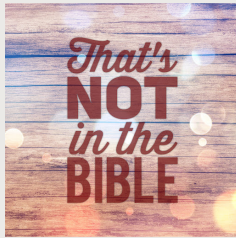


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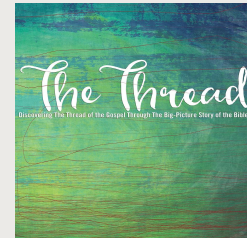
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That's not in the Bible



Sundays at 9:30
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Friday Dec 3rd 6:30pm



January 5th

The Chosen
Official Trailer

Questions answered
about The Chosen by
the director

View the entire first
two seasons here

Midweek Youth

On break until January 5th

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens
Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

On break until January 5th

Join us every Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 8:00pm for an exciting new series about seeing the "Thread" of the Gospel through the entire Bible.

Together, we will see that Jesus was God's word made in the flesh, as both messenger and the message of God's salvation for all and He can be seen throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and everywhere in between.

Sundays at 9:30am

DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

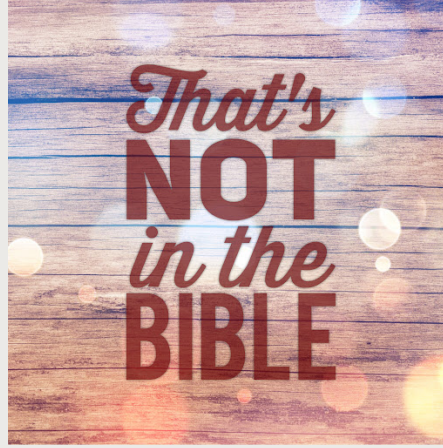
Bible verse of the week

Matthew 7:1-5

7 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.



That's not in the Bible

This past Sunday, we continued our series on defending our faith. We said that not all misconceptions and misquotes of the Bible always come from those who are attacking or trying to disprove Christianity. Many are well meaning and can even come from Christians themselves. But, it is still just as important to communicate the truth.

We started with a commonly heard phrase that we often usually hear when we are suffering through some difficulty or are going through a tough time.

"God won't give you more than you can handle"

First thing we noted is that this phrase or even it's meaning are nowhere to be found in the Bible. The closest we could find is in **1 Corinthians 10:13** where Paul is talking about temptations which is completely different than suffering.

The next thing we noted is that God actually does give us more than we can handle. We looked at Gideon, Moses, and Joshua, to show examples of God giving us way more than we can handle alone, without God. In each case, God showed that all things are possible with God which helps us to grow in our faith in God.

We said that the biggest problem with using this phrase is the part that says: "**God won't give you...**" This gives the impression that it was God who caused your suffering which gives people the wrong impression of God who loves us and is only good all the time.

We talked about some better phrases to use instead that are not only actual Bible verses but also provide better help in tough situations such as: **Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:13, Philippians 4:6-7, and Philippians 4:13.**

The next often heard phrase we hear is "**Money is the root of all evil**" which we as discussed in recent weeks, is not only taken out of context but is also misquoted. We

previously saw that it is not the money that is evil but our attachment to it that draws us into sin/evil.

We said that the problem with this phrase is that it implies that Christians should give away all their wealth and be poor. We agreed that it would not be possible to help others and build God's Kingdom if we were poor or even having just enough to get by. Having money is not evil but attaching our identity to it can easily lead us to sin/evil.

The next phrase that we hear all the time from both believers and non-believers is: "Jesus said, Don't Judge!".

When we looked at the verse in question in **Matthew 7:1**, it did appear that Jesus did actually say that, but what did he really mean? When we looked at the rest of **chapter 7** as well as **chapter 18, Luke 17:3, and John 7:24**, it was very clear that Jesus was talking about hypocritical judgement (using the Pharisees as an example). It was also very clear that there is such a thing as "righteous judgement" as there are many other verses in which we are told to judge correctly or righteously.

The problem with believing this phrase as it stands alone is that we start to believe that we can't speak out against what we know is wrong without being called out for "judging" and we tend to not stand up for what we believe or even defend our faith.

We talked about a few more similar seemingly harmless phrases and agreed that defending our faith and communicating the truth is just as important when the phrases sound nice or harmless as when Christianity is being outright attacked.

Next Sunday, we'll start a short series about talking with God. Don't forget movie night **this Friday at 6:30pm**.

Upcoming Events

First Friday Youth Movie Night

Join us at LWA on December 3rd,
at 6:30pm for Youth Movie Night!

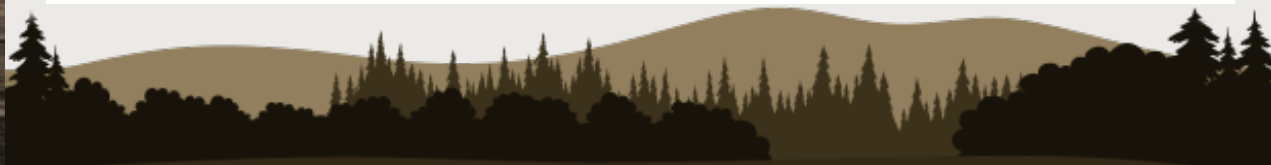


The movie will be the 1983 comedy classic, "A Christmas Story".
For youth, grades 7-12, friends and families.

Rated PG

Growing up in the 1940s, a young 9-year old boy named Ralphie attempts to convince his parents, his teacher and Santa that a 200 shot Red Ryder BB gun really is the perfect Christmas gift. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he'll shoot his eye out. He then decides on a perfect theme for his school paper but his teacher's reaction is like his mother's. He even gets the same reaction from Santa. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the bad guys. When the big day arrives he gets lots of presents under the tree including a lovely gift from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

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