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and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



I am currently reading RC Sproul's book *Hard Sayings: Understanding Difficult Passages of Scripture*, which is a book about interpreting the scriptures. Not all passages of scripture are easy to understand. But that doesn't mean these passages can't be understood. This all got me thinking about how I would teach someone to preach or lead a bible study, especially in relation to difficult passages. What I came up with is a three-step approach to biblical interpretation. When interpreting the bible, the three things to be aware of are context, content, and intent. Once you have these three things, you should be able to understand almost any passage of the bible.

First, let's look at context. It has been said that the three steps to interpreting the bible are actually context, context, and context. Or, as Greg Koukl would say, "Never read a bible verse." Understanding the context of a passage means understanding where it sits as a passage, what is around it, and how those things fit together. For example, Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." This sounds great and is quoted often, but it is usually lifted from its context. So, what is happening in the surrounding verses of Jeremiah 29? Jeremiah is writing a letter to those in exile, letting them know that God's promises haven't failed. Despite Jerusalem falling to Babylon, and despite the people being in exile, God still had a plan for Judah. In the immediate context Jeremiah is writing to let the people know that they should settle into their new home in exile and live as though they plan to be there a while. In seventy years, God will deliver them back to Jerusalem. So, when interpreting verse 11, the context of the passage tells us that this is about God promising a future to Judah even though they were just taken into exile in Babylon.

Next, what is the content of the passage we want to interpret? This may seem like a silly question, but what does it actually say? The goal of preaching or teaching on a passage should be to read and explain. Read the passage and explain what it says and means. Here is an example. 1 Corinthians 13:1 says, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." Now many people will use this verse to teach that there is a language of angels that we can learn to speak in, called glossolalia. While I am not intending to comment on that topic as a whole, is that what the content of this verse says? No. It says that without love, even such a thing as speaking in the language of angels would be meaningless. The verse isn't interested in tongues. It is interested in love. We know this not only from the content of the verse, but from the content of the entire context. Everything surrounding this verse is about love. Verses 2 and 3 say, "And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." The content here is about

July 2022

at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Luckys	3	4 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's 	5 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	6 Morning Prayer 8:00am	7	1/8
9 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Stacie & Toni	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's July Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	12 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	13 Morning Prayer 8:00am	14	15
16 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 	17	18 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	19 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis'	20 Morning Prayer 8:00am	21	22
23 Summer Book Study 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour 	24	25 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ JW Filmore's	26 Men's Ministry Group 10:30am @ The Davis' <i>Joyous News Deadline August Issue</i>	27 Morning Prayer 8:00am Men's Ministry Group 5:30pm @ CRGC Women's Fellowship 6:30pm @ The Ostrander's	28	29
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WALLY'S GALLERY —

This month we will again celebrate the independence of our country. It is, as it should be, a joyous annual event. I'm beginning to sense, however, that for the most part it has turned into just a celebration of a celebration in which the wisdom of our founding has been either forgotten or was never taught in our ever progressive educational institutions.

{What follows has been taken from several web pages that deal with the subject of our US Constitution and the Rule of Law. "The Constitution is Not "What Judges Say it Is." "The Rule of Law and the US Constitution."}

I confess the research and writing of this article has been a good review for myself.

Have you ever heard politicians say that the Constitution is an evolving document? Such language echoes back to a statement by Charles Evens Hughes who was the Governor of New York in 1908 and later a Supreme Court Justice. He once said that the Constitution "is what judges say it is." If these statements become the predominate view of our governing bodies, which I sense is happening, then we will become a nation ruled by men (fallen men) and not by the Rule of Law. Is that important?

If a nation is ruled primarily by the desires and passions of the governing officials without an underlying foundation to which they must conform, then that nation is subject to anarchy or more likely tyranny. To prevent this and to establish a system of government that would be equitable to all, the framers of our constitution {unlike the British government's parliamentary system} inserted a supremacy clause in the US Constitution. Article VI declared that "This Constitution ... Shall be the supreme law of the land." Laws passed by Congress, though supreme in relation to State constitutions and State laws, were ranked below the Constitution. Indeed, Article VI explicitly stated that such laws must conform to, and be made in pursuance of, the Constitution. Consequently, "The Constitution is law, the highest law, and the President, Congress, and the Federal Judiciary are bound by its terms. A government of laws and not of men is, then, the underlying principle of the American political and legal system."

Unfortunately, however, the best of man's intentions are not infallible. Men make mistakes and so something higher than ourselves must be the guiding principle. In other words, it is not about "the Law" but the foundation of the Law. In the article "The Rule of Law and the US Constitution" the author points out that the Rule of Law is about "doctrine concerning what the law ought to be - a set of standards...to which laws should conform." What standard did our founders recognize? That we are all under God and our laws should be in accordance with His Law.

This should not surprise us. Any honest and careful look into America's founding will reveal the impact that the Judeo-Christian worldview had on those who laid the foundation of our

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governing documents. With this understanding I can not help but believe that the words from the psalmist below enforced their desire to build our government on the supremacy of Law rather than on the whimsical dreams of men.

"Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!"

"Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!"

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:1; 18-19; 105)

~ Wally's Gallery

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love. Verses 4-7 are about the positive qualities of love. Verse 8 and following are about how love is all that endures. Love is the central theme of the passage. The content of the passage is about love, not about tongues, prophecy, or anything else.

Finally, we look at the intent of the passage. What does the author of the book intend to teach? At this point I hope you can see how interconnected these three things are. To get at the intent, we are going to need to know the context and to understand the content. To get at the intent, we also need to look at things like genre. 1 Corinthians is a letter, so it is straightforward in revealing its intent, while a parable in the gospels or a poem is going to require more work to get at the author's intent. Looking back at our passage from 1 Corinthians 13, what is the intent of the passage? The context is that there was a lot of in-fighting among the Corinthian Christians about spiritual gifts. Some people wanted to make their gifts more prominent than others. We get this context from the surrounding chapters. The content is that love trumps all. The intent, considering these factors, seems to be that Paul wants the Corinthian Christians- and by extension, all Christians- to understand that when we have disputes, love should be the prevailing factor in solving them. Instead of taking what God has given each of us for the common good and pitting them against each other, let us make love our guiding principle so that we don't rob the gifts themselves of any power they were intended to have.

So, there you have it, my crash course in biblical interpretation. If you want to understand a passage, need to understand the context of the passage, the content of the passage, and the intent of the author. Armed with these tools, if you are willing to do the work, you should be equipped to interpret even the most difficult passages of scripture.

~ Fr. Mike

LITURGICAL SEASON — *by Karen Diehman*

ORDINARY TIME

We are now in the season of ordinary time, celebrated with the color green. It is the liturgical period that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, and runs for 34 weeks. It is celebrated two times a year throughout the year. The first period runs from the feast of baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from the second Sunday of Pentecost to the 26th Sunday of Pentecost. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christians spiritual life.



Drift down the Jordan River

1 ½ hour trip
Rafting or Tubing

Sunday, July 16th after church

Rafting or tubing on the Jordan River is an unforgettable experience for all ages. Nestled in the Jordan Valley, this wilderness river offers fantastic scenery, lots of wildlife and pristine, crystal clear water.

Sign-up in Blanz Hall
Rafting \$17



Our Annual Tour De New Life

Sunday, July 23rd
right after church

From New Life (Petoskey)
to downtown Harbor Springs
and back (10 miles each way)

or meet the group at the ★Pleasantview/M119 trail head
at 12:35pm for a shorter (8 miles total) ride.

Break in Harbor Springs:

Picnic in the park next to the Marina.

Bring a packed lunch or cash to purchase lunch
at Gurney's <http://gurneysbottleshop.com>

For more information contact: Wes Ostrander

Sign-up in Blanz Hall



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SUMMER NEW LIFE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP – is meeting monthly in homes and you are welcome to join! Our July meeting will be held at 6:30 on Thursday, July 27th at Liz Ostrander's home. Please save the date. Please bring a salad or snack to share.

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM – meeting is Thursday, July 27th at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and will be hosted by Ron Davis and Howard Bates. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice. I hope you will join us.

July 2023 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30	August 6
ALTAR GUILD	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander	Karen Dielman
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Flynns	Don L./ Dylan W./ Sally Stump	Dylan W./ Don L./ The Bowmans	Dan W./ Randy F./ Taylor DuBois	Randy F./ Dan W./ The Bowmans	Don L./ Dylan W./ The Flynns
LECTOR	Ferd Dielman	Gretchen Lucky	Wally Stansbury	Dan Wandrie	Dylan Williams	Mary Jane Zako
LAY MINISTER	Howard Bates	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman	Mary Jane Zako	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	The Luckys	Stacie & Toni	Brenda & Ginny	The Davis's	The Dielmans	Fellowship Committee



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:00am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

July.....Liz Ostrander
Aug Karen Dielman
Sept.....Karen Dielman
Oct..... Gretchen Lucky

Birthdays

Joshua Bridge 7/2
Ferd Dielman 7/9
Gil Stump 7/20
Xavier Cavagnaro 7/25

July



George & Carol
Bosman
July 3rd

Wally & Betty
Stansbury
July 8th

Wedding Anniversaries



Gil & Sally
Stump
July 20th

Mike & Bonnie
Bridge
July 31st

May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman.....	231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman.....	231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman.....	231/347-3532
Ushers:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
Greeters:	Carol Bowman.....	231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen.....	231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie ..	231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School: (middle & high school)	Don Lucky.....	231/622-2058
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander.....	231/348-2802
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis.....	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	Suzanne Schulte.....	517/899-1946
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge.....	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky.....	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates.....	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois.....	231/330-8626
Missions:	D. W. Lucky.....	231/330-6559
Building and Grounds:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871
	Ron Davis.....	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander.....	231/348-2802
Communications: (newspaper articles, etc.)	Bonnie Bridge.....	231/445-1810
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates.....	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander.....	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis.....	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump.....	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie.....	231/347-5871

New Life Anglican Church 2023 Vestry

Sr. Warden, Erika Dielman
 Jr. Warden, Dylan Williams
 Carol Bowman
 Susan Davis
 Toni DuBois
 April Honeycutt
 Don Lucky

Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting
 an article or item of interest
 for the next issue of the
 Joyous News.

Submission deadline
 is July 26th.



SAVE YOUR

OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts
 from Oleson's Food Stores. You
 may leave your receipts in the
 coffee hour donation basket, in the
 Outreach shopping cart or on
 Tracey's desk.

PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:
 Ron Davis at 231.330.6355 or
 e-mail at rsdavismgr@gmail.com

To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our
 Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448
 for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial
 Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report ~ June 30, 2023

	June			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	13,638.00	13,562.00	76.00	81,731.25	81,372.00	359.25
Other	82.36	1,635.00	(1,552.64)	2,105.81	9,810.00	(7,704.19)
Income	13,720.36	15,197.00	(1,476.64)	83,837.09	91,182.00	(7,344.91)
General Exp	(14,613.74)	(15,987.00)	1,373.26	(94,409.10)	(98,782.00)	4,372.90
Difference	(893.38)	(790.00)	(103.38)	(10,572.01)	(7,600.00)	(2,972.01)
Assets				5618,416.65		
		Jan. 1, 2023	Donations	Expenses	Difference	May 31, 2023
211 Fund		\$130,814.89	-	49.98	48.98	\$130,765.91
211 Fund In/Out Reach		\$22,546.65	-	395.00	395.00	\$22,151.65

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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4



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Let there, then, be comfort
In knowing
the warmth of God's
great love.

Let there, then, be a knowing
of the strength
in that great, holy love.

Let there, then, be a knowing
that this same redeeming love
rescues a soul
from evil
and the clasp
of its iron clad glove.

BES