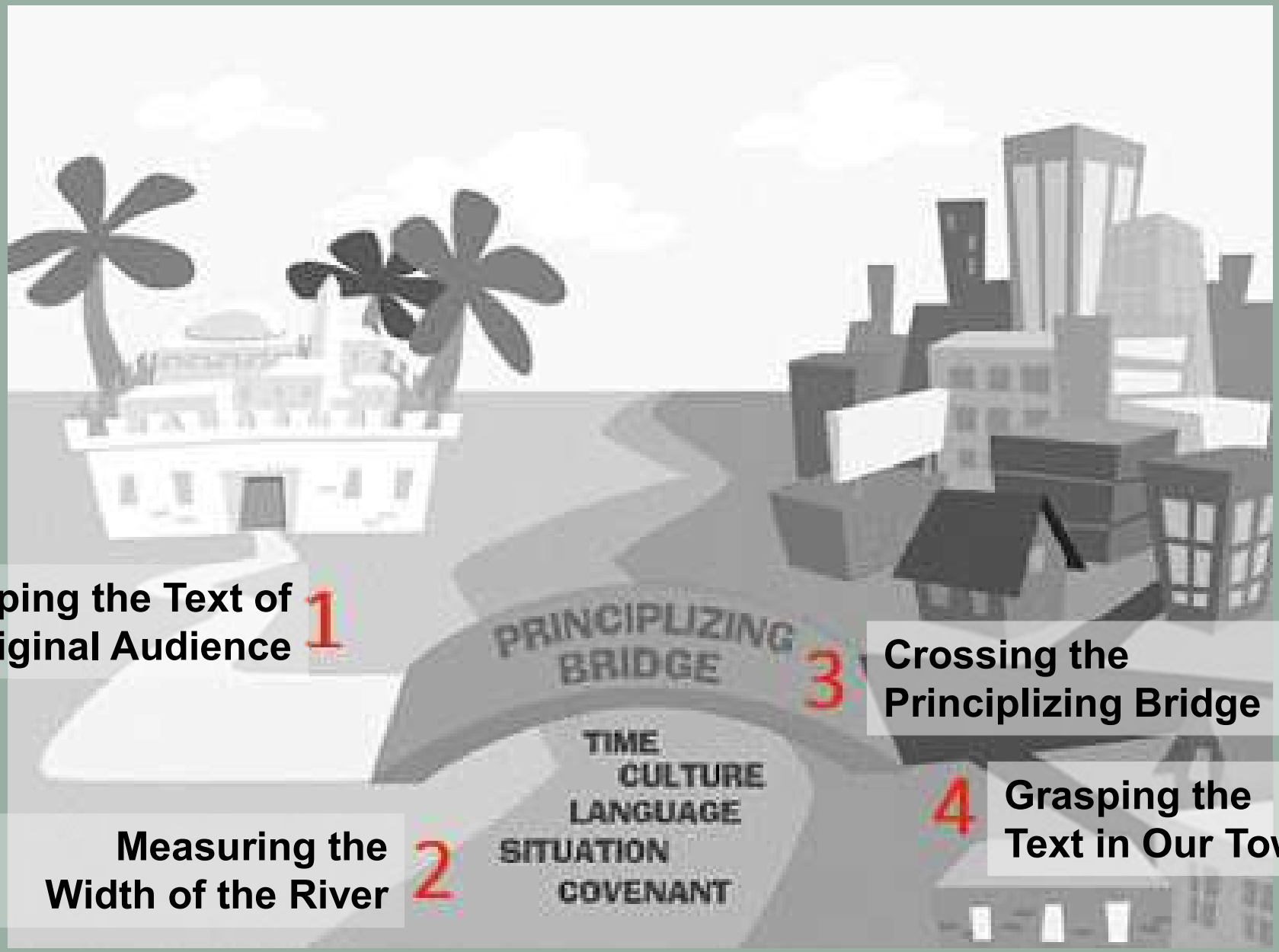
Historical-Cultural Context

Journey Into God's Word



Historical-Cultural Context

Journey into God's Word 4-Step Process



Historical-Cultural Context

Example from Matthew 5

38 “You have heard that it was said,
‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’
But I tell you, do not resist an evil person.

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39 If anyone slaps you on the right cheek,
turn to them the other cheek also.

40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your
shirt, hand over your coat as well.

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile,
go with them two miles.”

Matthew 5:38-41 (NIV)

Historical-Cultural Context

Background of Matthew 5:38

The Old Testament Law found in Leviticus 24:20 was originally intended for cases involving personal injury and the taking of life.

"Whatever anyone does to injure another person must be paid back in kind. An eye for an eye, …"

(Leviticus 24:20 NLT, also Exodus 21:24, Deuteronomy 19:21)

However, the Pharisees turned this system of public justice into a system of exacting unjust vengeance for all types of minor offenses and grievances.

Historical-Cultural Context

Background of Matthew 5:38



We do the same !!!

Historical-Cultural Context

Background of Matthew 5:39-41

Crime of BATTERY

A backhanded slap on the right cheek is an insult.
By turning the left cheek, we position ourselves
for the offender to strike us with his fist.

Crime of INDECENCY

By giving our coat and shirt
we become unclothed.

Crime of FORCED LABOR

By carrying the soldier's pack two miles, we
are being forced to work
beyond what is reasonable.

Historical-Cultural Context

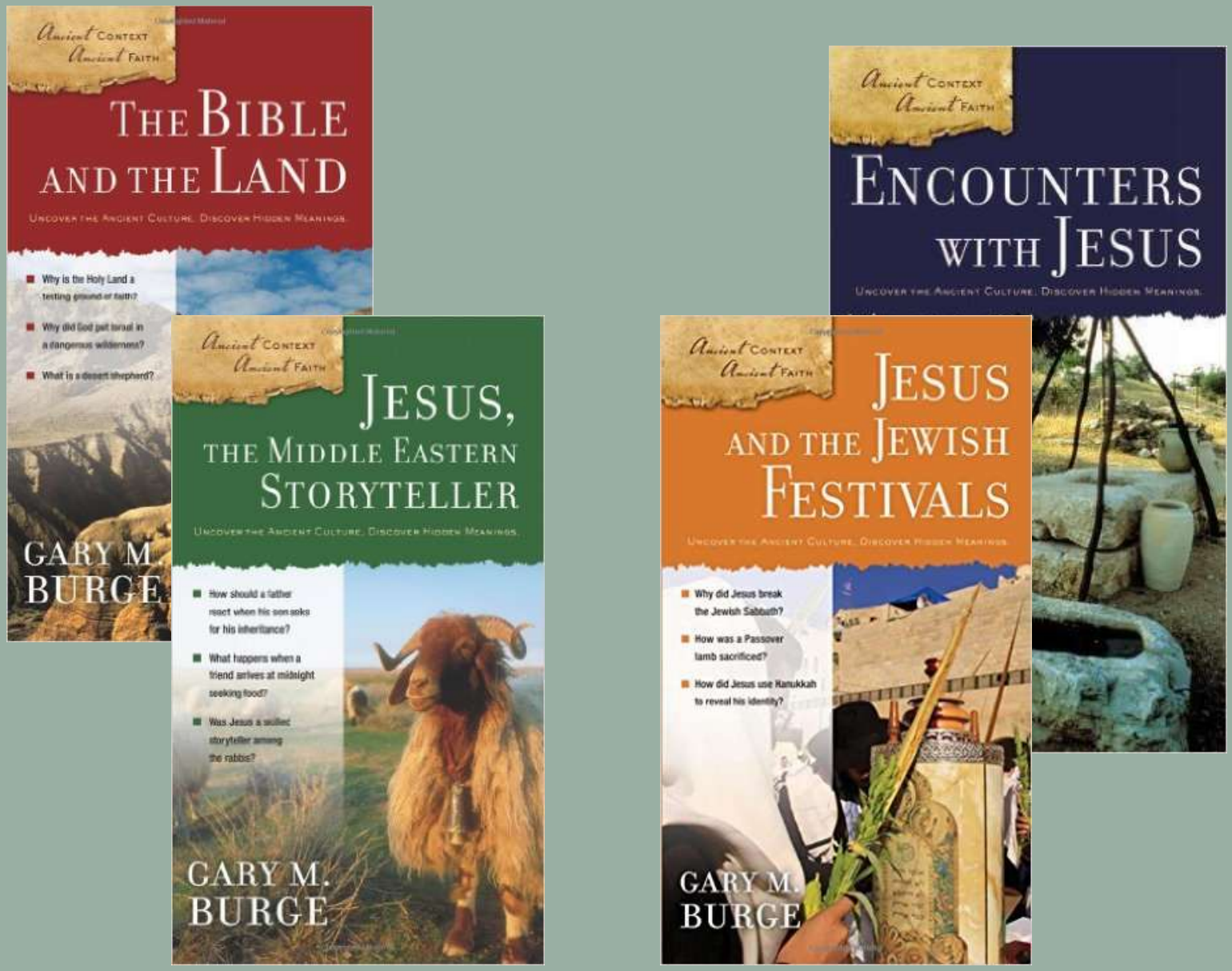
Timeless Principle – Matthew 5

Do not let your anger lead to retaliation and perpetuate the cycle on injustice.

Rather, your response to these injustices should be a willingness to extend extravagant grace and seek reconciliation and break the cycle of injustice.

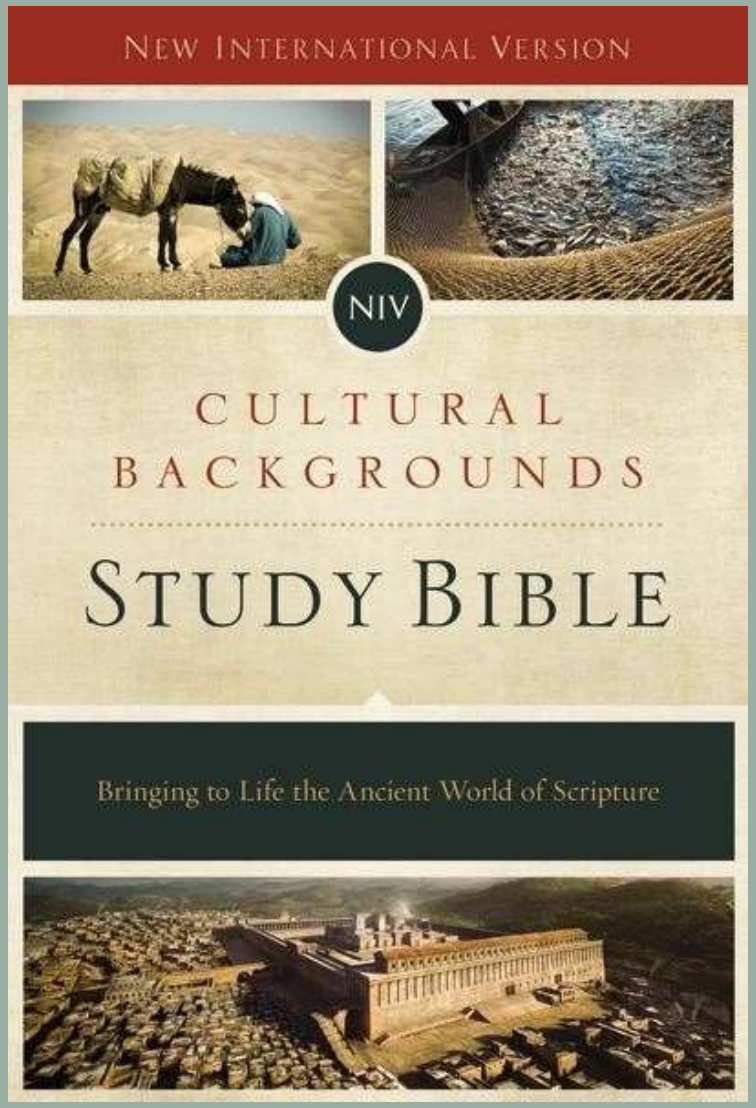
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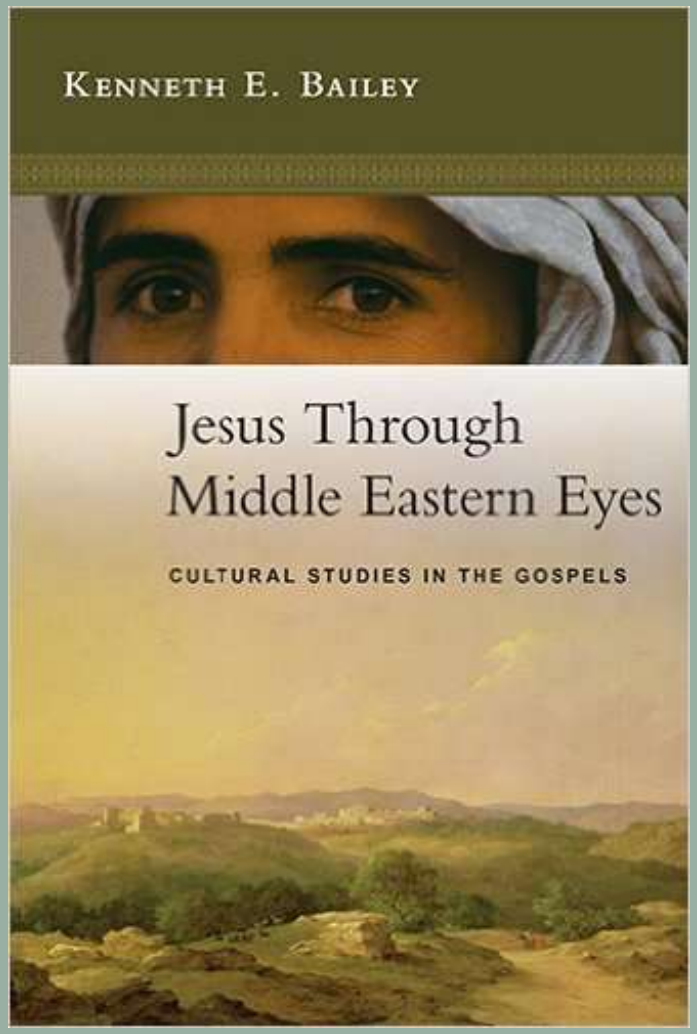
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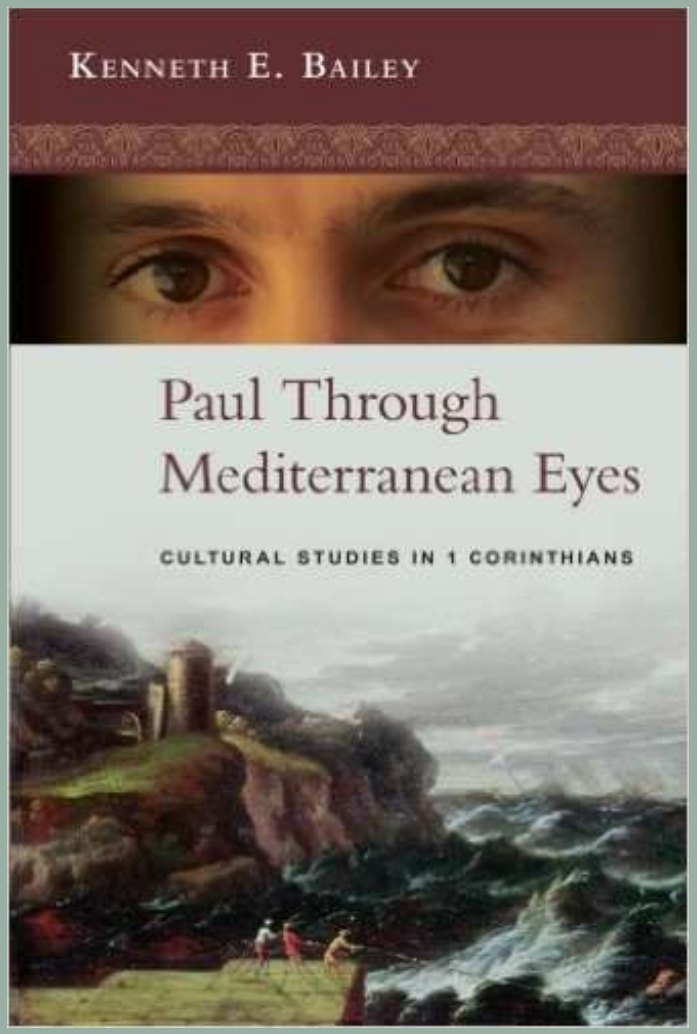
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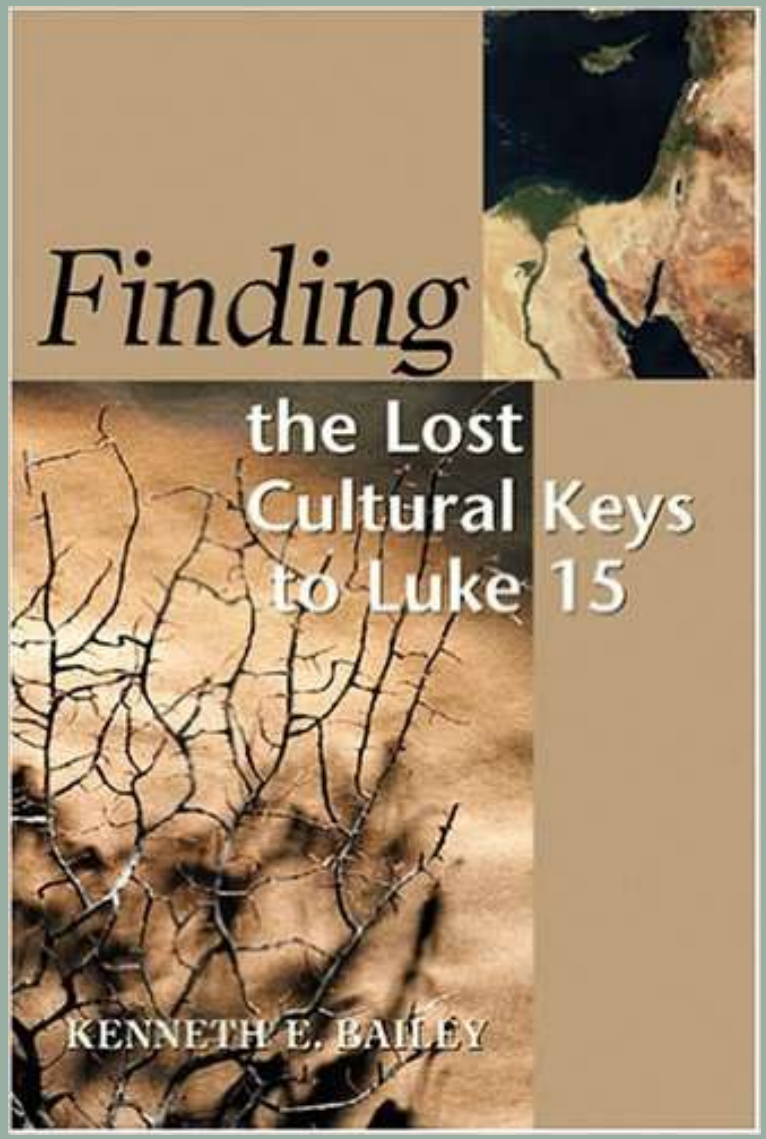
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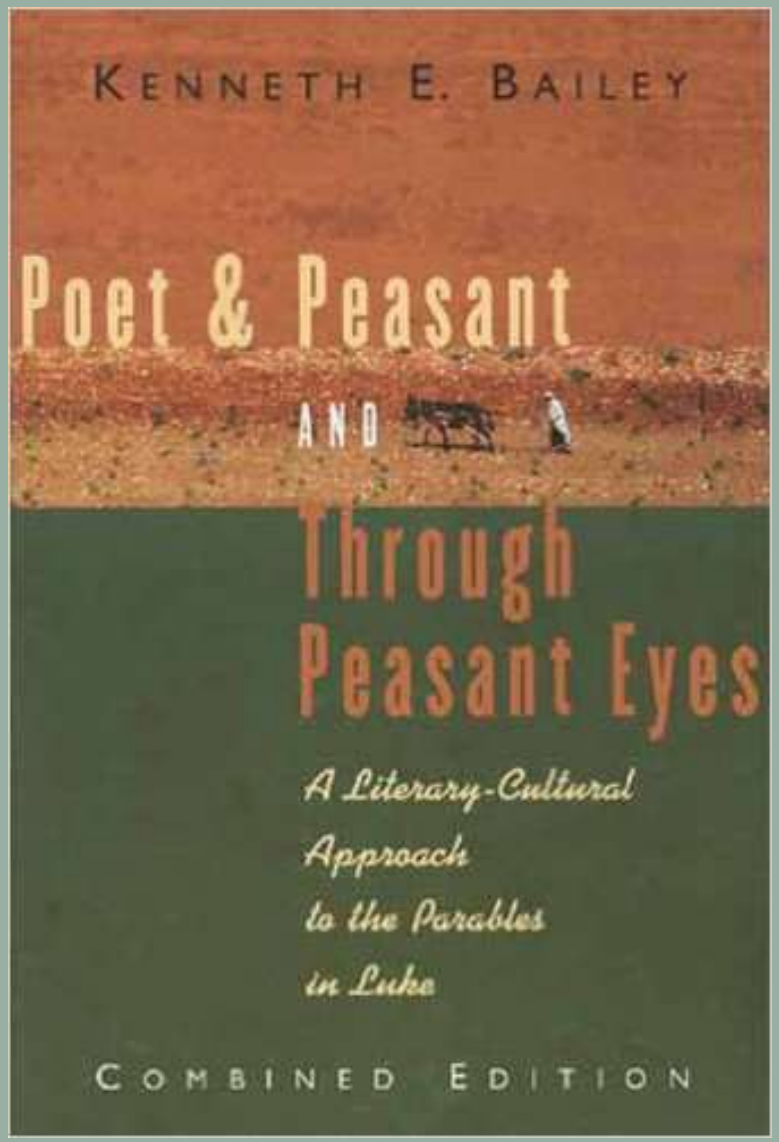




Historical-Cultural Resources

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Understanding Literary Styles

Literary Styles
Inverse Parallel Form

Romans 10:8-10 (NKJV)
(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 7’ 6’ 5’ 4’ 3’ 2’ 1’)

(1) That is, the word of faith which we preach
(2) if you confess
(3) with your mouth
(4) the Lord Jesus
(5) and believe
(6) in your heart

Climax / Turning Point

(7) that God has raised Him from the dead,
(7’) you will be saved.

(6’) For with the heart
(5’) one believes
(4’) unto righteousness,
(3’) and with the mouth
(2’) confession is made
(1’) unto salvation.



HANDOUT

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15:1-2, 11-24 (NLT)

Parable of the Prodigal Son

(Luke 15)

[1]Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.[2]This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

[11]A man had two sons

1	[12]The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons	A son lost
2	[13]"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living.	Goods wasted in extravagant living
3	[14]About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve.	Everything is lost
4	[15]He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs.	The great sin
5	[16]The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.	Total rejection
6	[17]"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!	A change of mind
S6'	[18]I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you,[19]and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."	An initial repentance
5'	[20]"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.	Total acceptance
4'	[21]His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'	The great repentance
3'	[22]"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.	Everything restored, son reinstated
2'	[23]And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,	Goods used for celebration
1'	[24]for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.	A son is found

Parable Worksheet

Prodigal Son – Matthew Luke 15:11-32

Main Characters:

Main Events/Scenes:

Turning Point:

Historical-Cultural Gaps (THEN ↔ NOW):

Main Point:

EARTHLY

HEAVENLY