

## Re-Writing The Bible

**Purpose:** To slow down and engage scripture in an interactive and personal way, stopping to notice and consider the meaning of words and phrases we often tune out or breeze by.

**Practice:** Take a passage, and put it into your own, modern-language words. Take the time to write it out in the new way. Then speak it out loud that way.

- Break each word apart, what does it really mean, what is the writer trying to say? What does that particular concept look like in your own life?
  - 1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love.” → “Perfect love doesn’t freak out and start to run away whenever I sense someone might possibly reject me.”
  - 1 Corinthians 13:5 “[Love] keeps no record of wrongs” → “Love doesn’t remind my husband this is the 800<sup>th</sup> time he’s left his clothes on the floor.”

### Some Passage Suggestions:

- Romans 8:28-39 – More than Conquerors
- Psalm 139 – Identity, How loved we are
- Psalm 23 – Peace in the midst of trouble
- Psalm 27 – Courage, Trusting in God
- Psalm 51 – Repentance
- Psalm 91 – Protection, Spiritual Battle
- 1 Corinthians 13 – The Love Chapter
- Ephesians 1:17-23 – Prayer for God’s power and enlightenment
- Ephesians 3:14-21 – Understanding God’s love and power in us
- Philippians 2:1-18 – Humility, Jesus Christ
- Philippians 4:4-9 – Rejoicing, even in trials