

A PEOPLE  
WHO...



...ARE BIBLE  
SHAPED

# **Elim** Aberystwyth

Love God Love People Caru Duw Caru Pobl

- **Our Values**

(deeply ingrained/aspirational principles)

- **A people who...**

- ... are **Christ-centred**

- ... are **Bible-shaped**

- ... are **Family**

- ... are **Vibrant**

- ... **Demonstrate Integrity**

- ... **Extend Grace**

- ... **Connect**

“The best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible. It is impossible to know exactly how many copies have been printed in the roughly 1500 years since its contents were standardised, but research conducted by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 2021 suggests... between 5 and 7 billion copies.”



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## The Bible

We believe the Bible, as originally given, to be without error, the fully inspired and infallible Word of God and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

**ELIM FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS**

“14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

**2 TIMOTHY 3**

"16 All Scripture is  
God-breathed and  
is useful for  
teaching, rebuking,  
correcting and  
training in  
righteousness,  
17 so that the  
servant of God  
may be thoroughly  
equipped for every  
good work."

**2 TIMOTHY 3**

# γραφή

Graphé

Definition: a writing,  
scripture

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**



# Scripture

- Paul refers here to the Law and Prophets (Old Testament), and possibly New Testament ones too
- The biblical 'canon' had not yet been completed
- We trust the will of God in the creation of the collection of books that we know as The Bible

θεόπνευστος

Theopneustos

Definition: God-  
breathed, inspired  
by God

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**

# God-breathed

- There are inevitable challenges we face in interpretation (across language), hermeneutics (understanding meaning) and exegetis (application) but God has spoken!
- These scriptures are useful and worth grappling with!
- We can be equipped

“12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

**HEBREWS 4**

# λόγος

Logos

Definition: a word (as embodying an idea), a statement, a speech

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**

# The Word

- Logos can be understood in various ways in this context
  - Scriptural words
  - Jesus of Nazareth
  - The 'voice' of God speaking
- God communicates with us through each of these and more
- If God has said it, it is to be cherished and we should be shaped by it

**HOW CAN  
YOU BE  
BIBLE-  
SHAPED  
PERSON?**

"9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

**PSALM 119**



"12 Praise be to  
you, Lord; teach  
me your decrees.  
13 With my lips I  
recount all the  
laws that come  
from your mouth.  
14 I rejoice in  
following your  
statutes as one  
rejoices in great  
riches."

"15 I meditate on  
your precepts and  
consider your  
ways. 16 I delight  
in your decrees; I  
will not neglect  
your word."

**PSALM 119**

# Word Shaped

- You are what you eat - physically and spiritually
- What does your daily mind-diet look like?!
  - Netflix? Tik-tok? Instagram? BBC? X? Reels? Mills and Boon? The Cambrian News?
- If you want to be more godly then you need to get more Bibley!

“Your Word is  
water to my soul  
Your Word is life  
to me”

“Day and night I  
will meditate on  
Your Word”

**JONATHAN OGDEN, BY THE STREAMS**



from  
**YouVersion**

Verse of the day

## Micah 7:18 NIVUK

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry for ever but delight to show mercy.



274 k



133 k



More

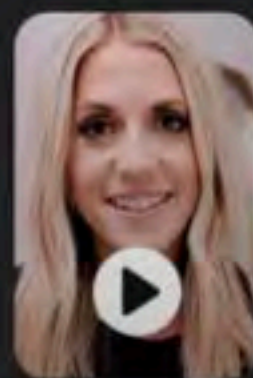


Expand

Guided Scripture

## God of Mercy

🕒 2-5 min

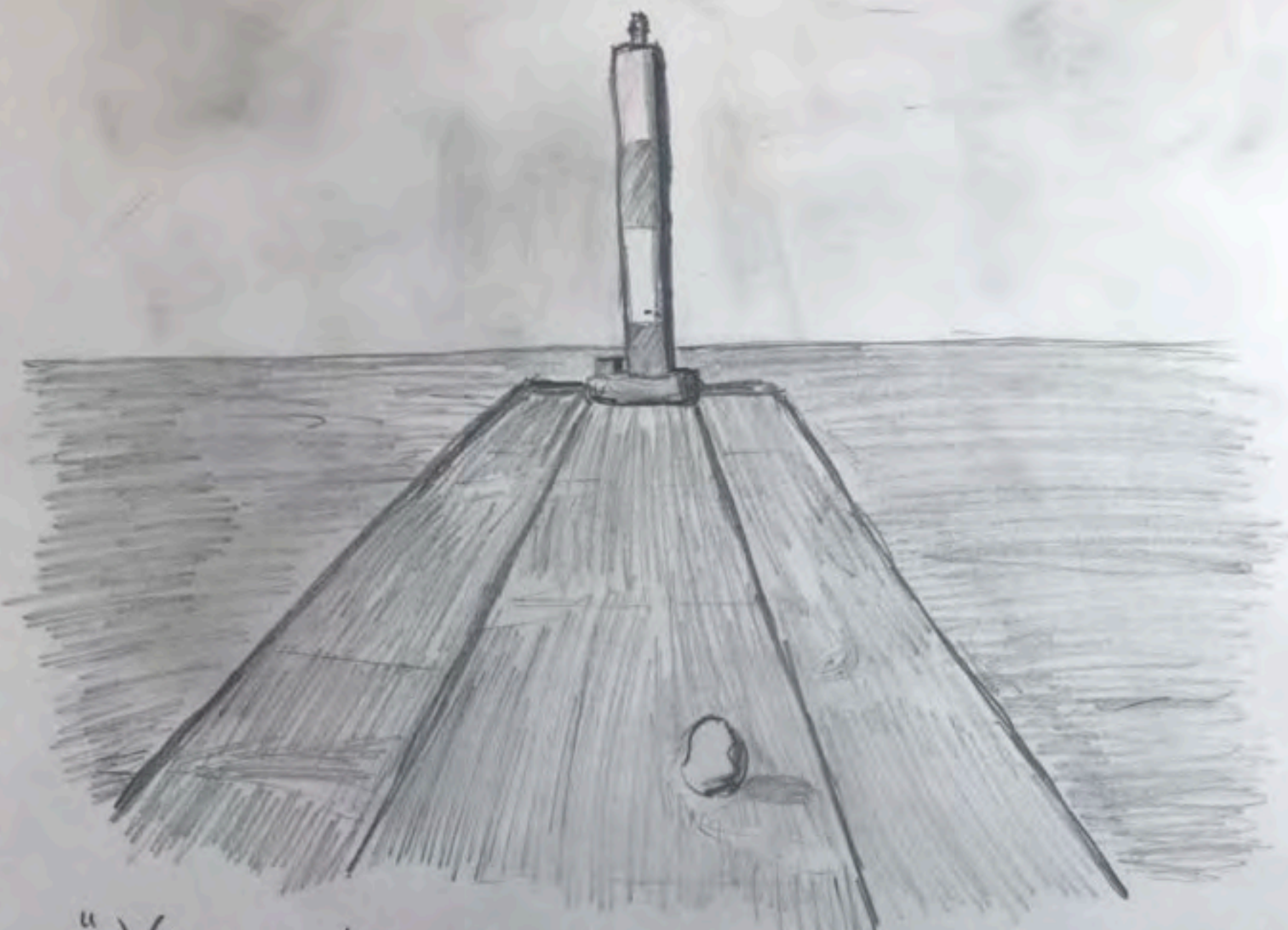


Guided prayer

## Spend some time with God today.

🕒 4-6 min





"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"  
Psalm 119:105

7/2/24

"105 Your word is a  
lamp for my feet, a  
light on my path."

**PSALM 119**



**“IT IS  
WRITTEN”**

"3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**MATTHEW 4**

# γέγραπται

Gegraptai

Definition: it stands  
written (in the  
scriptures)

**STRONG'S CONCORDANCE**

# It is Written

- If scripture was used by Jesus in the face of temptation, as well as in many other contexts, then we too must arm ourselves with them
- Face your temptations, trials and turmoils with words of truth
- What Scripture(s) do you need to quote today?

ῥῆμα

Rhéma

Definition: a word,  
by implication a  
matter

**STRONGS CONCORDANCE**

# God Words

- Where Gegraptai refers to the logical, recorded, written words of scripture, Rhèma speaks of God's imminent and powerful communication
- Jesus (The Bread of Life) ties these together here and prioritises them alongside bara!
- Are you hungry to consume the words of God?

**HOW DO  
WE SEEK  
TO BE A  
BIBLE-  
SHAPED  
CHURCH?**

“We are people of the Word—gospel people who have received and now live in a relationship with God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We cherish the Bible as a way to see the steadfast story of redemption from the beginning of time. Scripture is a gift that we open to see God. It’s living and active (Heb. 4:12) and cuts to our hearts by the Spirit as we’re trained in righteousness and readied for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16–17).”



# Bible Shaped People

- **Keeping scripture central in gatherings etc**
  - (Kingdom activity)
- **Growing together in devotional reading**
  - (Kingdom living)
- **Expressing God's truth in our communities and contexts**
  - (Kingdom advancing)

# The Bible Course



Explore the BIG story



**CONNECT FOUR TRUTH**



Messenger



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HOLY  
BIBLE

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Hi everyone... | what did you  
learn from today's reading?



**AS YOU BRING  
KINGDOM (BIBLE-  
SHAPED) WAYS OF  
WORDS AND  
ACTIONS TO YOUR  
COMMUNITY  
CONTEXT, YOU TAKE  
THE WORD OF GOD  
INTO THE WORLD...**

**...'ON EARTH AS IT IS  
IN HEAVEN'...**

**... RESTORING A  
BIBLE-SHAPED WORLD**

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