

ANCHORED | READABILITY OF THE BIBLE PT. 2

Lesson 2: Keeping Up With The Inconsistencies



Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to remind you about the study we're doing that focuses on helping students remain steady in the face of adversity and encourage them to grow deeper in their relationship with God. This Bible study is called *Anchored: Sure and Steadfast*, and this week is the second of a three-lesson unit called *The Reliability of the Bible Pt. 2*. The lesson was entitled "Keeping Up With The Inconsistencies." We'll wrestle with what to do with apparent contradictions, what might be going on, if we think there is a contradiction, and whether or not we can trust our Bible.

LESSON OVERVIEW: The Bible is a complex collection of books written over a period of many years by many people, for many people, in many places, to address a variety of situations for one main purpose- to reveal God to His people. An easy attack on Scripture is that there are errors in consistency. And many say that this is evidence that Scripture is unreliable. This lesson will address a few common biblical contradictions with boldness and help students grow comfortable with other's possible objections to their belief in Scripture.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO LEARN: That inconsistencies and apparent contradictions in Scripture are nothing to be threatened by. These questions can often bring us closer to God by inspiring us to look deeper into Scripture as we trust the inerrancy of God's Word.

WHAT WE WANT YOUR STUDENT TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED: Understand and enjoy God's Word for themselves while comfortably examining the apparent contradictions. Understand how a careful study of the Bible reveals its complexity and how variations help contribute to a fuller understanding of God's Word.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES WE STUDIED: Matthew 27:54, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 19-23, John 20:1-18

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your student, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What was your Anchor Statement for this week? (Answer: The Bible is the Word of God, and it is without error. When we study inconsistencies and apparent contradictions, we see that the truth of Scripture for our lives is not tarnished but enhanced.)
- How can we increase your confidence to investigate apparent contradictions in Scripture?
- What is one thing you learned this week about the Bible that you didn't know before?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.