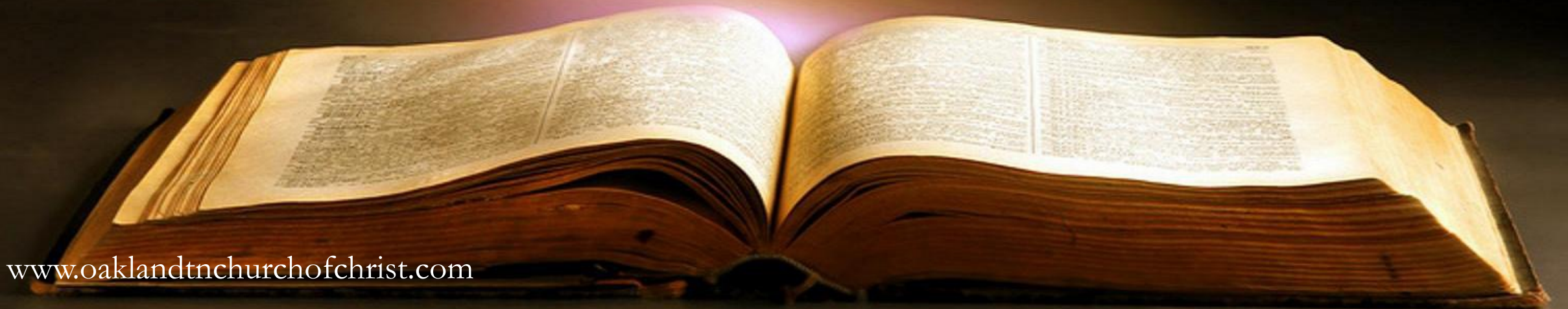


*Have You Not Read?*





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# God's Word is For Everyone – All Languages

- **Acts 2:5-11** - <sup>5</sup> Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

# God Shows No Partiality

- **Acts 10:34-35** - <sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

# Have You Not Read? Divorce

- **Matthew 19:3-9** - <sup>3</sup> And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” <sup>4</sup> He answered, “**Have you not read** that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?” <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. <sup>9</sup> And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.”

# Have You Not Read? Resurrection of the Dead

- **Matthew 22:29-33** - <sup>29</sup> But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. <sup>30</sup> For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> **And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read** what was said to you by God: <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” <sup>33</sup> And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

# Have You Not Read? Jesus the Cornerstone

- **Matthew 21:42** - <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “**Have you never read** in the Scriptures:  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

# Why Do You Believe?

## Traditions/Teaching of Men

- **Mark 7:6-8** - <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,  
“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;  
<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’  
<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”



# Why Do You Believe?

## Personal Belief System

- **2 Thessalonians 2:9-12** - <sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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## We Can't All Be Wrong – Charismatic Leaders

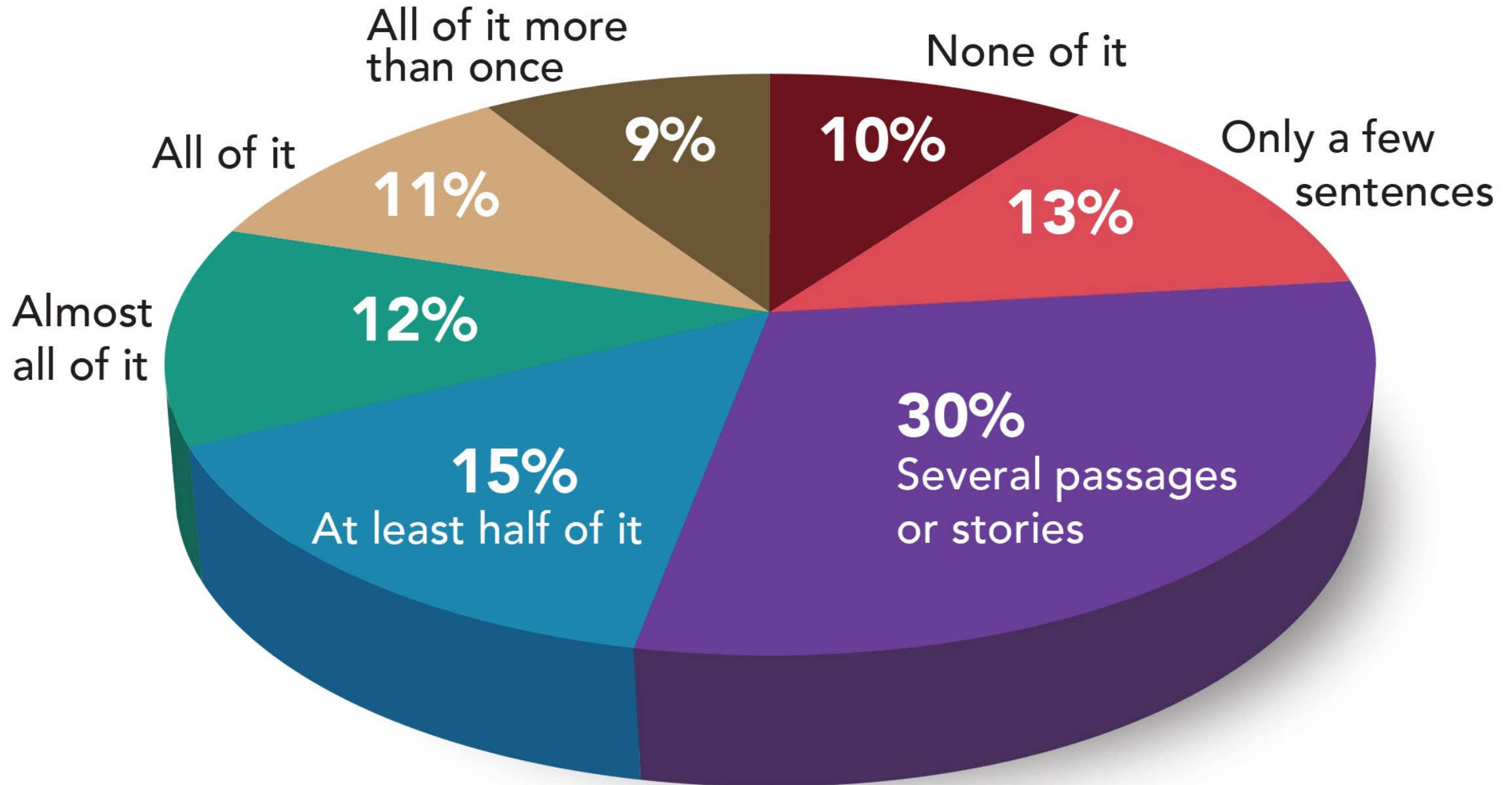
- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** - <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

# Are You Ready to Read the Bible?

- **Matthew 24:35** - Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
- **John 6:68** - Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- **Acts 17:11** - Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. (NIV)

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# How much of the Bible have you personally read?



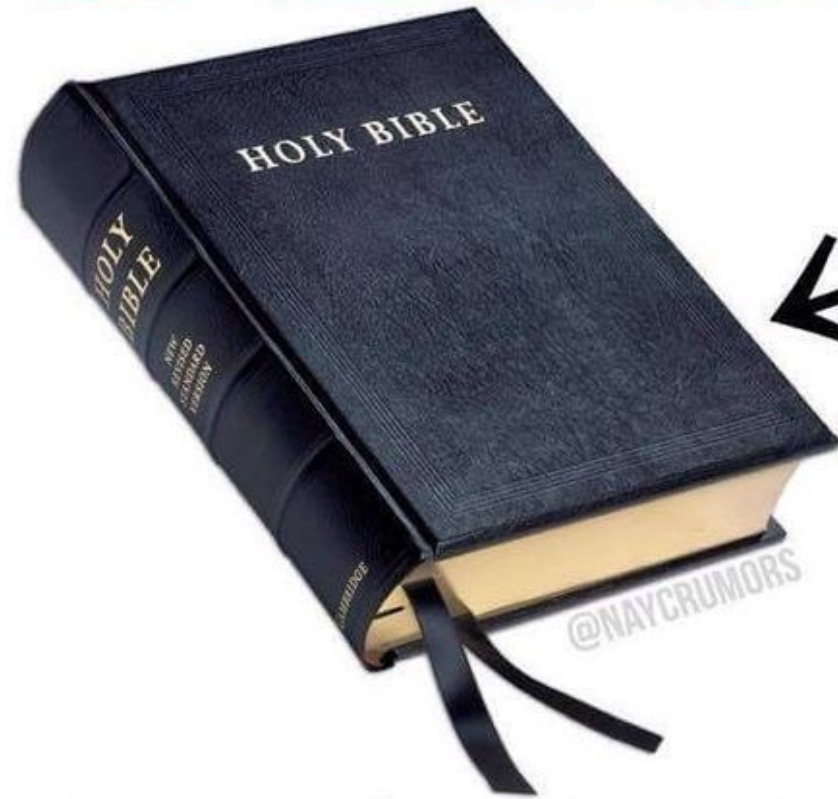
# Word of God

- **Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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Theodore Roosevelt

**GOD HAS SENT YOU A  
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