



Abide Discovery Session

The One-Meaning Guardrail

Hearing God clearly so we
can walk with Him faithfully.



The Heart of Discipleship

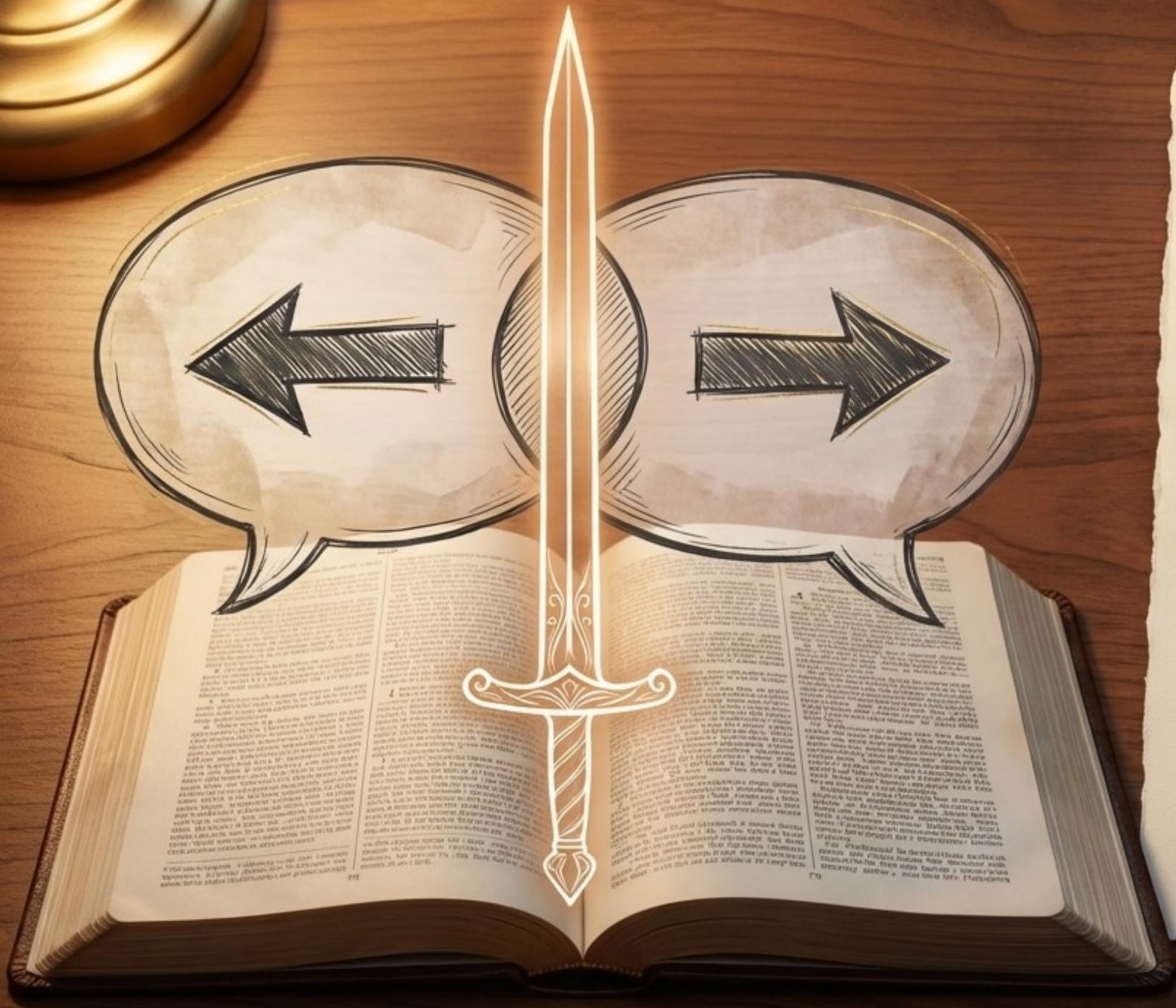
God loves humanity and created us for fellowship with Him. We come as we are, but His grace calls us to grow. This growth happens through three essential actions, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

1. Meditate
& Obey

2. Study
& Apply

3. Hear & Do

Obedience is not a heavy burden; it is the pathway to deep joy and flourishing.



An Invitation to the Word

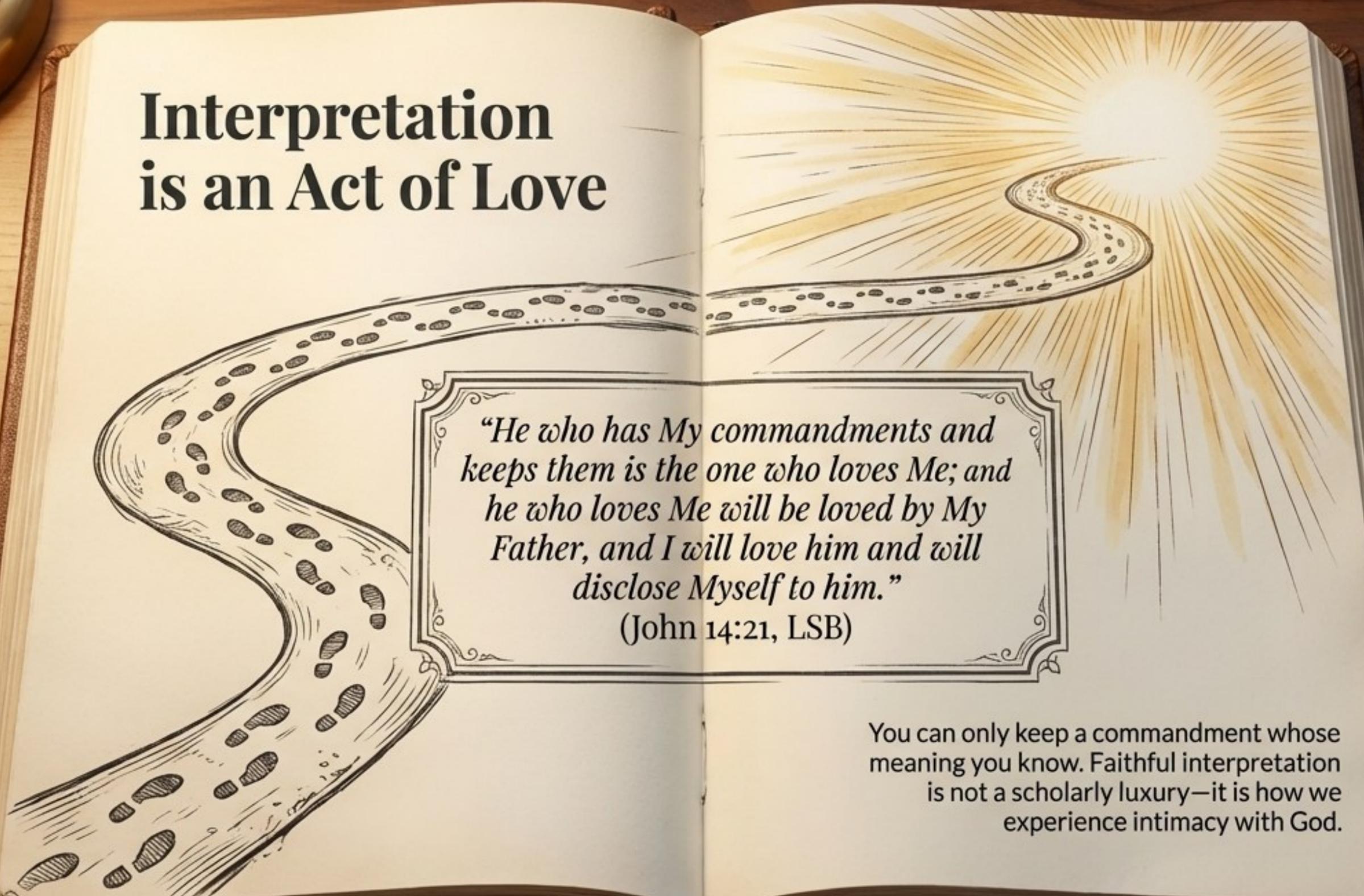
Imagine a Bible study where two sincere people offer completely opposite meanings for the same verse.

If God's Word means opposite things to different people, it loses its power to guide us.

The Word is precise. It divides our own wishes from the truth God actually placed in the text.

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword..."
(Hebrews 4:12, LSB)

Interpretation is an Act of Love

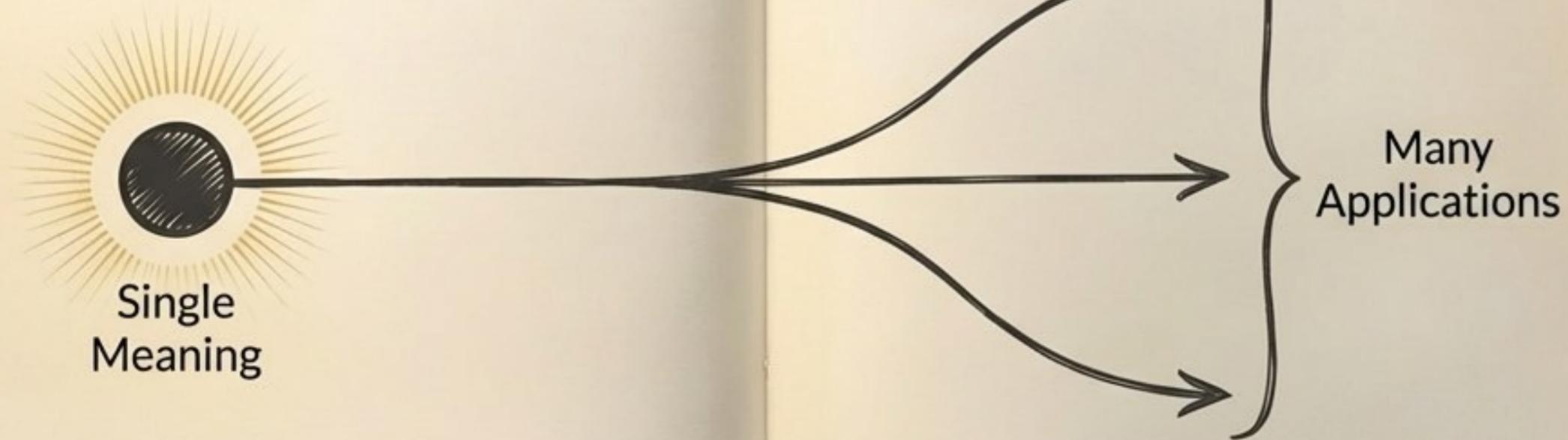


“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”

(John 14:21, LSB)

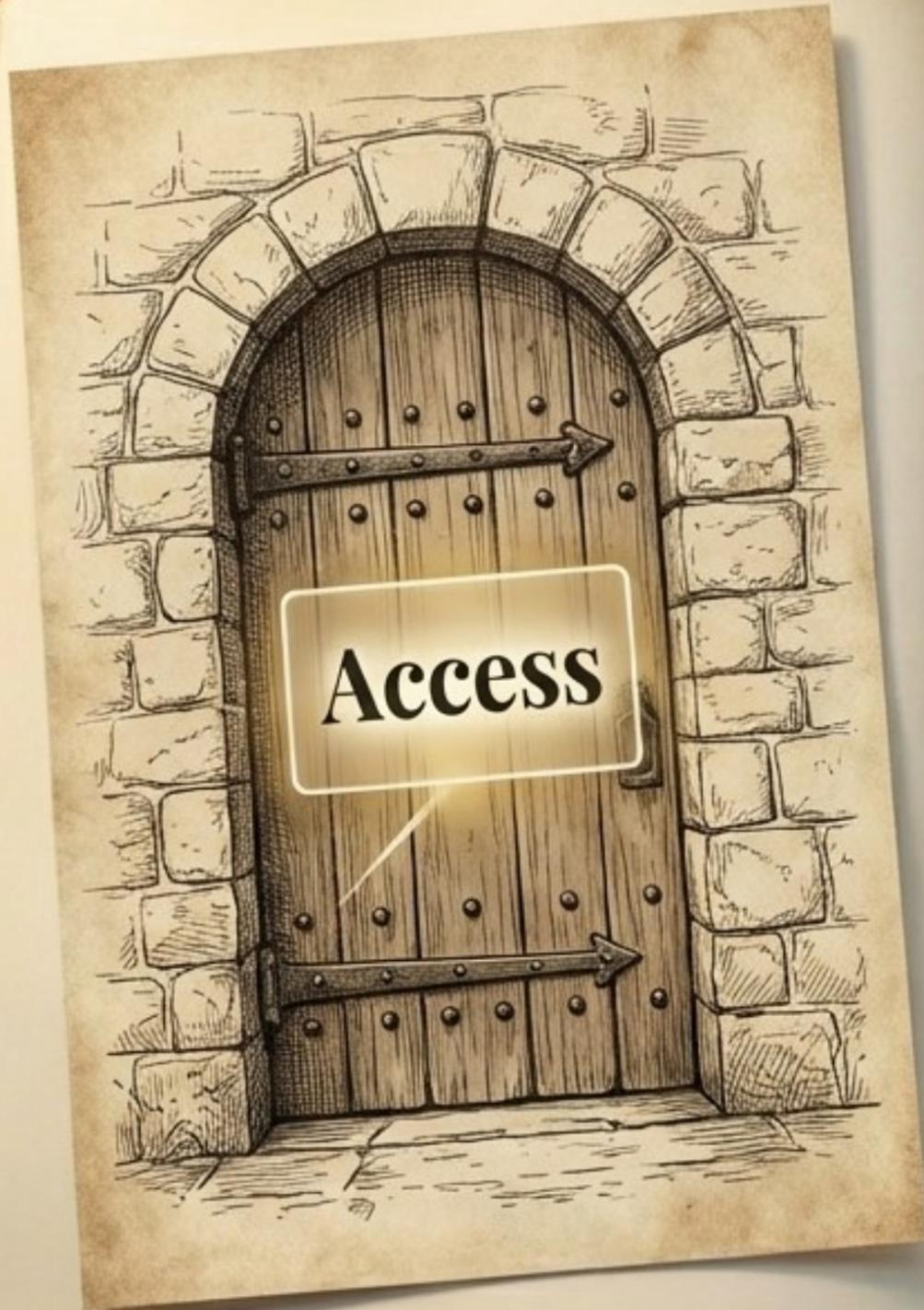
You can only keep a commandment whose meaning you know. Faithful interpretation is not a scholarly luxury—it is how we experience intimacy with God.

The One-Meaning Guardrail



Scripture has one main, correct meaning intended by the human author and the Holy Spirit. But that one meaning **applies to our lives in wonderfully diverse ways**. The meaning belongs to the Author. We do not invent it; we faithfully receive it.

"...no prophecy of Scripture comes by one's own interpretation." (2 Peter 1:20, LSB)



Metaphors Still Have One Meaning

The Bible contains poetry, history, and parables. Does the One-Meaning Guardrail work for figurative language?

Yes. When Jesus says, “I am the door” (John 10:7–10, LSB), it is a metaphor. But the imagery of protection, safety, and provision all point in one direction: **He is the exclusive means of access to abundant life.**

Takeaway: Figurative language is not a loophole for vague spiritualizing. It still points to one focused truth.

1 Corinthians 13:10 — What is 'The Perfect'?

"but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away."

(1 Corinthians 13:10, LSB)

Column 1

Column 2

Column 3

The Completion
of the New
Testament?

The Return
of Jesus?

The New
Heavens and
Earth?

Can all three be correct? No. The original author meant one specific event. The Guardrail reminds us to keep searching carefully rather than settling for "everyone is right."

Matthew 16:15-18 — When Godly Scholars Disagree



Context: "upon this rock I will build My church..." (Matthew 16:18, LSB). Is the rock Peter, his confession, or Christ?

Jesus meant one thing. Yet, faithful students sometimes disagree. The *One-Meaning Guardrail* tells us there is a correct answer, even if we are not entirely certain yet.

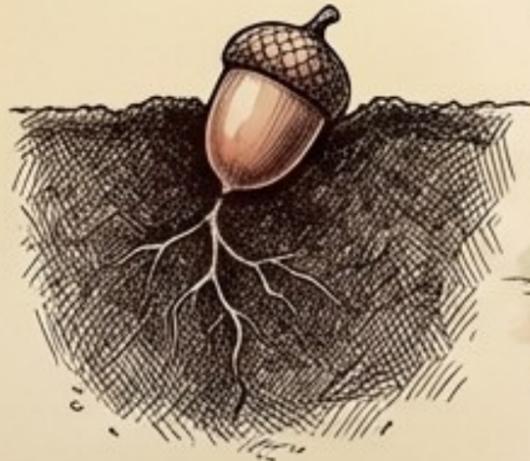
Takeaway: Holding our interpretations with open hands is not a weakness; it is the mark of a careful, humble student.

November: "The church... we come from in the building of abrogation will be considered. matter of the entire... what the use on the part of the world, it should be... - was a building, then."

Recreation of Journal

The season when... use or Jesus on to do or would... students, and the message of his always honor, holdings, and... learning information. The blowing... his doctors of dissent to mind... want to search - an absent... the said common that it each... about them, holding us to the there... opportunity is the virtue in... met them, but transfer humble... ancestral combat. - Lot or

One Meaning with an Expanding Trajectory



Sometimes, prophecy carries a near-term meaning for the original audience, and a massive, ultimate fulfillment later. *This isn't two meanings. It is the fuller sense of one unified plan.*



The oak tree is not a different thing from the acorn. It is the exact same life, grown to its full, magnificent stature by the Holy Spirit.

The Acorn and the Oak in Scripture

The original word used to your young woman.

Reference to 'Immanuel.'



700 Years



The Acorn: Isaiah 7:14 (LSB)

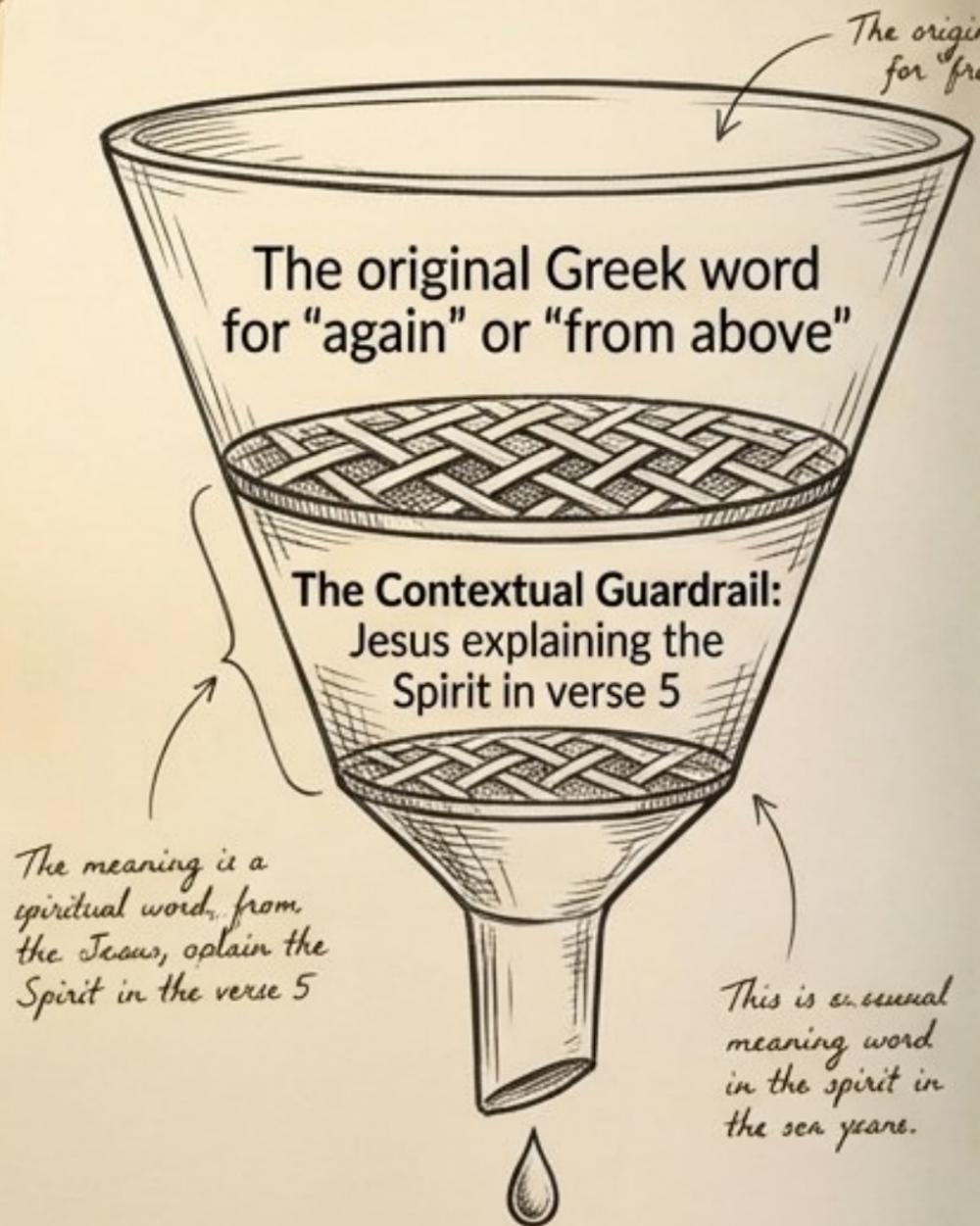
The original Hebrew word means "young woman." A near-term sign of God's immediate protection for a frightened King Ahaz.

The Oak: Matthew 1:22-23 (LSB)

The Holy Spirit reveals the ultimate fulfillment: a virgin conceiving Jesus.

x-reference to 'Immanuel'

One purpose. One trajectory. One God with us (Immanuel).

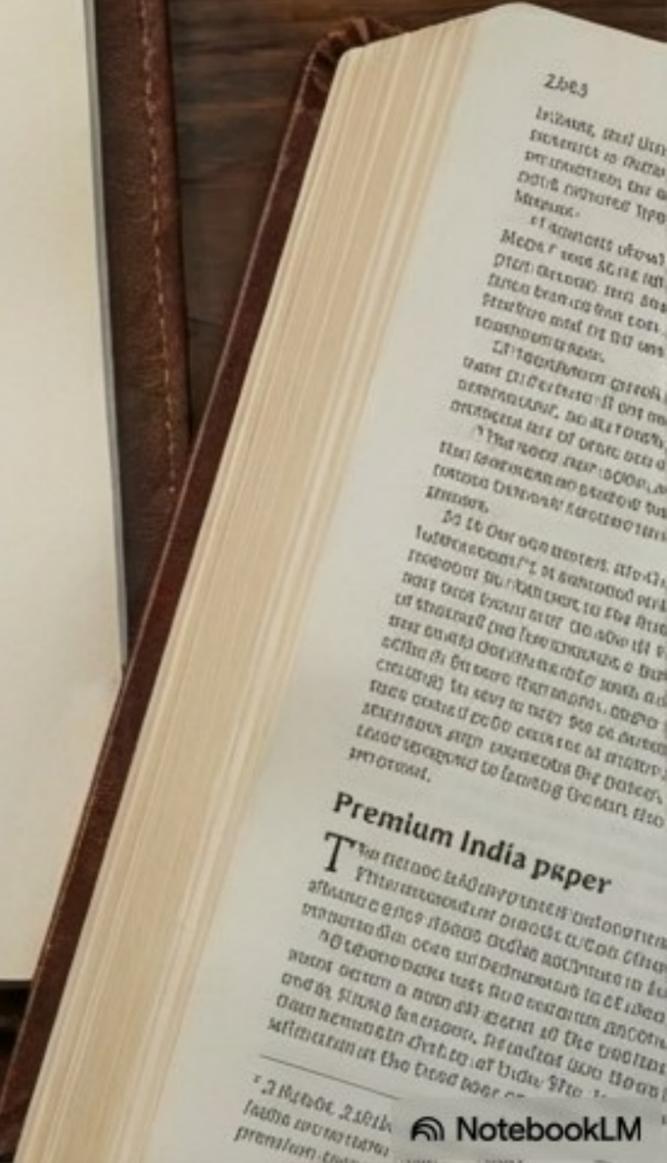


The single true meaning:
A spiritual birth from above.

Resolving Ambiguity with Context

In John 3:3-5 (LSB), Jesus says we must be "born again." The original Greek word can mean "again" or "from above." Nicodemus guessed "again" and was deeply confused.

Takeaway: The Guardrail does not leave you guessing. It points you to the surrounding context, where the Author already left the answer.





David's Present
Reality

1000
Years

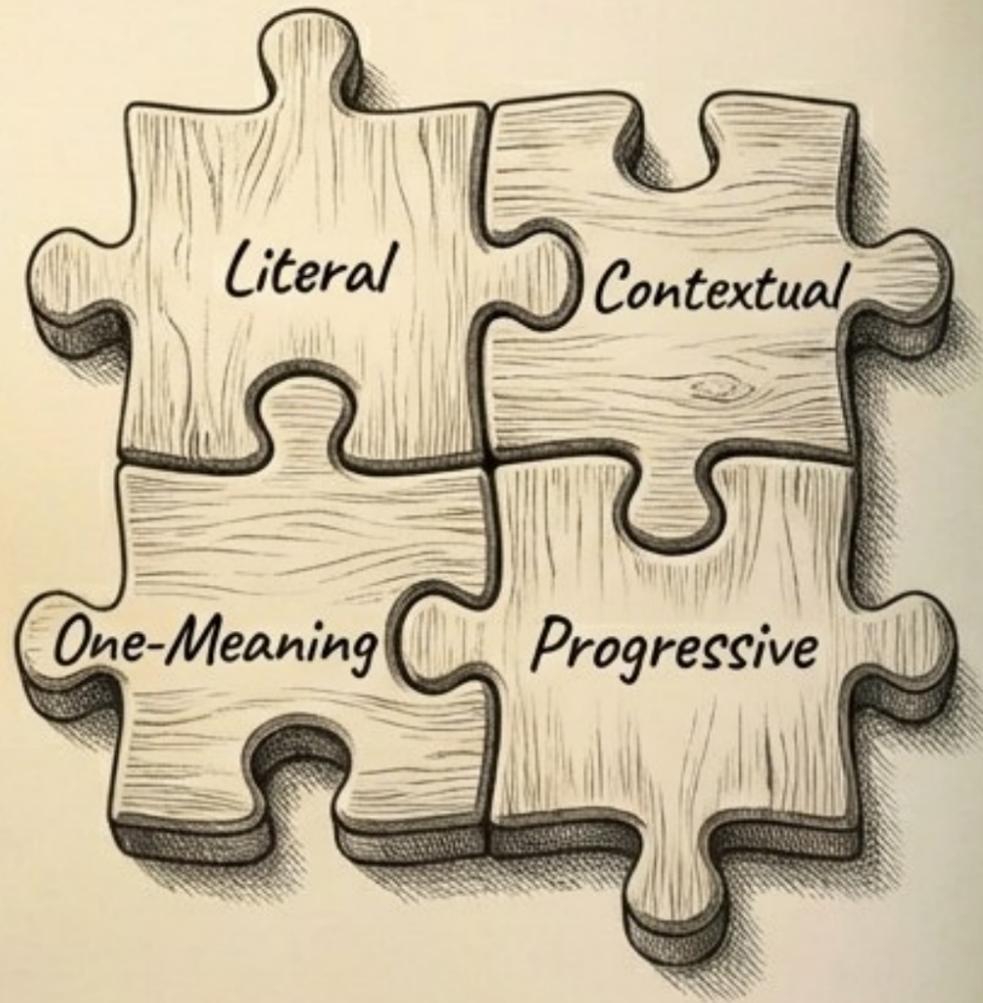
Future
Fulfillment



Psalm 22 — A Preview of the Progressive Guardrail

Context: David wrote a psalm about his own deep suffering: "They divide my garments among them..." (Psalm 22:18, LSB). Yet these exact details happened at the crucifixion (Matthew 27:35, LSB).

The **One-Meaning Guardrail** tells us David wrote about his own pain. But the unmistakable parallels require another tool to see the full, breathtaking picture God was painting.

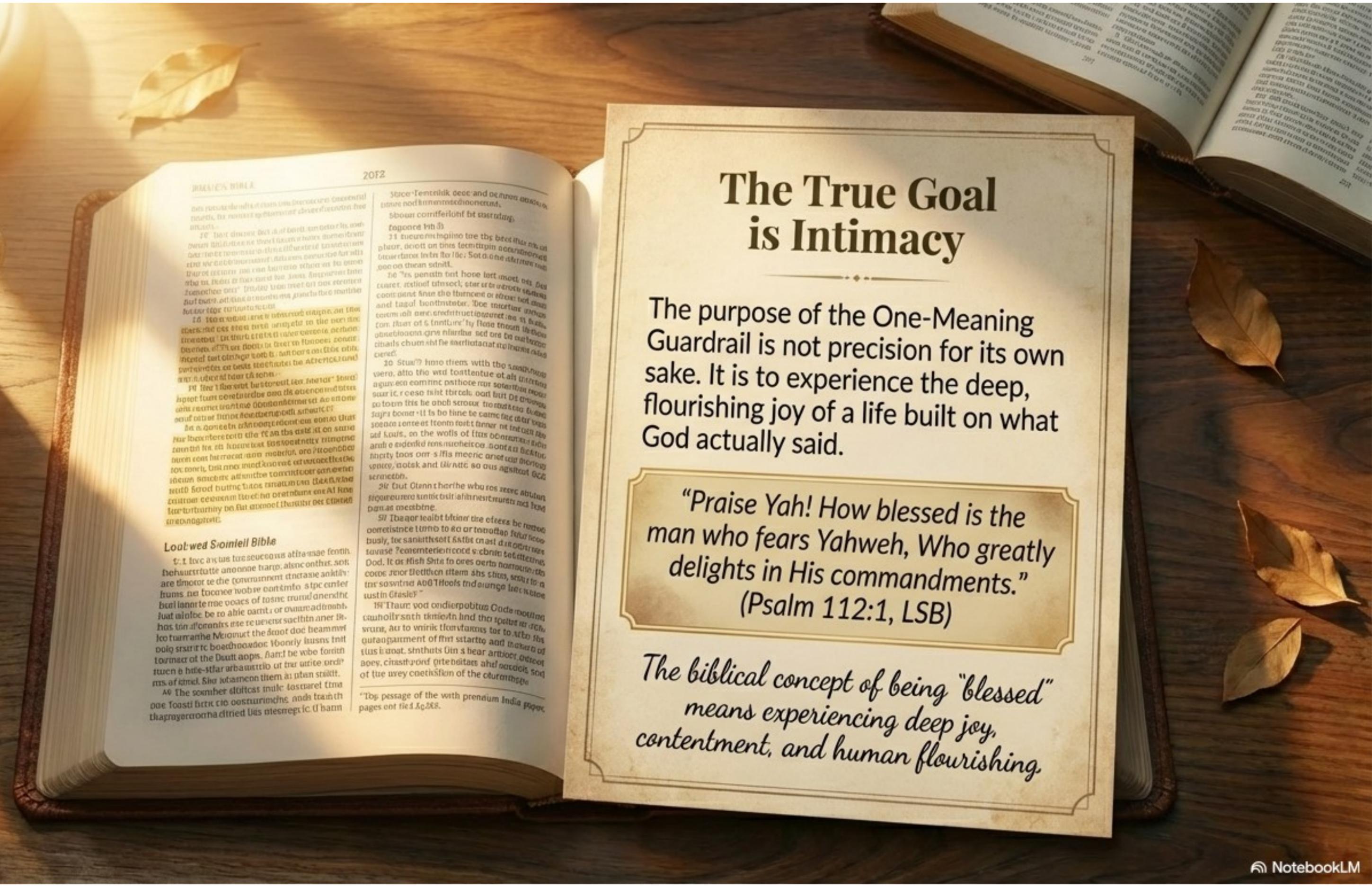


“But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth...” (John 16:13, LSB).

Partnering with the Spirit of Truth

- 1. **Literal:** Figurative language still carries one clear meaning.
- 2. **Contextual:** Context resolves ambiguity.
- 3. **One-Meaning:** The Author intended one meaning; we discover it.
- 4. **Progressive:** God’s unfolding story illuminates earlier passages.

Takeaway: You are not alone in this work. The guardrails work as a team, guided continuously by the Spirit.



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*"Praise Yah! How blessed is the
man who fears Yahweh, Who greatly
delights in His commandments."
(Psalm 112:1, LSB)*

*The biblical concept of being "blessed"
means experiencing deep joy,
contentment, and human flourishing.*

An Invitation to Abide

“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of freedom, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.” (James 1:25, LSB)

God wants to reveal Himself to you more than you want to know Him. He will help us learn to apply these tools with grace.

May you find deep satisfaction and redemptive favor as you delight in His Word.

~ Hear and Do. Meditate and Obey. Study and Apply. ~