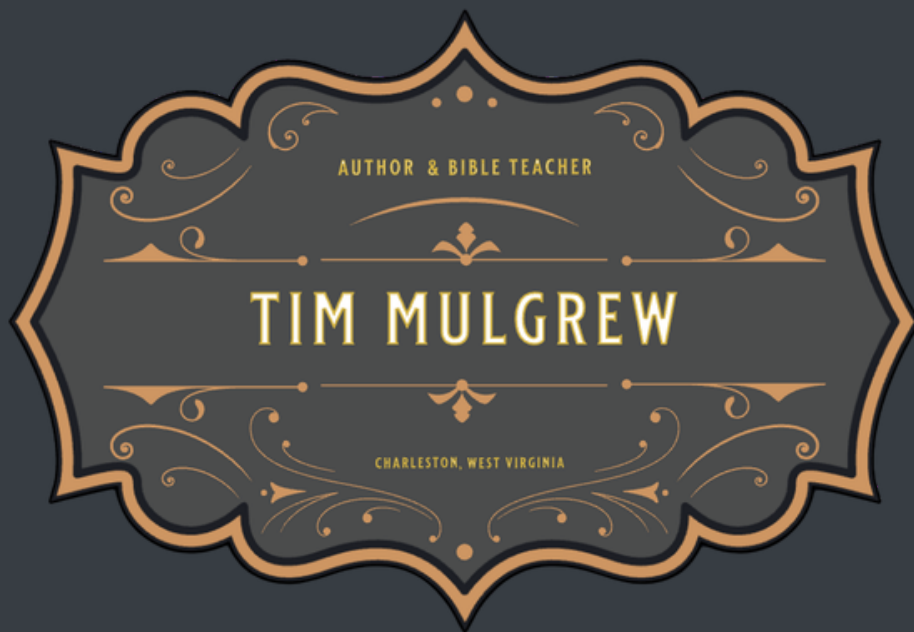




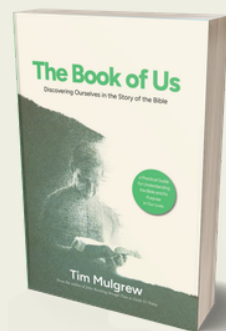
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WHY IT'S TIMELY

The cultural moment for this book is arguably better than at any point in the last decade, and the data makes that case compellingly.

Bible sales jumped 22% from 2023 to 2024, and YouVersion's family of free apps recorded 132 million installations on new devices in 2024 alone — on track to surpass 1 billion cumulative installs in 2025. People are clearly *reaching* for the Bible. And yet — the number of Americans who are “Scripture Engaged” remains at just 18%, while those who are “Bible Disengaged” has risen to 57%. Bibles are flying off shelves and out of app stores. Almost nobody is actually engaging with them.

That gap — between acquisition and engagement, between ownership and transformation — is the exact problem Tim's book addresses. [A recent Lifeway Research study revealed](#) that 57% of Protestant churchgoers find it challenging to understand the Bible when they read it on their own. Tim's core argument — that people have made an idol of the Bible, rendering it untouchable and therefore unreadable — is a direct, pastoral response to that statistic.

[Barna's 2025 data reveals](#) a 12-point uptick in weekly Bible reading since it bottomed out at a 25-year low in 2024, now climbing back to 42% of U.S. adults. But the same report notes that reading is outpacing belief — revealing a gap between curiosity and conviction. People are opening the Bible. They don't know what to do with it when they get there. Tim's book is the bridge.

There's also a genuinely surprising demographic angle. Younger men are now outpacing younger women in engaging Scripture — an unexpected reversal — and the spike in Bible reading appears to be driven primarily by Gen Z and Millennials. This is a generation the church has been writing off. They're picking up the Bible. They need someone to tell them what it actually is before they put it back down again. Tim's “thirty-thousand-foot view” framing, his demystification of the book's purpose and structure, speaks directly to a first-generation or returning reader who needs orientation before inspiration.

Finally, [Barna's 25-year analysis](#) shows that while Bible reading is rising, core indicators of conviction — the importance of religious faith, Christian identity, and evangelism — have weakened across the same period. The church has a discipleship problem, not just a literacy problem. Tim's argument that the Bible is a conversation with God rather than a duty to perform cuts right to the heart of that failure.

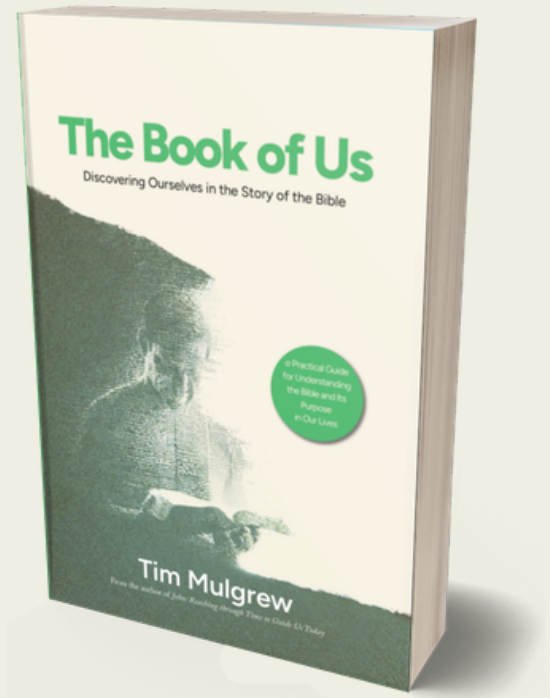
SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

- You open the book with the idea that most people have made the Bible into an idol — something so untouchable they can't actually read. Where did you first see that pattern, and why do you think it's common?
- Bible sales just hit record levels. App downloads are through the roof. And yet engagement statistics are near historic lows. How do you explain that disconnect?
- You say the Bible is “a book about us, for us.” That's almost the opposite of how most Christians have been taught to approach it. Walk me through what you mean.
- You make a strong case that most people are reading the Bible wrong — treating it like a history book or a timeline when it's actually written in a circular Eastern style. What changes when someone adjusts that lens?
- You talk about memorizing Scripture versus *understanding* it — using the analogy of learning music. Why do you believe memorization without comprehension might actually work against people?
- The chapter on context is striking. You describe how the same words can mean completely different things depending on their setting. Can you give us one example of a commonly misunderstood passage that you find yourself correcting regularly?
- You describe what you call “textbook human behavior” throughout the Old Testament — the same patterns showing up generation after generation. What's the one human tendency you see most consistently that you think Christians today least want to admit about themselves?
- You're essentially arguing that we haven't changed in thousands of years. That we still behave like the Israelites. Is that discouraging — or actually hopeful?
- You say more prayers come from a hospital than a church. That's a pretty pointed observation. What does it tell you about how most believers actually experience their relationship with God day to day?
- Your strategy document talks about believers who are “spiritually dry” — people doing all the right things and still feeling distant from God. What's actually going on with those people, in your experience?
- You describe the Bible as a conversation with God, not a holy untouchable document. What does that look like practically — on a Tuesday afternoon when nothing dramatic is happening?
- We're seeing something interesting right now — younger men especially are picking up the Bible at unexpectedly high rates. Why do you think that's happening, and what do they need from the church when they do?
- You write about what you call the “Age of Abandonment” — God stepping back and allowing people to experience the consequences of their own desires. Are we in that moment right now?
- If someone listening to this finishes *The Book of Us* and nothing changes — they read it, nod along and put it down — what did they miss? What's the one thing you're actually asking the reader to do differently?

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Christians who feel spiritually stagnant or “stuck” and are looking for renewed growth.
- Those wrestling with the gap between what they believe and how they live.
- Readers who are ready to move from passive faith to active, daily walk with God.





CHAPTER 10: THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTEXT pg. 57-59

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. — James 3:17 (NKJV)

If scholars disagree about how to interpret the Bible, how can we hope to make sense of the Scriptures? Such a question seems overwhelming when we stop to consider it, but it doesn't need to be. The things that can be understood by the average layperson are far more important than what scholars disagree about. Most importantly, God does not leave us on our own to understand His Word. Paul states it best in 2 Timothy 2:7 (NIV): "Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this."

With this statement, we begin to understand that we can approach studying the Bible with confidence, and this makes all the difference in the result. Let's take a look at the importance of context because, without an understanding of that, it's easy to make the Bible say anything we want.

Abraham Lincoln once said he would rather live in Russia than in America. This statement, on its own without consideration of context, gives the reader an entirely different perspective of the man. He actually said, "I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance." Lincoln wrote these words while expressing regret about a dangerous trend he saw developing in America. He feared that many wanted to change "all men are created equal" to "all men are created equal, except non-whites." Lincoln suggested that, if that happened, he would be more comfortable in a land where the government didn't pretend to stand for liberty. The context makes all the difference and leaves us with a very different impression of the man.

A similar result can occur if we use Scripture out of context or interpret outside of context. Continuing with the point Lincoln was trying to make, he expressed his distaste for slavery, but the Bible condones slavery. Ephesians 6:5 instructs slaves to obey their masters, and Jeremiah 13:23 (ESV) states, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin?" Why would the Ethiopian want to change his skin unless it were less than desirable to have it?

Taken out of context from their original setting or twisted in interpretation from the intended meaning, these verses make the Bible appear to be a frightful thing. Jeremiah was not putting dark skin in an unfavorable light; he was saying that if an Ethiopian could change the color of his skin, then "may you also do good who are accustomed to doing evil." When put into proper context, Jeremiah was saying that we cannot change our own hearts any more than we can change the color of our skin—a very different meaning when kept in context.

But did Paul actually encourage slaves to obey their masters? Yes, he did, but his comments must be understood in light of the times and the spirit in which he wrote them. In Roman days, slavery was often the result of war or unpaid debts. Paul taught Christians to be free if they could (1 Corinthians 7:21). If that was not possible, he encouraged them to show by their behavior that their well-being was not in the hands of human masters but in the hands of God, even in bad circumstances (1 Corinthians 7:20–24). When two Christians found themselves in a master-slave relationship, Paul appealed to them to treat each other as equals and as brothers who were both accountable to God for the way they treated each other (Ephesians 6:5–9; Philemon 15–16).

Does the Bible tell us to hate our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters? If we fail to understand the context, we can be led to believe that. But it tells us this in a comparative sense: Compared to your love for God, your love for parents and siblings should look like hate. When the focus is put on your love for God, it should appear huge by comparison to your love of family. Context is very important, and it comes in a number of forms.

