

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a pen over an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The text on the pages is visible, and a small portion of a page is being lifted. The background is softly blurred, showing another person's hands and a glass. The overall lighting is warm and focused on the Bible.

How To Study The Bible

Figurative Language

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Figurative Language

- Recognizing figurative language.
 - Examples of figures of speech:
 - ***Ellipsis*** – words are left out. ***Matt. 11:18***
 - ***Hyperbole*** – exaggeration. ***2 Sam. 1:23***
 - ***Metonymy*** – change of one noun for another related noun. ***Prov. 10:20***

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 - Examples of figures of speech:
 - ***Synecdoche*** – transfer; exchange of one idea for another associated idea. ***Acts 20:7***
 - ***Simile*** – resemblance; a comparison by resemblance. ***Psalms 17:8***

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 - Examples of figures of speech:
 - **Metaphor** – representation; a comparison by one thing's representing another. **Matt. 26:26**
 - **Irony** – expression of thought in a form that conveys its opposite. **Judges 10:14**
 - **Oxymoron** – wise-folly; a wise saying that seems foolish. **1 Cor. 1:25**

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 - Examples of figures of speech:
 - **Personification** – things represented as persons. **1 Cor. 12:15-16**
 - **Idiom** – peculiar usage of words or phrases. **Matt. 12:40**

Figurative Language

- When can we know figurative language is being used?
 - When the statement presents an absurdity.
Matt. 26:26-29
 - Terms are figurative when the literal meaning presents an impossibility.
Ps. 18:2; Matt. 8:22

Figurative Language

- When can we know figurative language is being used?
 - ▣ Terms are figurative when the literal application contradicts plain teaching elsewhere.
John 6:27; 12:44
 - ▣ Terms are figurative when action demanded are known to be wrong. *Matt. 18:8*

STEPS OF SALVATION:

FROM **SINNER** TO **SAVED**

