

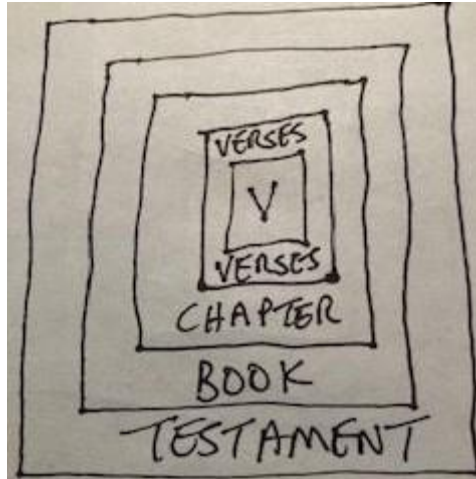
Creation Breakfast Club Sunday Online Sept 20th, 2020

Cat & Dog THEOLOGY



Before we get to our lesson today, I want to explain what prompted me to entertain this topic. When I was a fairly new Christian, we had a small group that met at our old house over in South Dugalla Bay every week. Even though we occasionally had to pause as “The Sound of Freedom” passed over rattling the roof, it was a great time of growth for me in the Bible as we would do whatever Precept Study the women’s ministry was doing on Wednesday mornings. One thing Precept is really big on is context, i.e. “Context is King”. Basically what that means in studying the Bible, whenever you consider a specific verse you should also ask certain questions like:

- a) The 5 “W’s” and an “H”. (Who, What, When, Why, Where & How)
 - For example, “Whose mail is it?” Who wrote it and who is the intended reader?
- b) The other example I remember was the “Square within the Squares”.



- You look at the verse in the context of the verses surrounding it on either side.
- You look at the verse in the context of the theme of the chapter in which the verse resides.
- You look at the verse in the context of the theme of the book of the Bible in which the verse resides.
- You look at the verse in the context of whether it is in the Old or the New Testament.

How many times have you seen this verse on a card or picture with a beautiful background of a sunset, mountain meadow, or the open road like you see below.



The implication here is that God has delivered this verse specifically for you to inspire and/or comfort you at this given moment. But is that really the case? Take a few minutes to look at this short video clip:

The Most Misinterpreted Verse In The Bible (Jeremiah 29:11) | Jefferson Bethke
<https://youtu.be/VolizLihTtU> (4:38 minutes)

Now having watched that video, here is a short pop quiz. Look at the “selfie” below of Larry wearing this T-shirt.



Well, maybe that isn't Larry wearing this shirt, but now having read the lesson to this point and watched the video, what is wrong with the message displayed on the shirt? If you can't figure it out, send me an email or if you want to go for what's behind the curtain, proceed on to our main video today.

For you old timers, you will remember when Bob Ohlson and later Ron Willis was here, they would bring in speakers from around the country for “weekend seminars”. Some that I specifically remember were:

- Bob Vernon (from the LA police department) a couple of times.
- Don Richardson (author of *Peace Child & Eternity in Their Hearts*)
- Dick Woodward (who preached from his wheelchair)
- Walk Through the Bible Seminar

However, the one that has probably stuck with me the most was the guy who came and did the weekend seminar on *Cat & Dog Theology*. I can't remember if it was Bob Sjogren (who wrote the original book) or someone else in his organization that came, but I think I still have the notes stuck away in a closet.

Well, we aren't going to take 3 weeks to cover this topic, as I have already shared some of the basics with you in class several times. However, I did find this message online that summarizes the material in a 39 minute presentation given by David Murphy, an Irish pastor on staff at the North River Campus of Bayside Community Church. BCC is a multi-campus megachurch in Bradenton, Florida which is just south of the Tampa Bay area on the west coast of Florida. It is the Spring Training home to the MLB Pittsburgh Pirates in the Citrus League, if anyone still cares about professional sports. The presentation is both humorous and poignant, plus he throws in creation multiple times in his presentation (i.e. my kind of guy). So without further ado, I give you:



- **If you have Apple TV capability, I highly recommend projecting the video to your TV to see the pictures easier.**

“The Theology of Cats & Dogs”- Pastor David Murphy (39:26 minutes)

Check out this video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JUKH8NzA9ik>

Have a great week!!!

Larry & Ruth