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When Ahaz (he has grasped) son of Jotham (the LORD is perfect), the son of Uzziah (my strength is YAH), was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it. <sup>2</sup> Now the house of David (beloved one) was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to

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Isaiah, "Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub **(a remnant shall return)**, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field. <sup>4</sup> Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood-- because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it

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apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel (**good for nothing**) king over it."  
7 Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD (**אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה**) says: "It will not take place, it will not happen,<sup>8</sup> for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.<sup>9</sup> The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all."

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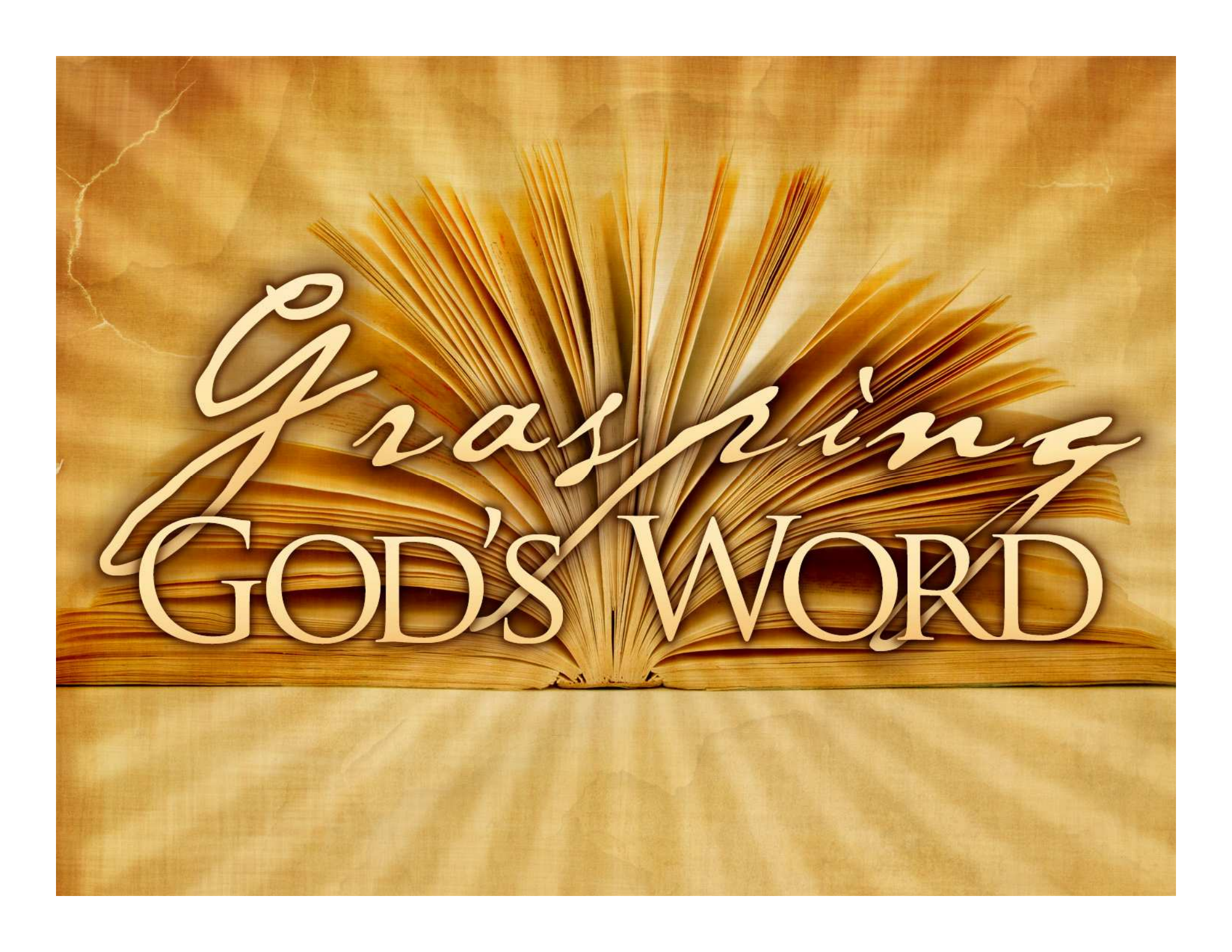
<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel

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(with us is God).<sup>15</sup> He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.<sup>16</sup> But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.<sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah-- he will bring the king of Assyria." (Is. 7:1-17, NIV)

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She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us." (Matt. 1:21-23, NIV)



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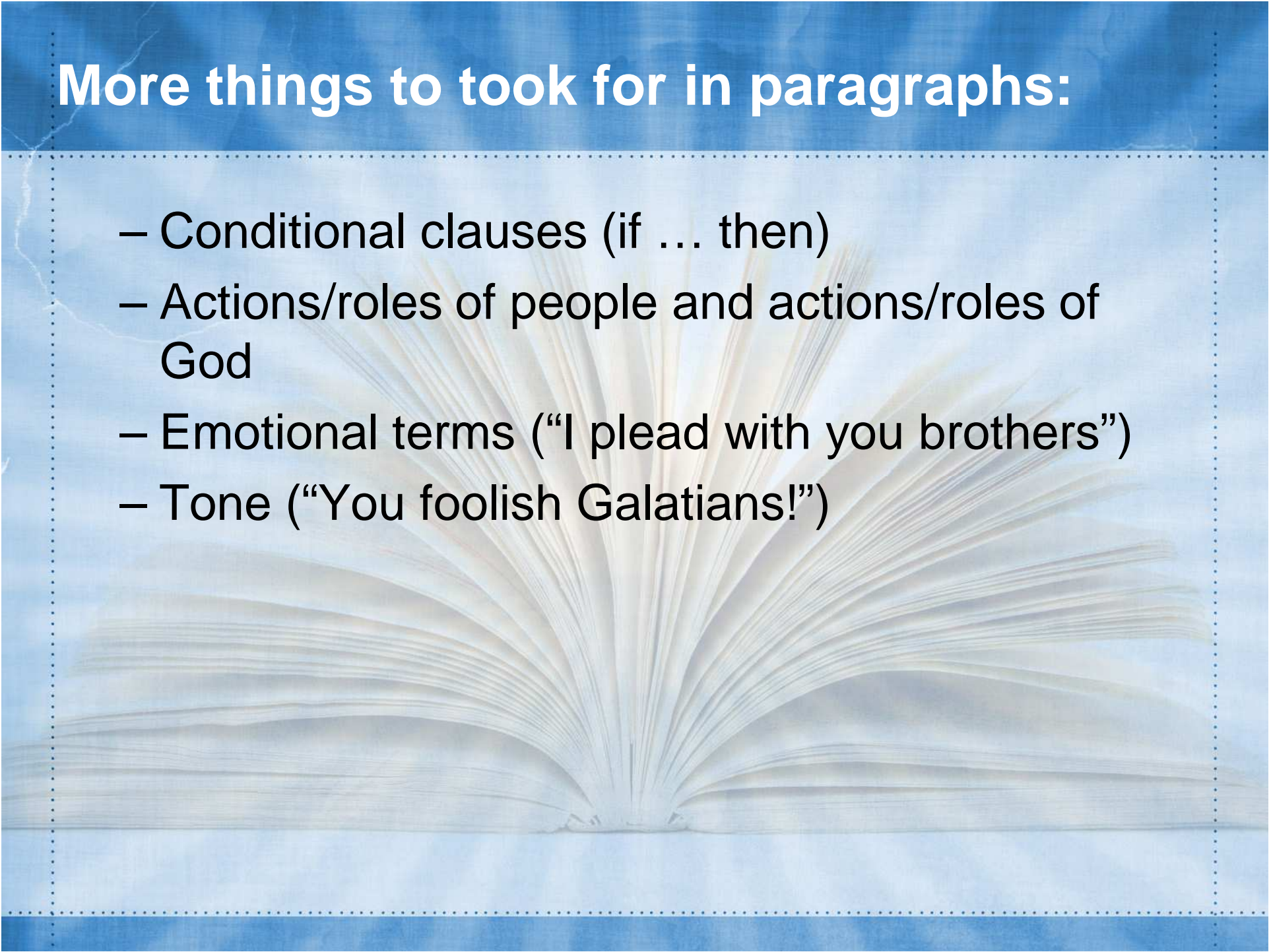
## Review - Things to look for in sentences:

- Repeating words and phrases
- Contrasts (“but”, “however”)
- Comparisons (“as...”, “like...”)
- Lists
- Causes and effects (“wages of sin is death”)
- Figures of speech (“The Lord is my rock”)
- Conjunctions (“and”, “therefore”, “because”)
- Verbs (where the action is)
- Pronouns (“you”, “our”, “he”)

# How To Read the Book - Paragraphs

- General and specific (“live by the Spirit” – fruit)
- Questions and answers
- Dialogue (conversation between Jesus and Peter)
- Purpose statements (“God so loved that he gave”)
- Means (“by the Spirit put to death the misdeeds of the body”)

## More things to look for in paragraphs:

- Conditional clauses (if ... then)
  - Actions/roles of people and actions/roles of God
  - Emotional terms (“I plead with you brothers”)
  - Tone (“You foolish Galatians!”)
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# Conclusion

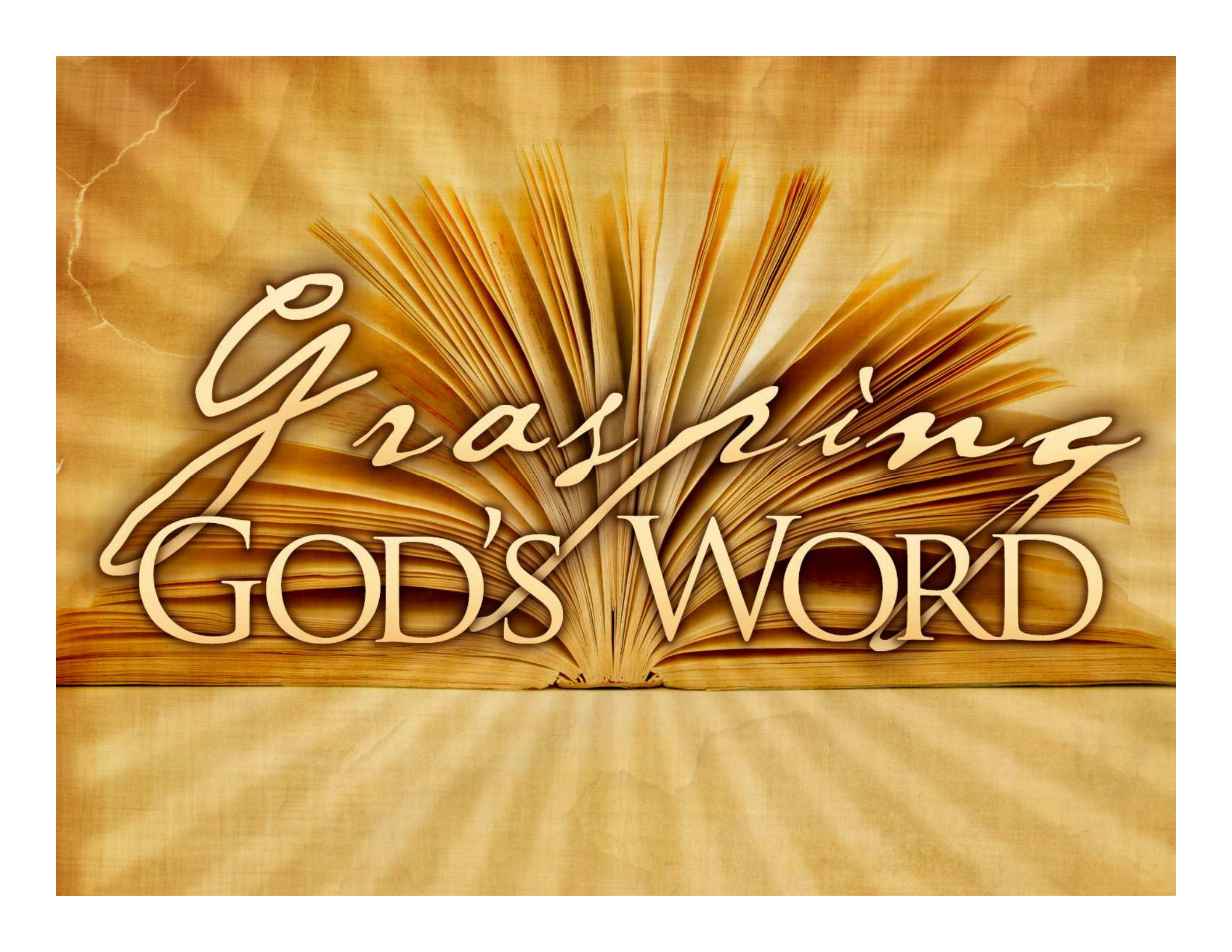
- Observe first, apply later.
- Write down your observations.

“A pen is a mental crowbar.”

- Howard Hendricks



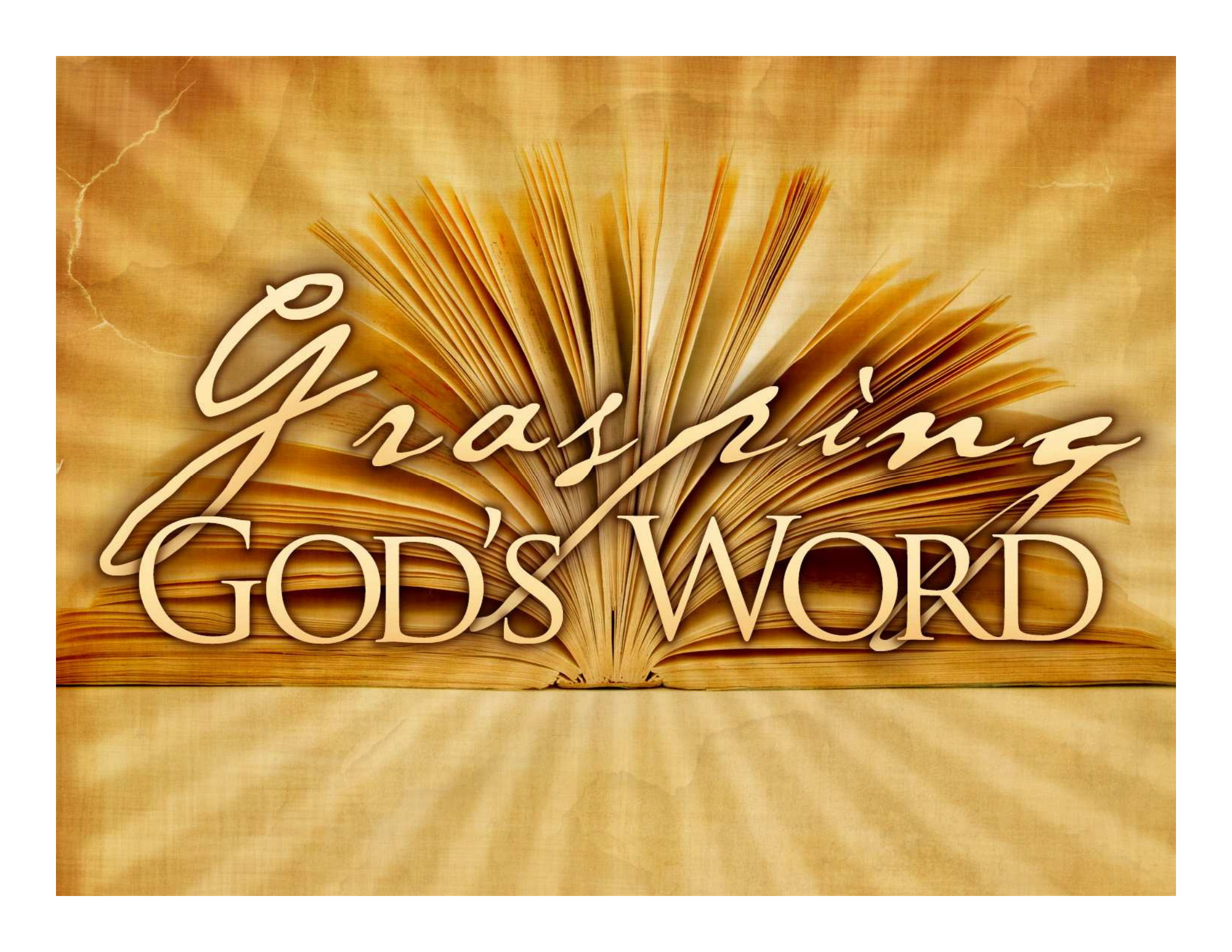
- The Bible is not just any other book. It teaches us not only who God is but what He requires from us - Read it carefully!



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How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." <sup>15</sup> But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. (Is. 14:12-15, NIV)



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