



IN CONTEXT

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The goal of this series is pretty self-explanatory and straightforward: *looking at famous Bible passages in their original context.*

I believe it would be beneficial for all of us to follow a consistent pattern when dealing with the designated verses used for the sermons. The proposed pattern is:

Provide a concise background of the book in which the passage is found.

I intentionally chose verses from different books so that each preacher could present the background freely, without relying on what a previous speaker covered. The background doesn't need to be extensive, so focus on the most important information. Most importantly, choose the details that will be helpful for interpreting the text.

Engage with the passage in its original context.

Try to paint a vivid picture of how the original audience would have received the message. The more clearly and vividly you can communicate this, the better!

Bridge the original meaning to our lives today.

Relying on the timeless nature of Scripture, apply the passage to our present-day context. Since our congregation is small, we can make an extra effort to make the message as relatable as possible to the specific struggles and victories our church family is currently experiencing. Though this may require a bit more work, it will be well worth the effort.

For this sermon series, there won't be summaries for each passage in order to give each preacher the freedom to explore and present the passage as they feel led.

Here are the selected passages:

- Matthew 18:20
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Philippians 4:13
- Psalm 23:1
- Romans 8:28
- Joshua 1:9