



THINK

Alive to God in Scripture

OVERVIEW



	READ	THINK	PRAY	RESPOND
Pursuit	Awareness	Truth	Discernment	Choosing and Presence
Key question	What does passage say?	What does passage mean?	What does passage mean for me?	Choosing God's invitations?
Movement	From control to receptivity	From receptivity to awakening	From awakening to invitation	From invitation to choosing

ABOUT 'THINK' . . .

We will spend three weeks in this phase called 'Think.'

As a dog gnaws on a bone or a lion growls over its prey, we will thoroughly chew on this passage.

The focus here is, **"What does it mean?"**

Biblical writers lived within a distinct historical context and their writings address a specific audience with a clear message.

The Bible does not mean whatever we want it to mean.

If we do not understand the **author's original intent**, we do not understand the meaning of the passage.

This requires some study.



START HERE

Three weeks, three sections, **one section each week.**
(Print it out or use it electronically. Do what works best for you.)

- Underline or circle **key words**. Relax: there is no 'right' or 'wrong' here.
- **Use Bible Hub:**
 - Background of Ephesians
 - Look-up key words
 - No commentaries until other work is done
- Note any **transitions, repeating words, patterns.**

Forming a new habit takes time.

Relax.

And have fun.



Ephesians 3:14-21

ENTIRE PASSAGE

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



Ephesians 3:14-16

FIRST WEEK OF 'THINK'

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family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶that He would grant

you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power

through His Spirit in the inner man,



Ephesians 3:17-19

SECOND WEEK OF 'THINK'

¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you,

being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend

with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and

depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that

you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.



Ephesians 3:20-21

THIRD WEEK OF 'THINK'

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we

ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹to Him *be the*

glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.

Amen.