



“FOUR BIBLE READING PITFALLS”

Standalone Sermon, Part 1 of 1

Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 9am and 11am

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I. **Biting off more than you can chew**

1 Corinthians 3:1–2 (ESV), “But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready...”

James 3:17a (ESV), “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason...”

II. **Sticking with an unhelpful translation**

III. **Phoning in your reading**

Jeremiah 29:13 (ESV), “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

Isaiah 66:2b (ESV), “...But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.”

IV. **Unrealistic Expectations**

Unrealistic Expectation #1: “I expect to understand and enjoy everything I read in the Bible..”

Unrealistic Expectation #2: “I expect myself to never miss a day of Bible reading.”

Luke 14:28–30 (ESV), “For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’”