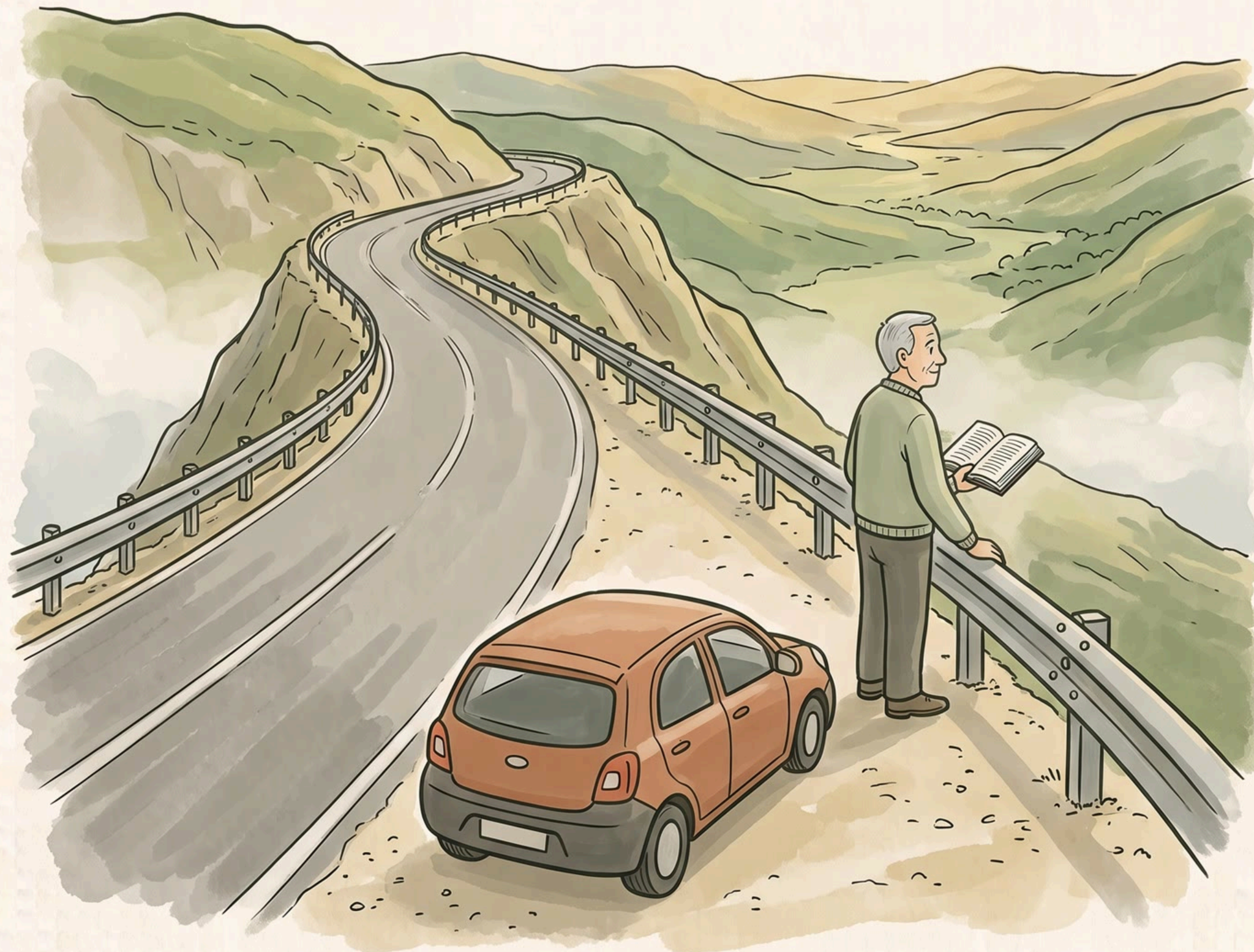


ABIDE 101 • LESSON 3

The Guardrails of Biblical Interpretation

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



SECTION 1 · DEUTERONOMY 4:1–2

From Gaps to Guardrails

“You must not add to or subtract from what I command you, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am giving you.”

Deuteronomy 4:2 · BSB

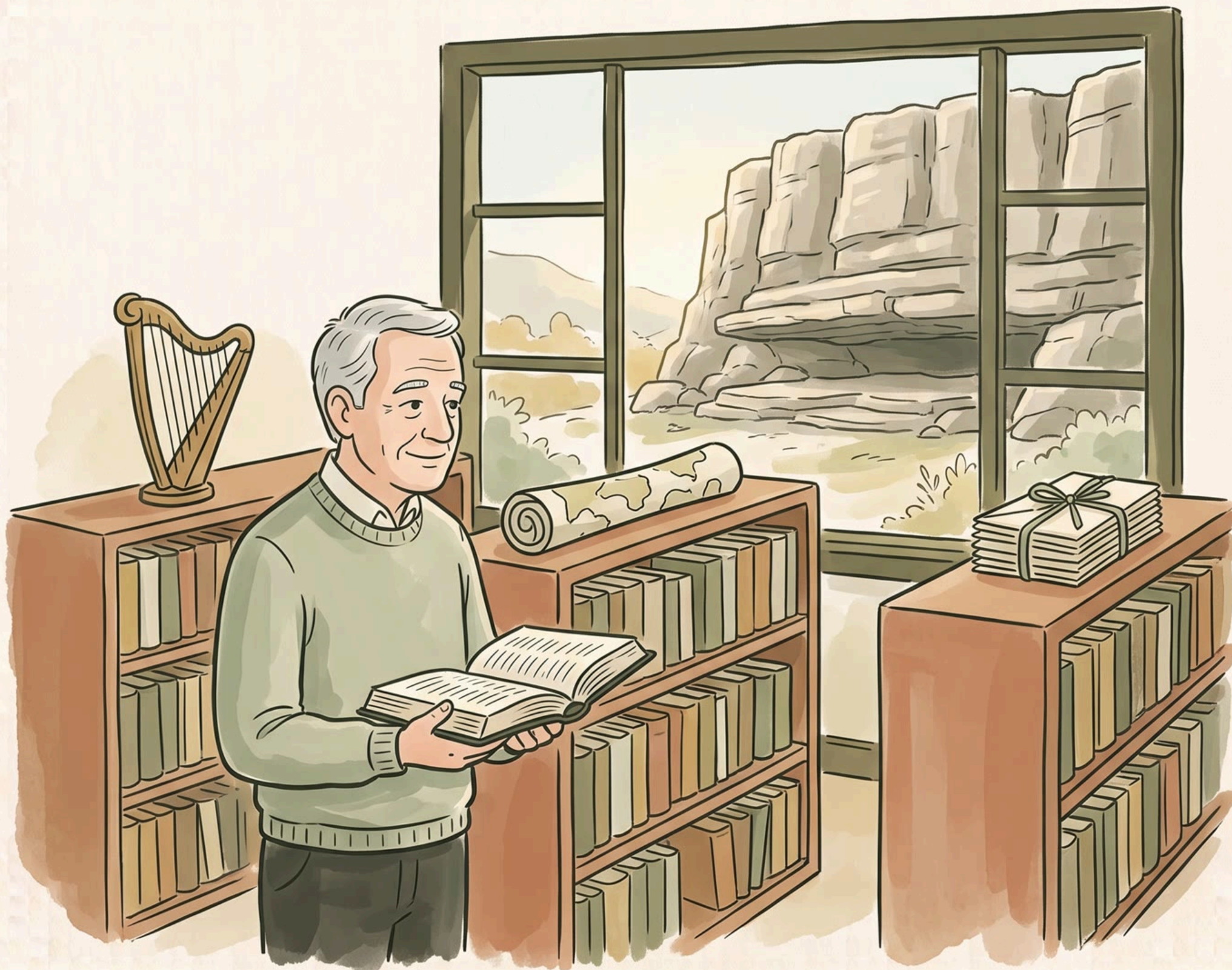


SECTION 2 · LETTERS FROM SOMEONE YOU LOVE

You Already Read This Way

“...most of the following principles are universal and pertain to all forms of written communication.”

Fuhr and Köstenberger, *Inductive Bible Study*



SECTION 3 · PSALM 19:14

The Literal Guardrail: Read It the Way It Was Written

“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

Psalm 19:14 · BSB

Ask: What genre is this, and what does it actually say in that genre?



SECTION 4 · PSALM 23

The Contextual Guardrail: Read It Where It Lives

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Psalms 23:1 · BSB

Ask: What surrounds it, what did the first readers know, and where does it sit in the whole story?



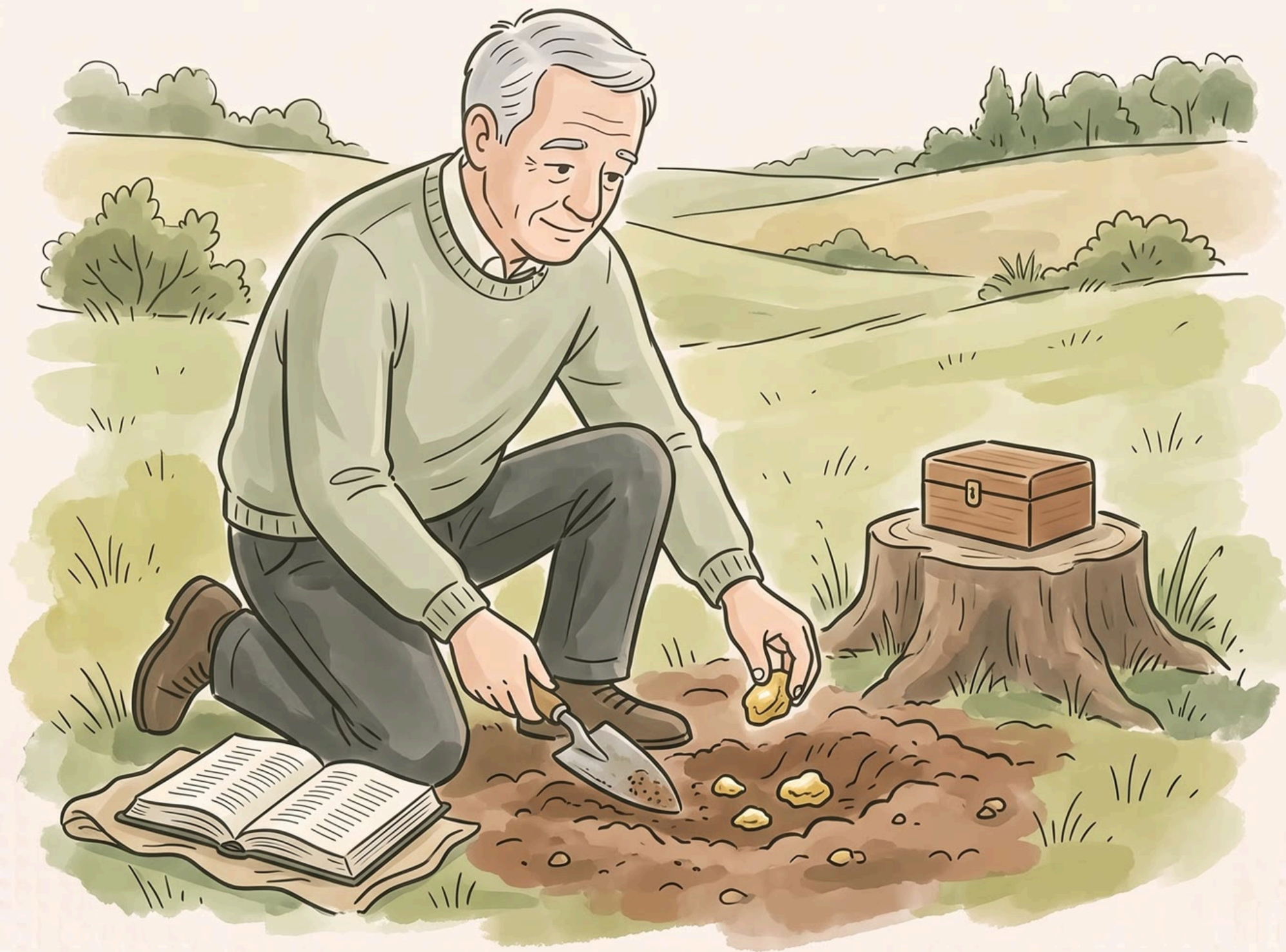
SECTION 5 · MATTHEW 6:22–23

The Linguistic Guardrail: Hear It in Its First Language

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light.”

Matthew 6:22 · BSB

Ask: Is there a word where the Hebrew or Greek adds nuance?



SECTION 6 · 1 TIMOTHY 6:6–10

The Exegetical Guardrail: Draw It Out, Don't Read It In

“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.”

1 Timothy 6:10 · BSB

Ask: What is the Author saying in this passage to the original audience?



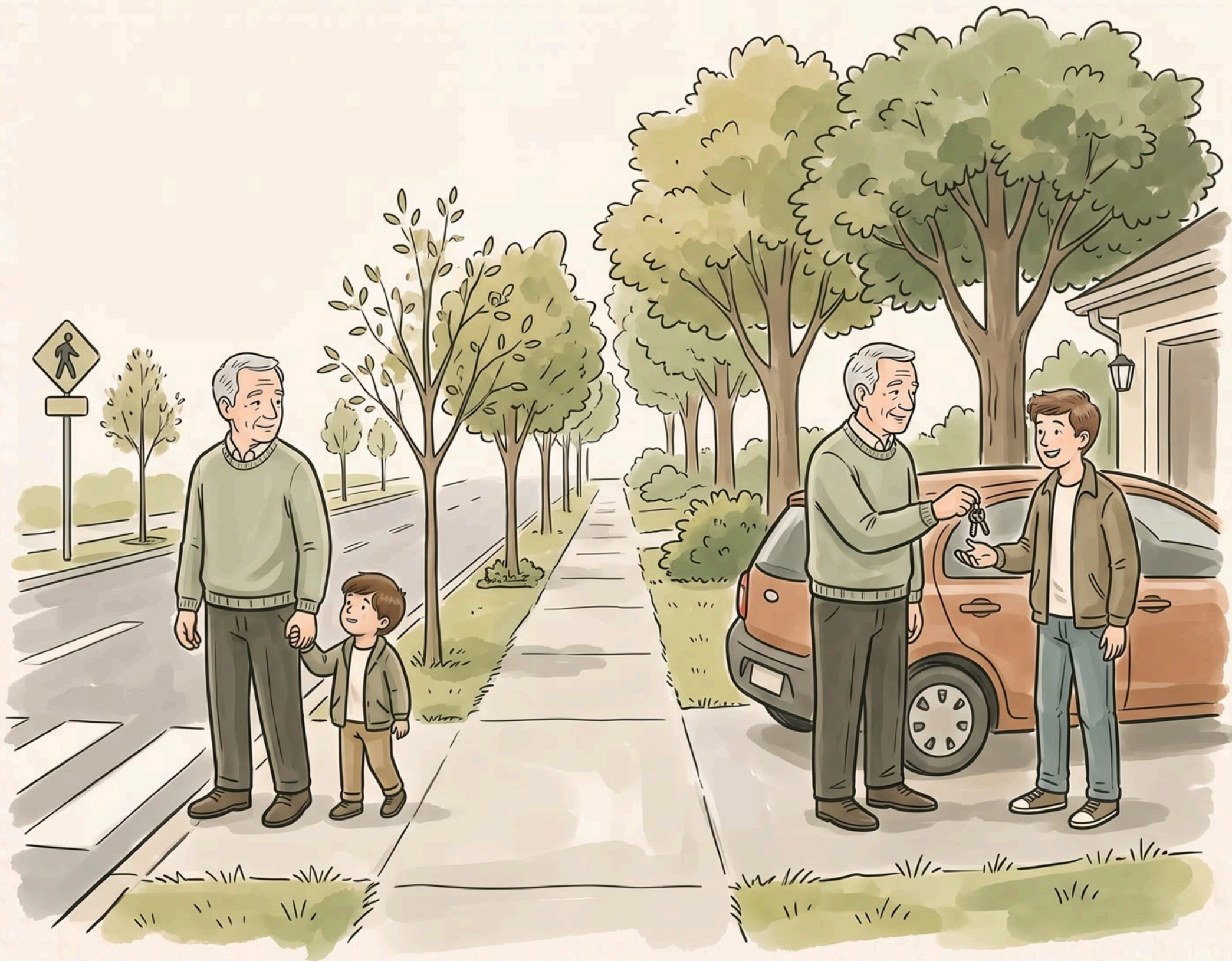
SECTION 7 · LUKE 10:36–37

The One-Meaning Guardrail: One Meaning, Many Applications

“The one who showed him mercy,” replied the expert in the law. Then Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:37 · BSB

Ask: What is the one thing this meant when it was first given, before later revelation illuminated it further?



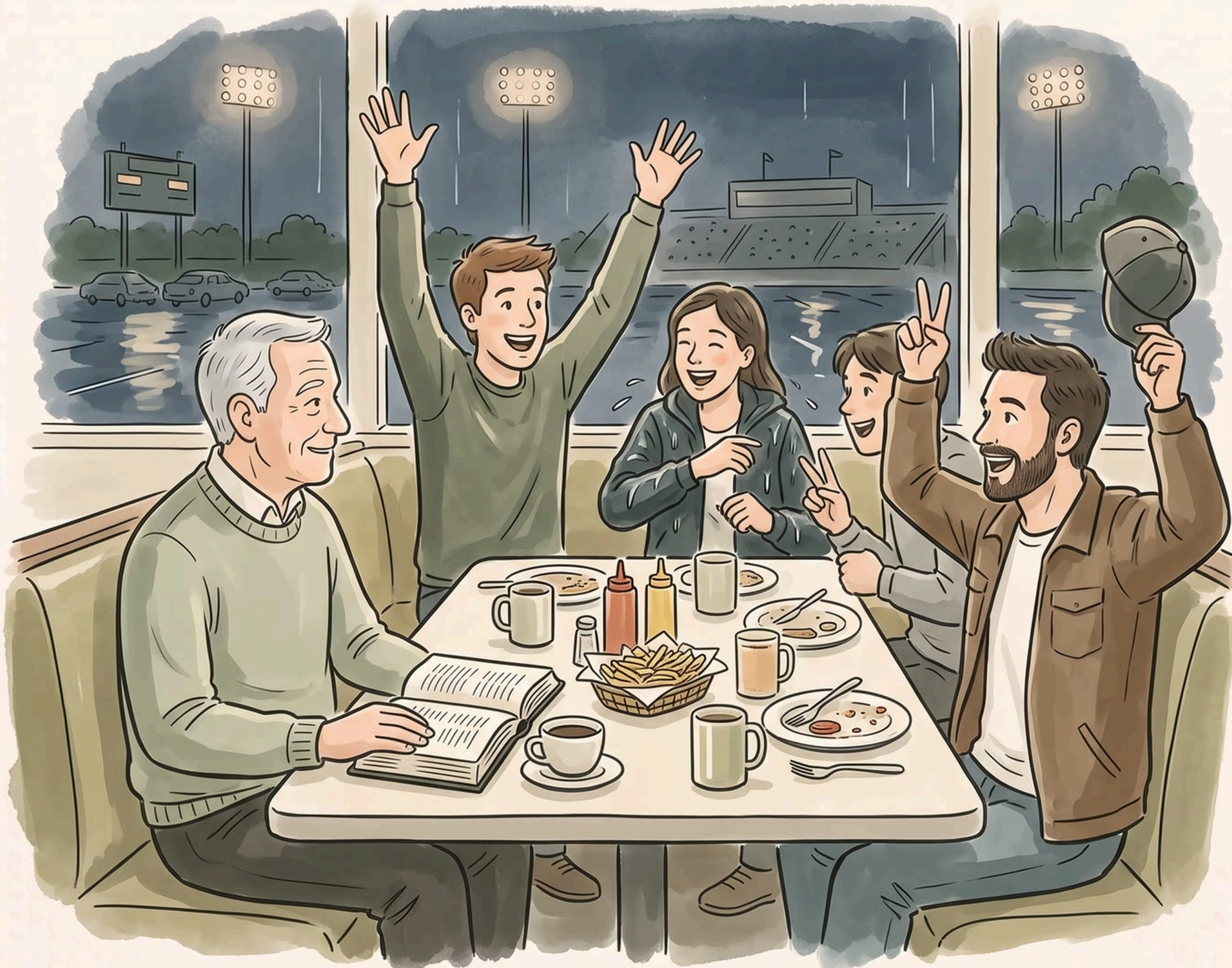
SECTION 8 · MARK 7:18–19

The Progressive Guardrail: Know Where You Are in the Story

*“Do not call anything impure that God has
made clean.”*

Acts 10:15 · BSB

Ask: Where does this sit in the unfolding story?
What had God revealed by then, and what did He
reveal later?



SECTION 9 · ROMANS 3:28 · JAMES 2:24

The Harmony Guardrail: Let Scripture Explain Scripture

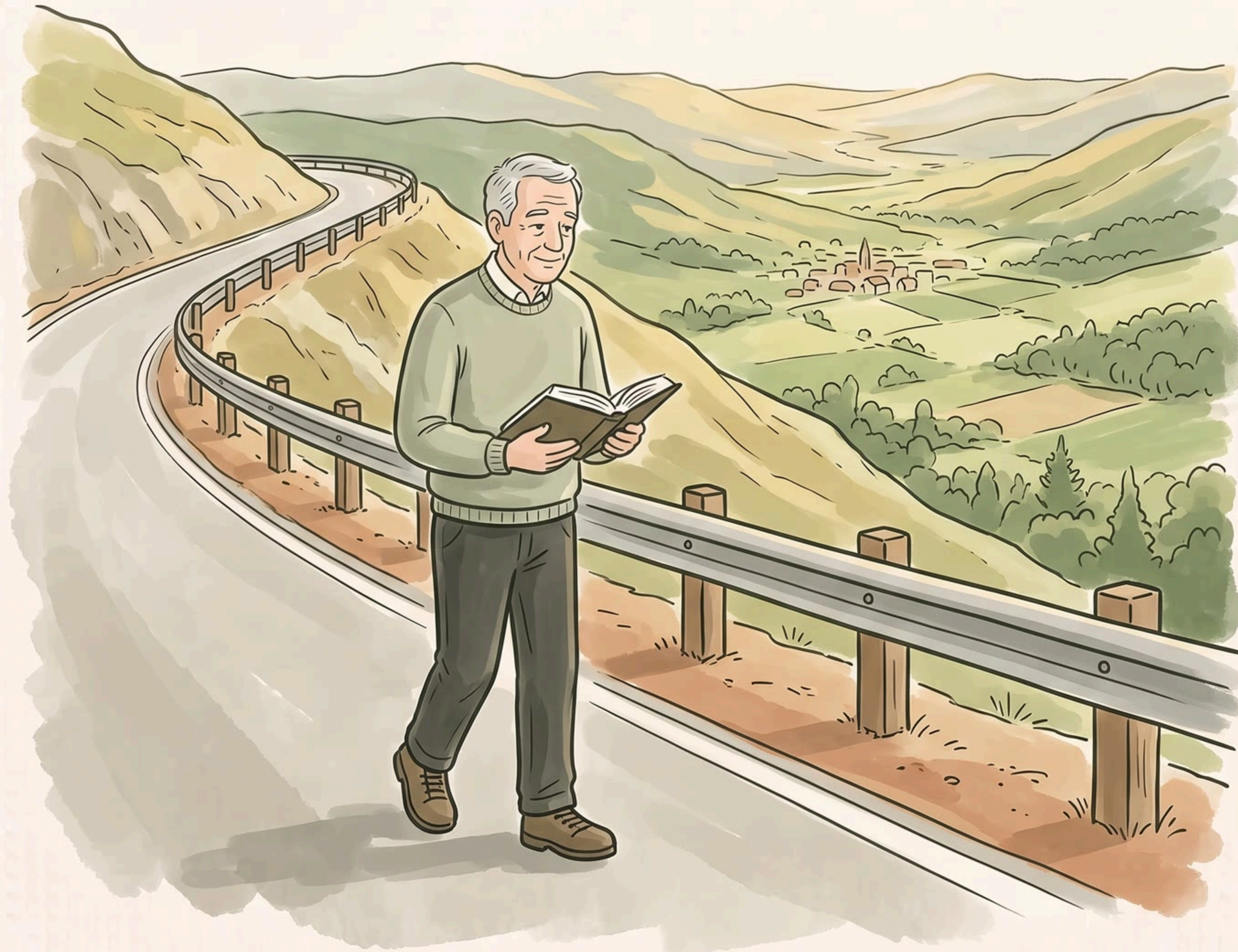
“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”

Romans 3:28 · BSB

“As you can see, a man is justified by his deeds and not by faith alone.”

James 2:24 · BSB

Ask: Do clear passages elsewhere agree with my reading?



SECTION 10 · DEUTERONOMY 5:32–33

Seven Rails, One Road

“So be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you are not to turn aside to the right or to the left.”

Deuteronomy 5:32 · BSB

Seven guardrails, seven questions

Guardrail	The question to ask	Deeper
Literal	What genre is this, and what does it actually say in that genre?	Lesson 5
Contextual	What surrounds it, what did the first readers know, and where does it sit in the whole story?	Lesson 6
Linguistic	Is there a word where the Hebrew or Greek adds nuance?	Lesson 7
Exegetical	What is the Author saying in this passage to the original audience?	Lesson 8
One-Meaning	What is the one thing this meant when it was first given, before later revelation illuminated it further?	Lesson 9
Progressive	Where does this sit in the unfolding story? What had God revealed by then, and what did He reveal later?	Lesson 10
Harmony	Do clear passages elsewhere agree with my reading?	Lesson 11

SEVEN RAILS, ONE ROAD, ONE AUTHOR

“You must walk in all the ways that the LORD
your God has commanded you, so that you may
live...”

Deuteronomy 5:33 · BSB

How is God inviting you to live out this abiding principle this week?

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