Bible Study Skills: Using Context

- **Frank travels a lot.**
  - **Goes to many distant places?**
  - **Takes too many steps without dribbling?**

- **What is needed for meaning?**
  - **Rest of the conversation – Context**
  - **"She couldn't find the bow."**
  - **"I'd like to"**

- **AIM: Learn to use context in God's Word to discover meaning.**

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- He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

- What good is it brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him (James 2:14)?

- "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch" (Colossians 2:21)!

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- He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18).
  - Who is talking? (v. 17)
  - Who are the 72? (v. 1)
  - What are they talking about (v. 17)
  - Read v. 18 – 20.
- When and how did Satan fall?
  - When demons were cast out

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- **What good is it brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him (James 2:14)?**
  - Sola Fides? (by faith alone)
  - What kind of faith? (v. 17)
  - How is "Good!" meant? (v. 19)
- **What does the passage mean?**
  - A dead faith will not save.

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- "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch" (Colossians 2:21)!
  - Misapplying a passage
  - Read Colossians 2:20-23
  - Whose rules are they? (v. 20)
  - What does "It" refer to?
  - Does Paul agree with these rules? (v. 22-23)
- Apply the passage correctly

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- **POINT 1:**

  – **Use the context to find the meaning of short statements in Scripture.**

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- Context is more than a particular statement.

  "That pizza was great. I loved the cheeses. Mars is uninhabited, and the crust was fantastic!"

- Context also involves a line of thought.

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- **Philippians 1:12-18**
  - Paul wants us to know how what happened to him help spread the Gospel.
    - What happened to Paul?
    - How did it help spread the Gospel?
  - By thinking each verse through in context we follow the line of thought and can apply it to ourselves.

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- POINT 1:
  - Use the context to find the meaning of short statements in Scripture.

- POINT 2:
  - Use the context to follow the line of thought in Scripture from verse to verse.