

Acts 6:8 – 8:1



30 years from now

1 thing to guarantee your
consistent spiritual growth
or LACK of growth

Write Eat → **NOT
just read**
of God's Word

EVERY Day

1 thing is...

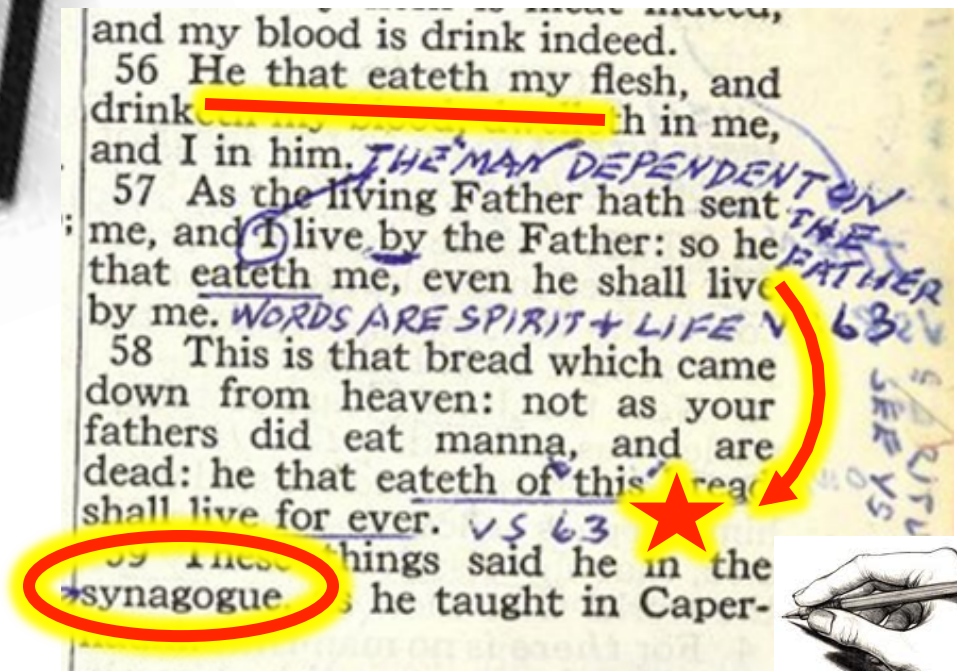
Stephen

Praying, Church, Humble, Hungry, Godly,

life & death

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Every Single day **Write** something in your Bible



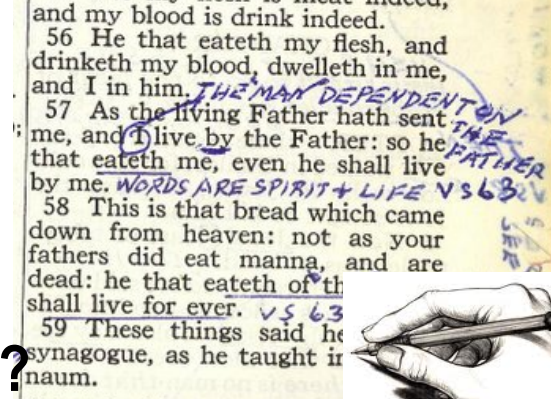
Bible calls meditating

Ask three questions



EAT of God's Word

3 questions – Write on 1st page of your Bible



1. What is **UNCOMFORTABLE** to me?

Why ? → my emotional boxes - Examples

- **Dispensationalists** – verses on Gifts of the Spirit
- **Prosperity** – N.T. verses on Greed, Money
- **Healing** – verses on illness, verses on faith
- **Strife, Complaining** – verses on Humility, Loving



How to **EAT** of God's Word

1. What is **UNCOMFORTABLE** to me?

2. What **ENCOURAGES** me?

- How?
- Principles of WISDOM?
- HEART of God
- REST of the Bible?

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57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. *WORDS ARE SPIRIT + LIFE VS 63*
58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. *VS 63*
59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.





How to **EAT** of God's Word

1. What is **UNCOMFORTABLE** to me?

2. What **ENCOURAGES** me?

3. If I were hearing this **LIVE** ???

see? smell? My reaction vs. theirs?

cultural? David, Jesus, Paul – writing

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3 tips

Systematically EVERY day.

Soaking / Study /
Beth Moore, INSTE

Systematic - 3

1. Same time and place each day!

Toilet time, Breakfast time, Bed time

Bible always in the same place!



2. NO Phone Temptation

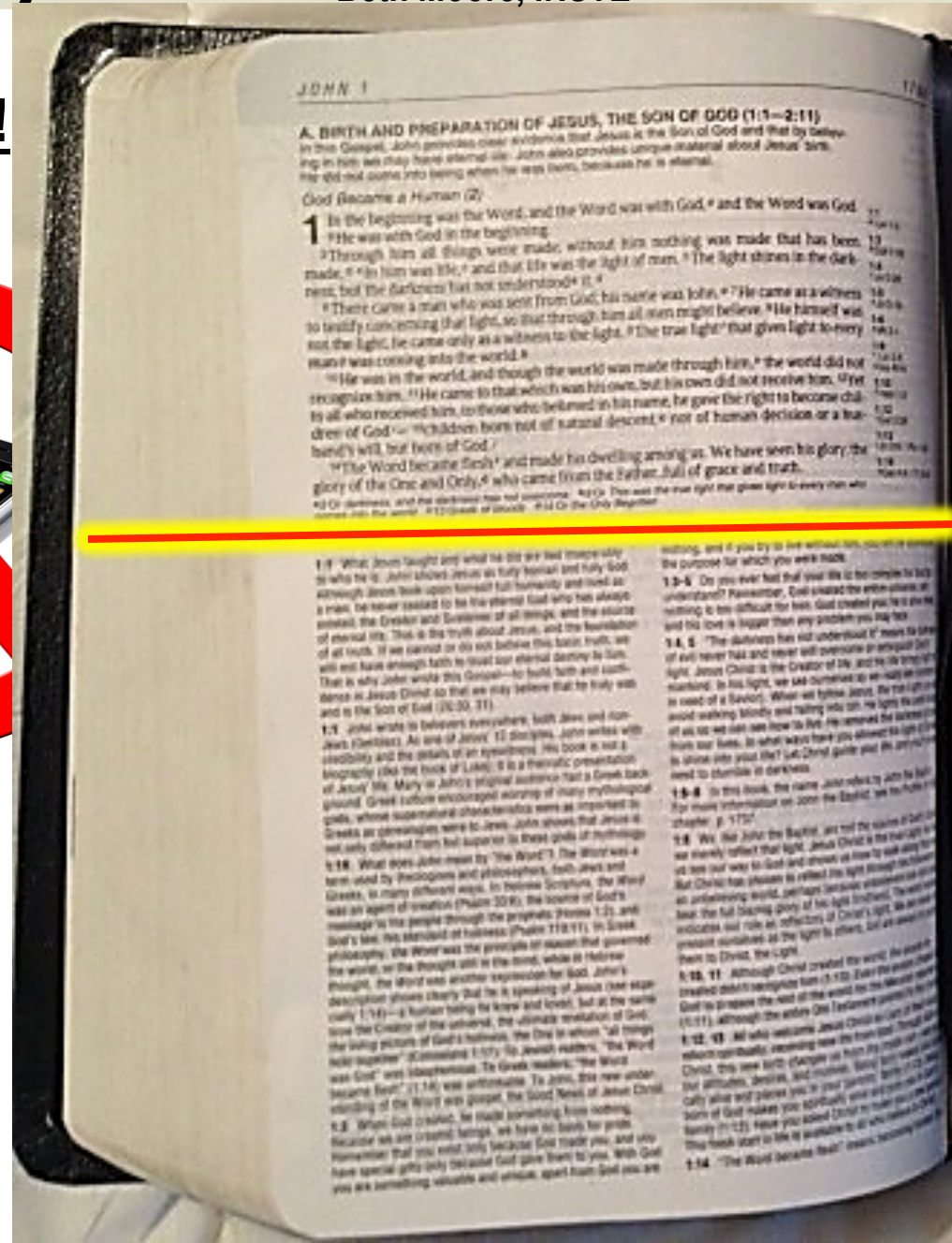
3. Life Application Bible

- 1 chap. of **New Testament**
- 1 chap. of **Proverbs & Psalms**

or **One Year Bible**

Skim the O.T.

Acts 7



⁸ Now Stephen, a man full of **God's grace and power**,
performed great wonders and signs among the people.

⁹ Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

¹¹ Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, “We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”

¹² So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They **seized Stephen** and brought him before the Sanhedrin.

¹³ They produced **false** witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.

¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”

¹⁵ All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his **face** was like the **face** of an **angel**. Then the high priest asked Stephen, “Are these charges true?”



⁹ “Because the **Patriarchs** were **JEALOUS** of Joseph,
they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him

v. 25 Moses thought that his **OWN PEOPLE** would **REALIZE** that
God was **USING** him to rescue them, but **they did NOT**.

v. 35 “This is the same Moses they had **REJECTED** with the words,
‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ **He** was **SENT** to be their
Ruler and Deliverer by **GOD HIMSELF**

v. 39 “But our ancestors **REFUSED** to **OBEY** him.

v. 51

51 “You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised.

You are **just** like your **ancestors**:

You **Always RESIST** the Holy Spirit!

v. 52 Was there **EVER** a **Prophet** your **Ancestors** did
NOT Persecute?

v. 53 you who have **received** the **law** that was given through angels
but have **NOT Obeyed** it.”

v. 54

54 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were **Furious** and **Gnashed** their **Teeth** at him.



⁵⁵ But Stephen,
Full of the **Holy Spirit**,
looked up to heaven and
saw the **Glory** of God,



and **Jesus**
standing at the
right hand of **God**.



⁵⁶ **“Look,”** he said, **“I see
heaven open** and the
Son of Man standing at the
right hand of God.”



57 At this they **covered** their **ears** and, **yelling** at the **top** of their **voices**, they all rushed at him,



58 **dragged** him out of the
city and began to **stone** him.



Meanwhile, the witnesses laid
their **coats** at the **feet** of a
young man named **Saul**.



⁵⁹ While they were **stoning**
him, Stephen **prayed**,
“Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit.”



⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees
and cried out,

“Lord, do **NOT HOLD**
this **sin against** them.”



Jacob to Rachel
Saul to Jonathan

Last 1.5 verses

When he had said this,
he fell asleep.

8:1a And **Saul** approved
of their killing him. 3



NOT Ready

to commit
Everything to Jesus
but

Seeking

— — —

Please show me
that

God's Word

can change my
Heart

NOT Sure

Maybe **Ready**

Maybe **Already**

Maybe Coming **Back**

— — —

Help me
to be

SURE ! !

Sold Out

Jesus is our

Only

Reason

For Living

— — —

I will

EAT

of God's Word
Daily

1 Minute - **DEBRIEF**

- Your ***Favorite*** pt. or what ***Helped*** you
- ***Prayers***