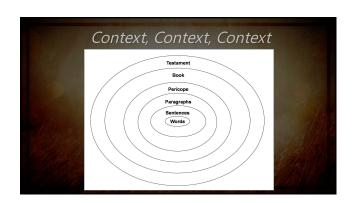


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Example of Background Study Ephesians 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your husbands. Husbands, love your wives. During this time, women were seen as second class citizens. Paul's words were revolutionary.

Example of Background Study John 6:14-15 "And it will happen at that time that the treasury of manna will ome down again from on high, and they will eat of it in those years because these are they who will have arrived at the consummation of time." 2 Baruch 29.8 (2rd Century BC) "As the former redeemer cause a manna to descend, as it is stated, Behold I will cause to noin bread from heaven for you (Ex 16:4), so will the latter Redeemer cause manna to descend, as it is stated. May he be as a rich comfeld in the land (Ps.72:16)." Ecclesiastes Rabbah 1.9

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"But keep away from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace, in company with others who call on the Lord from a pure heart."
2 Timothy 2:22

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So if someone cleanses himself of such behavior, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart, useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. But keep away from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace, in company with others who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But reject foolish and ignorant controversies, because you know they breed infighting. And the Lord's slave must not engage in heated disputes but be kind toward all, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance and then knowledge of the truth and they will come to their senses and escape the devil's trap where they are held captive to do his will.

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Cross-Referencing Resources

- Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- The Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible
- The Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy and the End Times
- New Bible Dictionary
- The IVP Dictionary of the NT

Word Studies

- 1. Use Concordances to see where else the word is used
- 2. How does the author use it in the book?
- 3. How else does the author uses the word?
- 4. How else does the rest of the Bible use the word?

Word Study Tools

- Blue Letter Bible: www.blueletterbible.org.
- Study and translator notes in the NET Bible: net.bible.org
- Dr. Constable's Expository Notes: www.soniclight.com/constable/notes.htm
- The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon
- The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament
- A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature

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Validations

- 1. Identify the interpretive problem.
- 2. Find a solid commentary.
- 3. Read all the various options for the interpretive problem.
- 4. Choose the option that makes the most sense, but be sure to know and define objections.

What is the "eye of a needle"? • Matthew 19:24 • Mark 10:25 • Luke 18:25

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