


A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The person is wearing a plaid shirt and is lying in bed, with a plaid blanket visible. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the person's fingers are resting on the pages. The overall scene is warm and intimate, suggesting a quiet time of reading.

ENGAGING


A SERIES ON READING GOD'S WORD

THE WORD



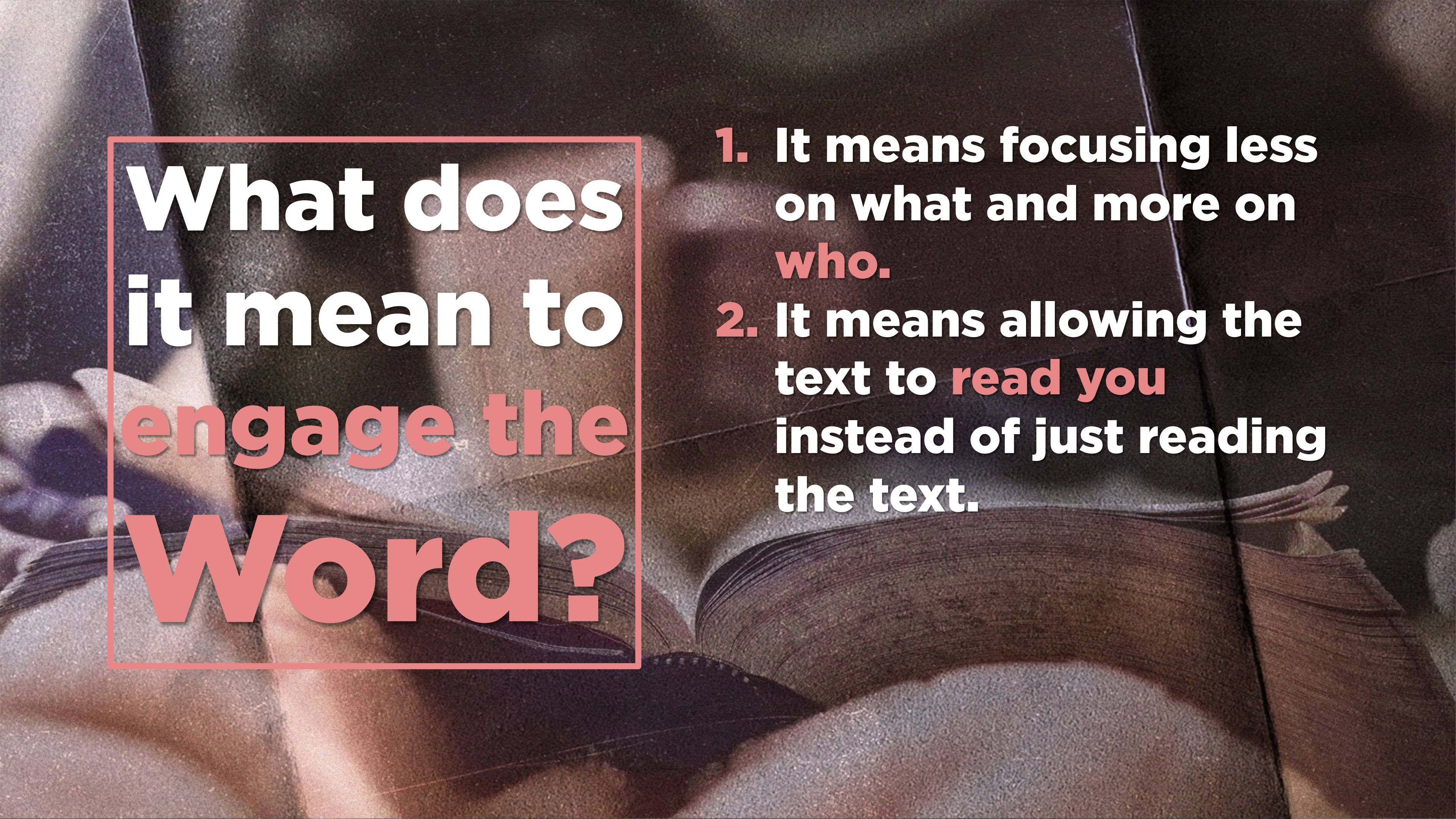


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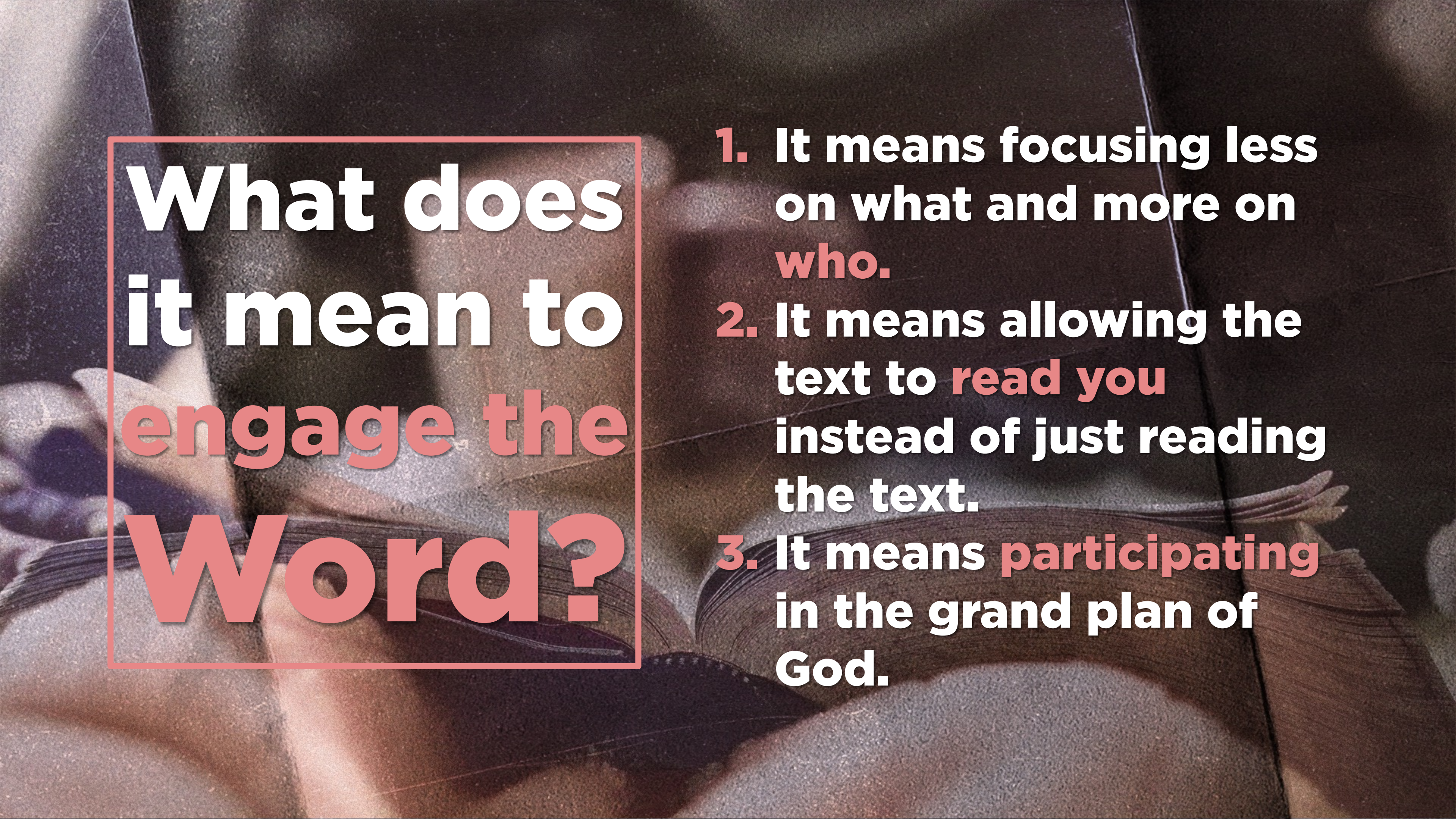
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- 1. It means focusing less on what and more on who.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open book. The person's face is partially visible in the background, looking down at the text. The image is overlaid with text in white and red. A red-bordered box on the left contains the main question. To the right, a numbered list provides two points.


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2. It means allowing the text to **read you** instead of just reading the text.



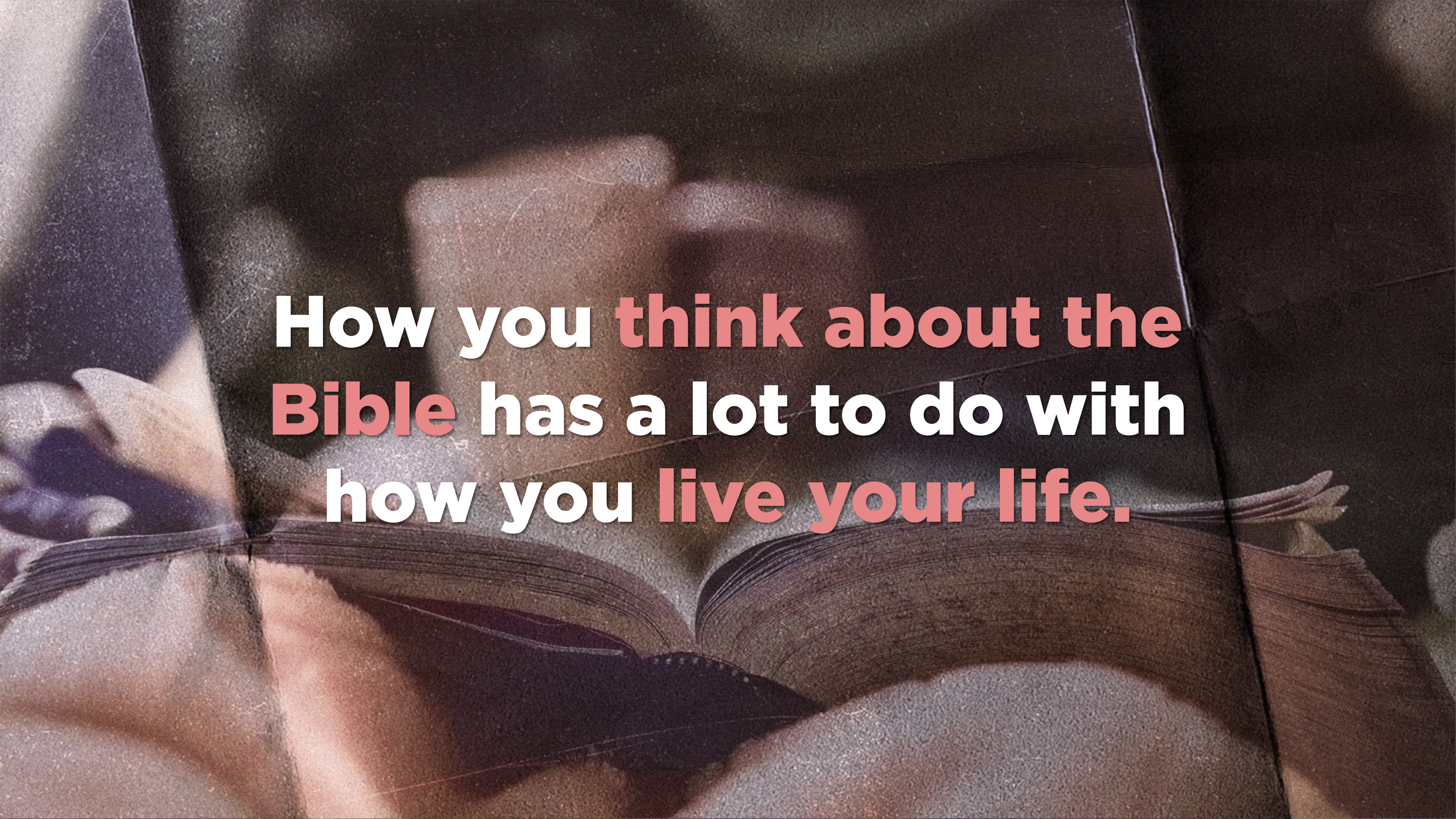
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2. It means allowing the text to **read you** instead of just reading the text.
3. It means **participating** in the grand plan of God.



**What do you think
about the Bible?**

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, without any error, the all sufficient authority in matters of faith and practice.

An open book with a dark cover and many pages, lying flat. The text is overlaid in the center. The words 'think about the Bible' and 'live your life' are in a reddish-pink color, while the other words are in white. The background is a close-up of the book's pages and cover, showing some texture and shadows.

How you think about the Bible has a lot to do with how you live your life.

The relationship between believing in the
whole Bible and the role it should have in
your life is the word

AUTHORITY



**Life, Bible and
Authority**

2 Peter 1:12-21

So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body,

2 Peter 1:12-21

¹⁴because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me.

¹⁵And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

2 Peter 1:12-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

2 Peter 1:12-21

¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:12-21

²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:15

And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

Aug 22, 2010

Dear Thom Fuan,

"Think BIG, start small &
build DEEP ...!!"

In Him,



2 Cor 5:7

- A short but powerful verse!

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight.



**3 things
to learn
from the
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**3 things
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- 1. The authority of the Bible**

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3 things to learn from the message today

- 1. The authority of the Bible**
- 2. The benefits from biblical authority**

An open book with a dark cover and aged, yellowed pages. The book is laid flat, and the text is overlaid on the left and right pages. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, with some words in red and others in white. The background is a close-up of the book's pages and cover.

3 things to learn from the message today

- 1. The authority of the Bible**
- 2. The benefits from biblical authority**
- 3. The life on biblical authority**



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The authority of the Bible.



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The **authority** of the Bible.

1. Eyewitness account

2 Peter 1:16

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The **authority** of the Bible.

- 1. Eyewitness account**
- 2. OT prophecy**

2 Peter 1:19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 5:18

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Matthew 19:4-6

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’⁵ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’?⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Genesis 2:24

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

You cannot say you believe in Jesus and not believe in the full divine inspiration of the bible. That would be contrary to who Jesus is.



2

The **benefits from
biblical authority.**



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The **benefits from
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1. Liberating



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The **benefits from
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2. Wisdom

An open book with a dark cover and pages, showing the spine in the center. The text is overlaid on the right page.

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The **benefits from
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1. Liberating

2. Wisdom

3. Relationship with God



3

The **life on biblical
authority.**



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1. Heart shaping

An open book with a dark, textured cover is shown from a top-down perspective. The pages are a deep, dark brown color and are slightly curved, suggesting the book is being held open. The central gutter where the pages meet is visible. Overlaid in the center of the book is the text "Pay attention!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background behind the book is dark and out of focus.

Pay attention!

2 Peter 1:19

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and **you will do well to pay attention to it**, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.