

Hijacked: Enemy Tactics

Hijacked: Scripture taken out of context

Ever been misunderstood? Misquoted? Or blamed for something you never said?

Series Objectives:

- Relying on the power of God stated in His Word. (**Hebrews 4:12**)
- Warnings of the enemy's tactics. (**Matthew 4:1-11**)
- Applying Biblical Interpretation principles for victorious living. (**Nehemiah 8**)
- Being doers of the Word and not hearers only (**James 1:22**)

_____ of God's Word

- **Internal claims:**
 - **Deuteronomy 1:1-6** (NLT) These are the words that Moses spoke to all the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness east of the Jordan River ... Moses addressed the people of Israel, telling them everything the LORD had commanded him to say ... Moses carefully explained the LORD's instructions as follows. "When we were at Mount Sinai, the LORD our God said to us, 'You have stayed at this mountain long enough.
 - **2 Timothy 3:15-17** (NLT) ¹⁵You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
 - **Psalm 19; Psalm 119; 2 Peter 1:20-21**
- **External Claims**
 - Like no other book in human history!
 - 41 authors; 1500 year writing span; 3 continents; 3 languages; 7 genres
 - Manuscript Evidence: 7 of Plato's vs 24,000+ of the New Testament
 - "I know of no finding in archaeology that's properly confirmed which is in opposition to the Scriptures. The Bible is the most accurate history textbook the world has ever seen." – Dr. Clifford Wilson, former director of the Australian Institute of Archaeology

Enemy's plan to _____ by:

- **Doubt**
 - **Genesis 3:1** (NLT) The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" (see **Genesis 2:16-17**)
 - **Matthew 4:3** (NLT) During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." (see **Matthew 3:17**)
- **Distorting**
 - **Genesis 3:4** (NLT) "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."
 - **Matthew 4:5-6** (NLT) ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

of God's Word

- **Hebrews 4:12** (NLT) For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- **2 Timothy 3:17** (NLT) God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** (NLT) Therefore, we never stop thanking God that when you received his message from us, you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe.
- **Psalms 119:11** (NLT) I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
- **Accuracy is key!**
 - **John 5:39** (NLT) "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

of disillusionment (this is where we're going with this series)

- e.g. "money is the root of all evil" — therefore to have money is evil... but...
 - **1 Timothy 6:10** (NLT) For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.
- e.g. "ask and you'll receive" — therefore ask for whatever you'd like... but...
 - **1 John 5:13-15** (NASB) ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Understanding Biblical Interpretation principles (LIGHTS)

- **L – Literal Interpretation** — The most obvious and literal sense.
- **I – Illumination by the Holy Spirit** — Relying on Him. (**1 Corinthians 2:12**) He is author. (**2 Peter 1:20-21**)
- **G – Grammatical Principles** — including syntax and style
- **H – Historical Context** — the context of the original author to original audience
- **T – Teaching Ministry** — part of God's gift to help His church grow (**Ephesians 4:11**)
- **S – Scriptural Harmony** — have Scripture interpret Scripture (e.g. **Revelation 1:16** and **1:20**)

Homework for next week:

- **Pray** for understanding
- **Read** 1 Corinthians 10:13
- **Write down:**
 - What it means to you.
 - Any questions you have.
 - How it applies to your life.

Questions to meditate on & discuss:

1. What gives you confidence the Bible is God's Word?
2. How does the enemy seek to deceive?
3. Why is it important to accurately understand the Bible?
4. What has been helpful to you in understanding God's Word?
5. What do you do when you have questions about God's Word?
6. Which Biblical Interpretation principle do you need to apply more often?