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How Do We Approach Scripture?

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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

What happens when a person engages with Scripture?

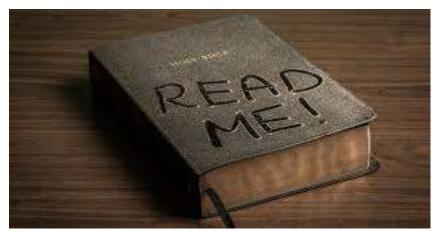
There are two possibilities. We either confine Scripture to fit within our personal worldview and belief system, or allow Scripture to expand our minds and challenge our beliefs. The first way is a temptation for all of us because it comforts us. We like to have our biases and beliefs confirmed rather than confronted. The second way can make us uncomfortable, so we may try to avoid it. Having our beliefs challenged can be frightening, but this is the nature of God's word. His ways are not our ways. We should expect to be stretched mentally and spiritually each time we open the word of God. We should conform to God's word rather than have God's word conform to us.

How do we accomplish this?

- We don't come to the text assuming we know what it says. Instead, we let the text speak to us.
- We don't search Scripture to find verses to affirm what we already believe. Instead, we allow what we read in Scripture to form and shape our beliefs.
- We approach Scripture with a humble spirit. We come ready to accept whatever we find even if it is challenging or makes us uncomfortable.
- We read the Bible with a sense of curiosity. We ask questions. We seek to learn from what God has given us. We are ok with having our minds expanded and learning something new.
- We come willing to give up on our own allegiances, preferences, desires, etc. and submit to God and his ways.

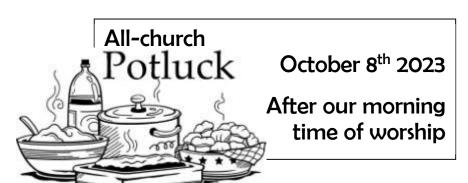
"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)



Our Prayer List

- Wayne Hammock's Diante's (husband of Sydney) uncle is hospitalized in Seattle and isn't doing well. Please keep Diante's uncle and family for healing and comfort.
- Pray for Fuschia Gaskin as she recovers at home from her recent surgery.
- Continue to pray for recovery for Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton, who had surgery to remove a kidney.
- Cisco's father had a heart attack. Pray for his recovery and for his upcoming surgery.
- Frankie is home in very good shape. She will be living with her daughter Lisa in Olalla. Visits can be arranged.
- Pray for protection from this new round of Covid.
- Continued prayers for the Celletti and McDaniel families.
- Pray for Brooke Armenta and Nancy Armenta who are waiting while the medical staff figures out what treatment they can do for each of them.
- Pray for our schools the administration, teachers and pupils for a safe and productive year.
- For all those who are struggling, pray they may find peace.
- Prayers for Bruce ad Debbie Sharp's son Adam who has brain cancer.
- Pray for Rebanette, who is not doing well.
- Brian Bungart's aunt (his mom's older sister) passed away. Pray for the family.
- Angie asked us to pray for her family.
- Pray for our SLT and ministries that they will make God-led decisions.
- Praise God for all he is doing for our church, our spiritual and physical blessings and needs.





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Sunday Worship October 8, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion)					
Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker:	Singing	Scripture:	Prayer:	Communion:	Offering:
Trent Herbert	Darrell Fry	Trent Herbert	Cisco Velez	Fuzzy Volpitta	Fuzzy Volpitta
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf October Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
		<u> </u>	Children Class: Downstairs		
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men's Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			Oct. 1, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,866.05		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
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Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

October: Tim Duffy – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Cindy Snead – 17,

Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

November: Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Brian Bungart – 15,

Dan Gross – 15, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24.

Word of God Speak

Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it's okay The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

\Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You Beyond the music beyond the noise All that I need is to be with You And in the quiet hear Your voice

Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is it's okay

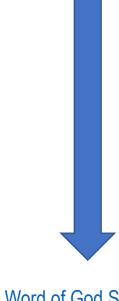
And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)





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