

Pathway to Biblical Understanding | “Applying Scripture to Everyday Life”

Week 4: Moving from Information to Transformation

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Information- What Does the Bible Say?

- Discuss: is it possible to know the Word of God for many years and still have areas of our lives that the Word has not yet transformed?
- Discuss: What does it look like to move from simply knowing the word of God to actually being changed by the Word of God?
- Information is the starting point. We must know what God's word says before we can understand it, apply it, or be transformed by it.
- Knowledge matters. The Lord does not want us to be ignorant of His word. We must know what He says in His word. (Hosea 4:6)
- The Bible gives us information about what is true, what is wrong, how to correct it, and how to live. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- What do we do with what we know? (Proverbs 2:6)
- “Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.” (1 Corinthians 8:1)
- Move from “What does the Bible say?” to “What does the Bible mean?”

Understanding- What Does the Bible Mean?

- Understanding asks: What is God saying through this passage?
- Slow down and ask some questions about the text.
- WHO? Who is speaking? Who is being spoken to?
- WHAT? What is happening in this passage? What is actually being said?
- WHY? Why is this being said? What problem, situation, or truth is being addressed?
- WHAT DOES IT REVEAL? What does this teach me about God, people, sin, obedience, faith, etc.?
- Understanding means not just reading the words, but trying to understand the message behind the words.

Application- What should I do with what the Bible Says?

- What is the difference between understanding and application?
- “...Be ye doers, not hearers only.” (James 1:22-25)
- Understanding asks: “What is God saying?”
- Application asks: “What is God asking me to do?”
- Application takes a biblical truth and challenges us to apply it to our everyday lives.
- Because God's word says _____, I need to _____.
- Discuss: Has there been a time in your life when understanding turned into application?
- Application bridges the gap to transformation.

Transformation- What is The Bible changing in me?

- Transformation is what happens to the person who repeatedly submits themselves to God's truth.
- Romans 12:2
- Discuss: What does this scripture mean? How do we renew our minds?
- Renewing your mind is not just thinking positive thoughts.
- What I continually think about affects what I believe.
- What I believe affects how I respond.

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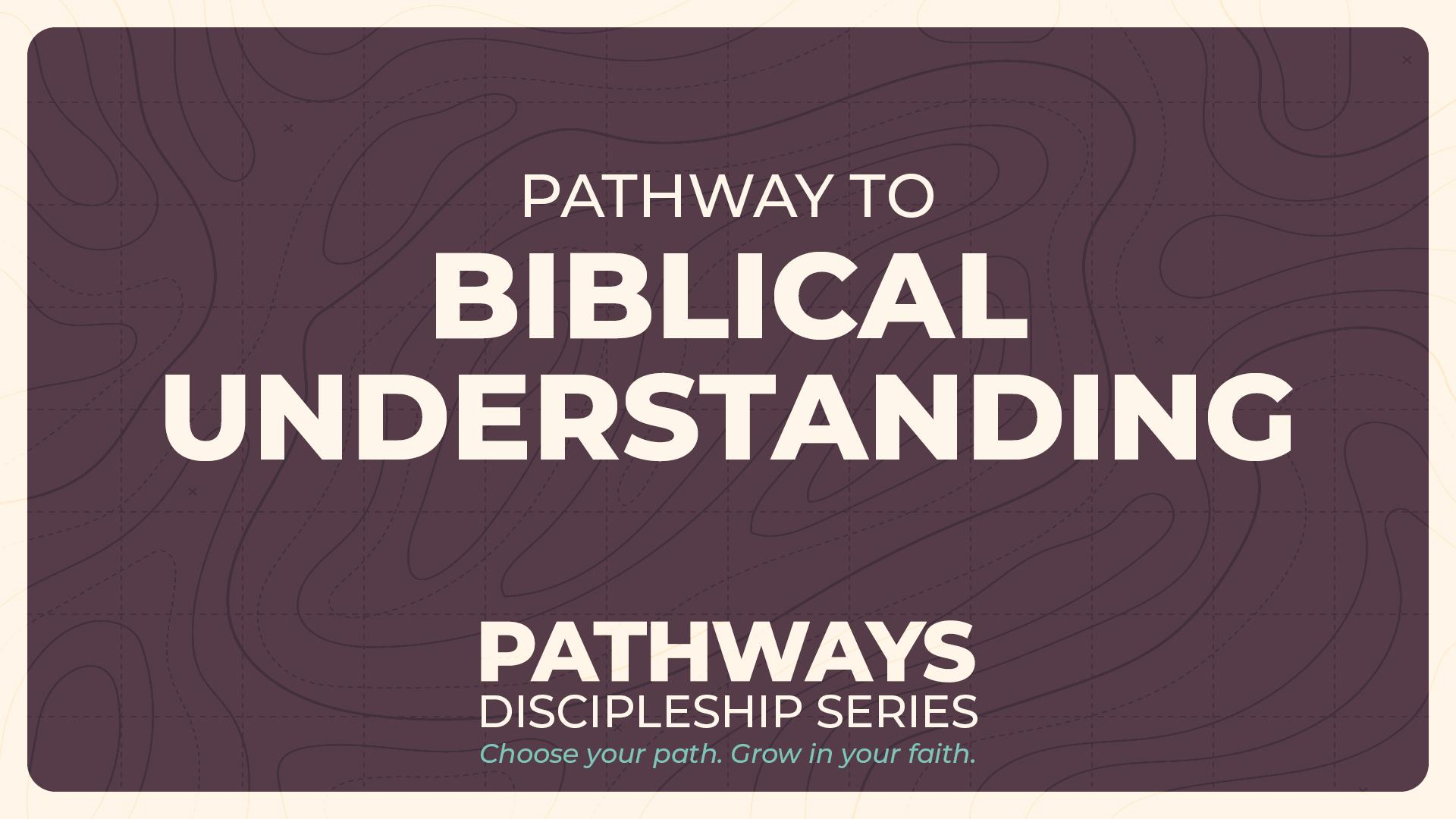
- How I respond repeatedly becomes part of who I am.
- Transformation happens when the truth I have been learning becomes the way I live. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Transformation does not just affect me. It affects everybody connected to me. (Matthew 5:16)
 - A transformed parent affects a family.
 - A transformed spouse affects a marriage.
 - A transformed grandparent affects grandchildren.
 - A transformed church member affects the entire church.

Summary

- Information: What does the Bible say?
 - Information without understanding can leave us confused.
- Understanding: What does the Bible mean?
 - Understanding without application can leave us unchanged.
- Application: What should I do?
 - Application without transformation can become nothing more than changed behavior.
- Transformation: What is changing in me?
 - When God's truth gets into our minds, moves into our actions, and is allowed to work into our hearts, God begins to transform us.

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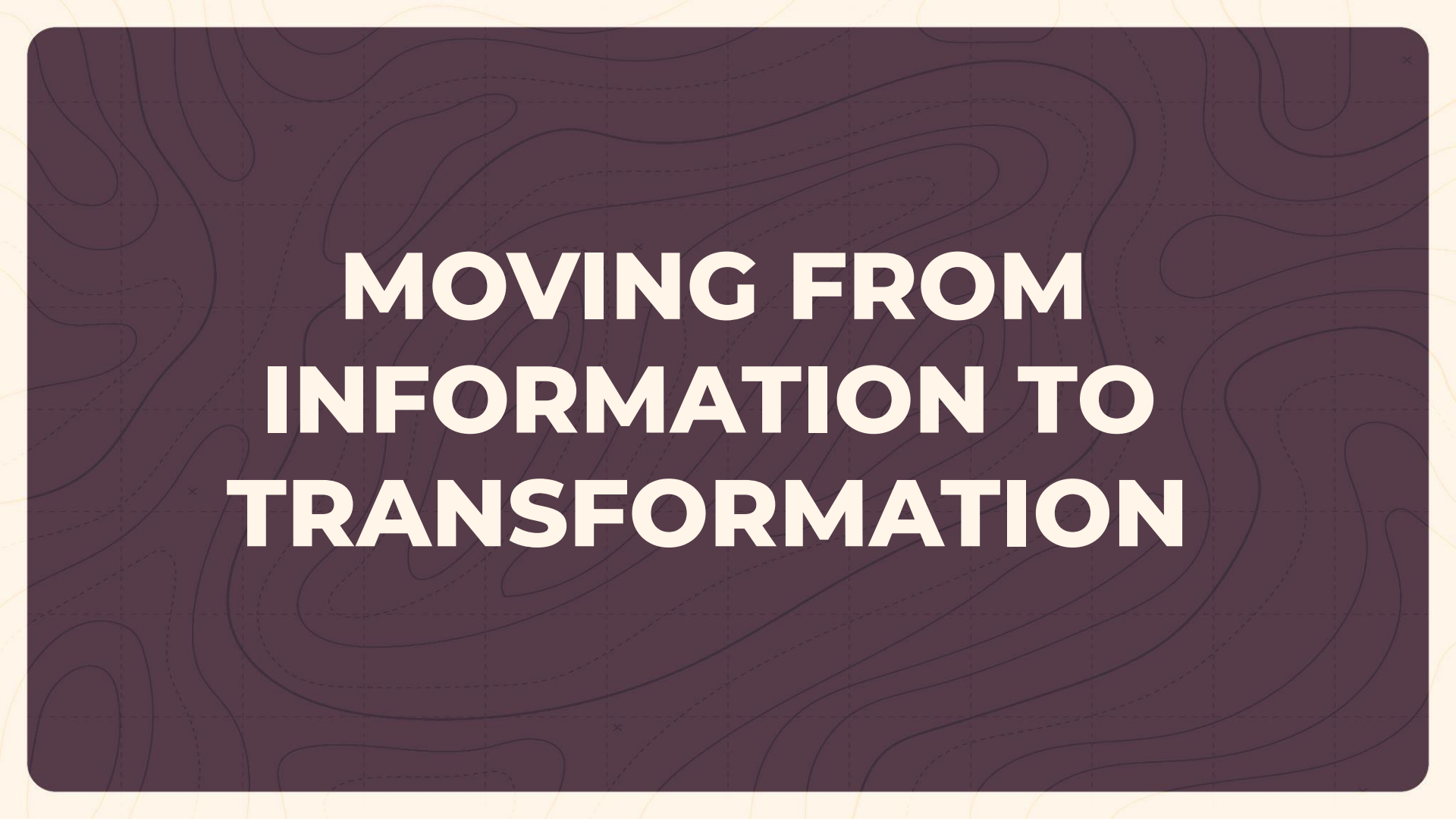
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MOVING FROM INFORMATION TO TRANSFORMATION

QUESTIONS

- IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD FOR MANY YEARS AND STILL HAVE AREAS OF OUR LIVES THAT THE WORD HAS NOT YET TRANSFORMED?

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- WHAT ARE SOME AREAS PEOPLE MIGHT STRUGGLE TO ALLOW THE WORD OF GOD TO TRANSFORM?

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- INFORMATION IS THE STARTING POINT. WE MUST KNOW WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS BEFORE WE CAN UNDERSTAND IT, APPLY IT, OR BE TRANSFORMED BY IT.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.
Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will
reject you from being priest for Me; Because you
have forgotten the law of your God, I also will
forget your children.

HOSEA 4:6

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All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction of righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. **PSALM 119:11**

For the LORD gives wisdom; From His
mouth comes knowledge and
understanding.

PROVERBS 2:6

“... knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.”

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1

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But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25

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**WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH
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- WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION?

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- UNDERSTANDING ASKS: “WHAT IS GOD SAYING?”
- APPLICATION ASKS: “WHAT IS GOD ASKING ME TO DO?”

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- **HOW DO I APPLY THAT TO MY LIFE? Wherever is hardest for you.**
 - HOME
 - MARRIAGE
 - WORK
 - DRIVING
 - SOCIAL MEDIA
 - FAMILY
 - WHEN I AM TIRED
 - WHEN SOMEONE HAS HURT ME

APPLICATION - WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?

- APPLICATION TAKES A BIBLICAL TRUTH AND CHALLENGES US TO APPLY IT TO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

BECAUSE GOD'S WORD SAYS _____,
I NEED TO _____.

APPLICATION - WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS?

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“Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak,
slow to wrath.” **JAMES 1:19**

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I NEED TO _____.

“Forgiving one another...” **COLOSSIANS 3:13**

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“Let your speech always be gracious seasoned with salt, so you may know how you ought to answer each person” **COLOSSIANS 4:6**

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TRANSFORMATION- WHAT IS THE BIBLE

TRANSFORMATION - WHAT IS THE BIBLE CHANGING IN ME?

- TRANSFORMATION IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PERSON WHO REPEATEDLY SUBMITS THEMSELVES TO GOD'S TRUTH.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

ROMANS

12:2

TO BE TRANSFORMED, WE MUST RENEW OUR MINDS.

HOW DO WE RENEW OUR MINDS?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; old things
have passed away; behold, all
things have become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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