Bible Study

Studying with Coloured Pencils



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Why do we Study?

1. To come to **KNOW** God
   cp. John 17v3, Jer 9v22-23

2. To become **LIKE** God
   cp. Gen 1v26, Eph 4v22-24



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Why do we Study?

- Principles – help guide our walk
- Perspective – meaning for life
- Faith – strengthens our hope
- Wisdom – helps solve problems
- Knowledge – shows us divine hand
- Strength – hold onto the Truth



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Rule #1

EFFORT

Rule #2

EFFORT

Rule #3

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Requirements

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Rule #2
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Rule #3
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- Diligence – 2 Tim 2v15
- Time – Psa 1v2, 1 Tim 4v13,15-16
- Networks – Pro 27v17
- COLOURED PENCILS – 2 Tim 2v15



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How to Study

Stage 1



Pray – asking for guidance

Reading – read, read & more reading

Questions – who, what, why, when, where, how

Learning to Study Bible with Coloured Pencils

How to Study

Stage 2



- **Read** to become familiar with passage
- **Read** to find the key words & themes
- **Read** to discover the background
- **Read** to hear echoes & citations
- **Read** to establish the structure
- **Read** to understand the message
- **Read** to unlock the types & patterns
- **Read** to build the lessons

What is Context?



"The circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed"

The Importance of Context

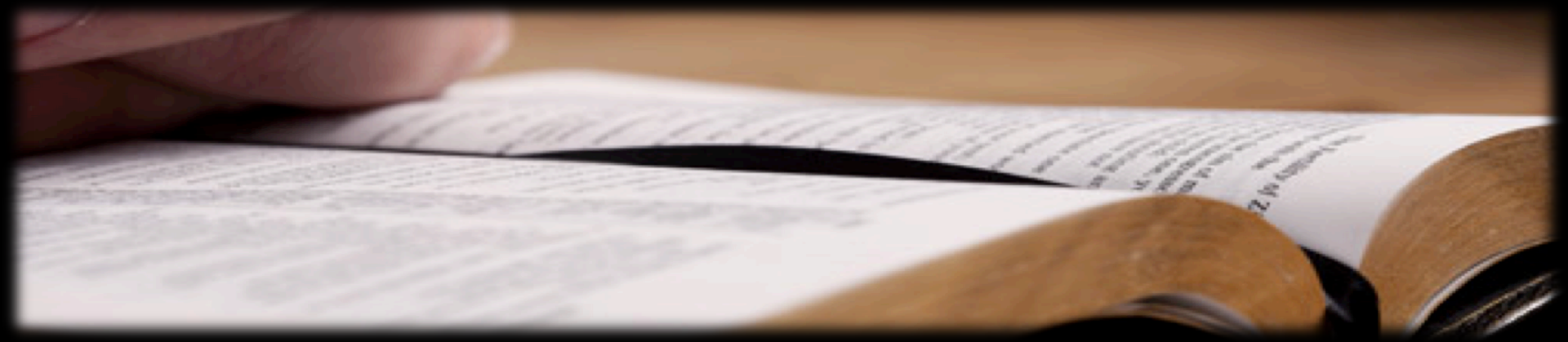
"The **FOOL** hath said in his heart there is **NO** God"

cp. Psa 53v1

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Key to Study - Context

Not everyone will be good **textual** students
but **anyone** can be good a **contextual** student



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Key to Study - Context

Contextual Bible Study
places emphasis on

"letting the bible speak for itself"



Contextual Bible Study - Hints

"It brings together the best scriptural, historical, geographical, archeological information, to help place any Bible passage in its own contextual setting"



Fundamental Precedent of Contextual Study



"unless the Bible indicates to the contrary, the best rendering of any passage will be to take the literal, precise, and natural meaning of the text"

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SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT RULE:

Good bible study is ...

GOOD BIBLE READING



The Keen Contextual Eye



- What is the main lesson of story
- Emphasis of the words
- Builds pictures with all the details
- Links with other scriptures
- Keywords and themes
- Important echoes from/to other places
- Overall sense of the narrative
- Main lines of the argument
- Dramatising of the incident
- The setting of the scene

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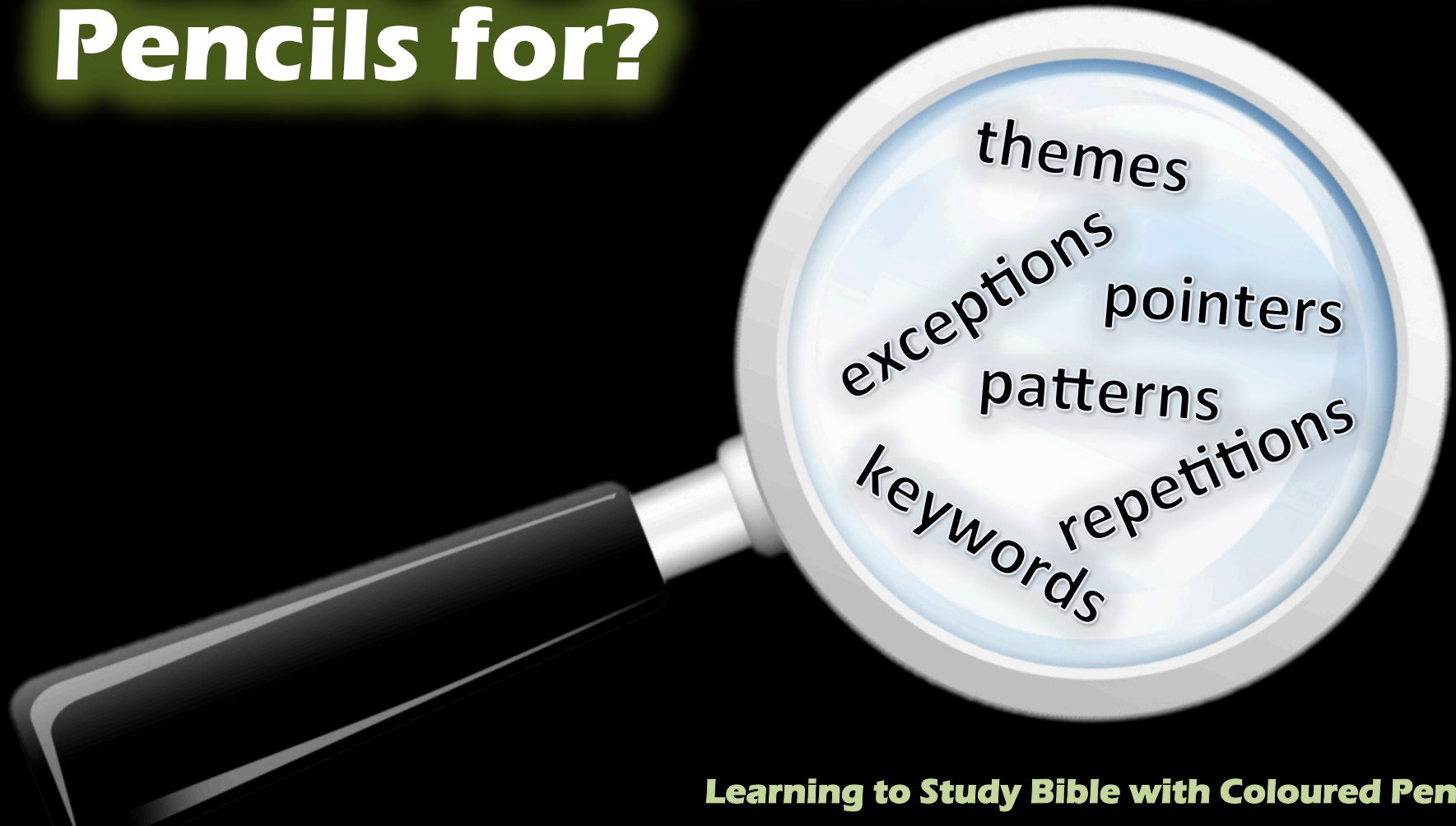
Contextual Re-Reading



- **Read** to learn the story
- **Read** to practice the emphasis
- **Read** to capture the detail
- **Read** to establish the theme
- **Read** to catch the echoes
- **Read** to obtain the overview
- **Read** to trace the argument
- **Read** to dramatise the incident
- **Read** to reconstruct the scene

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What do I use Coloured Pencils for?



Colouring In - Examples

- Repeated words & ideas – John 1
- Omissions – Luke 22v22-23
- Strange expressions – Luke 5v17
- Subject Areas – (Chapter & Section Breakdowns)
- Key themes – Acts 7
- Repetitive Structures – Gen 2 & 3
- Platform Verses – Gal 3v14
- Chiastic Patterns – Gen 11v1-9



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The Process



Step 1 Find the Facts

Step 2 Establish the Principle

Step 3 Apply the Exhortation