

## 1. How to struggle with the text

- a. Common Struggles
  - i. Well-Known Passages
    - 1) Hard to read outside of what we've been taught
  - ii. Rough Situations
    - 1) Hard to agree with
  - iii. Hard Passages
    - 1) Difficult to understand
  - iv. Theological Framework
    - 1) Having some Idea
- b. When to Deny the Text
  - i. When it is not part of the original
    - 1) 1 John 5:7
    - 2) John 5:3b-4
- c. Traps to Avoid With The Text
  - i. Misreading it
    - 1) 1 Kings 16:11 (pisseth against the wall)
    - 2) John 1:17—Not speaking against Law
  - ii. Twisting It.
    - 1) John 1:1—The Word was (a?) God
  - iii. Relegating It
    - 1) Culture is different so it doesn't count
      - a) John 13:12-14 and the Washing of Feet
      - b) It is the word of God but the symbol might be applied differently in different cultures.
  - iv. Denying it
    - 1) Gen 3:1 Has God said?

### Sidebar On Using Resources: Commentaries, Concordance and Dictionaries

- i. A side-bar on a concordance
  - 1) It doesn't tell you what it means.
    - a) It's not a dictionary
  - 2) It tells you where the root form of the word is used.
  - 3) Context, comparing and contrast tells you where the root is used in different places
  - 4) The root word of "nice" is "necius" which means ignorant.
  - 5) Butterfly is made up of two root words, but it is neither butter nor a fly.