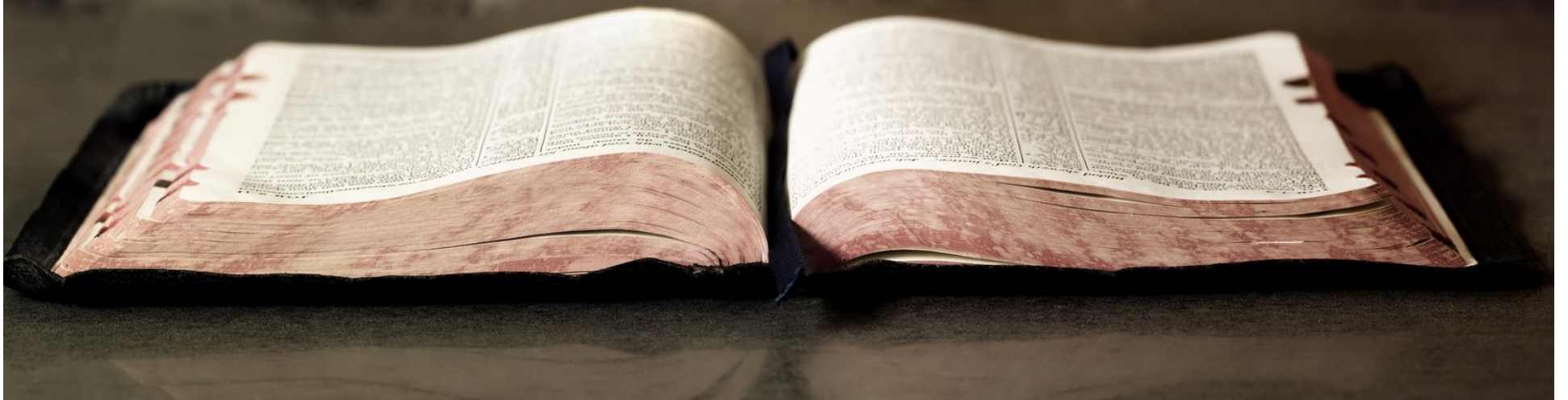
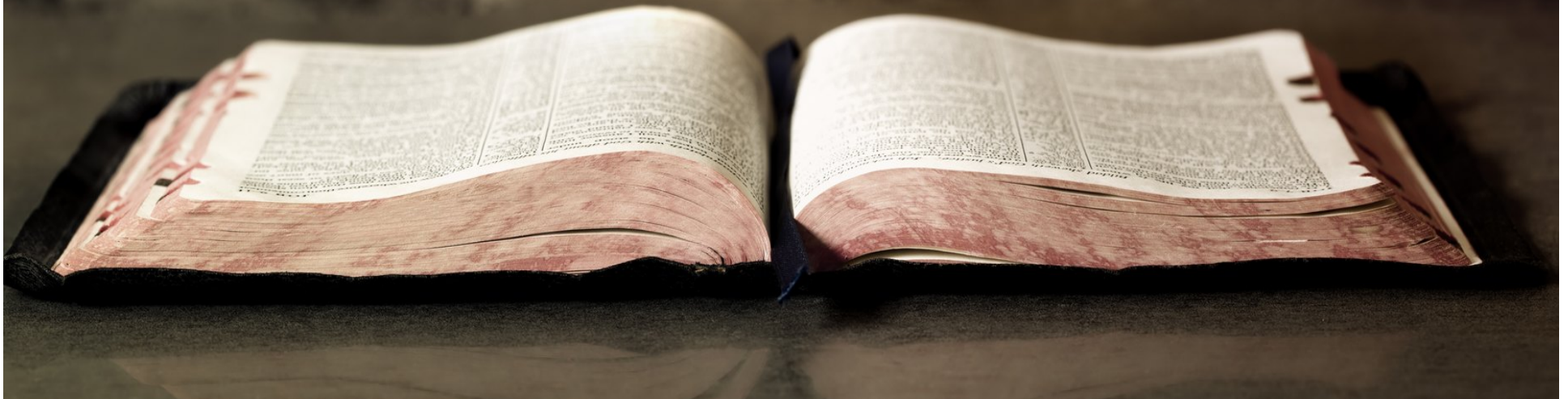


A Sound Hermeneutic



"No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy spirit spoke from God"

2 Peter 1:20-21



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- Has something been commanded?
- Is there a precedent that is set that is binding?
- What inferences and conclusions can be drawn from either the commands or examples?



Commands



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- *To whom was the command given?* – Context helps determine if a command is binding or not, especially when it comes to the Old Testament (Hebrews 8:13, 9:15, Luke 16:16).
- *Distinguish between commands and examples*
- *What aspects of the command are generic or specific?* – The Lord's Supper, appointing elders, teaching the gospel, etc.

Examples



Approved Examples

- *Examples pack authority* – 1 Corinthians 10:6
- *Look for the command behind the example* – Most examples already have a command, so they do not stand alone.
- *Look at all the information on a subject* – Look at context, an example's place in a narrative, whether or not an example is "fenced off", and if there is a consistent pattern (Phil. 3:17).

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- Even the most basic principles require some inference on our part.
- Jesus certainly used necessary inferences to properly interpret, teach, and apply scripture (Luke 20:37-38, Matthew 22:43-45).
- Nothing in the Bible was written "to us", so how do you know any of it applies today? Even a simple passage like Mark 16:16 is not a direct statement *to* or *about* any of us!