



OUTSIDE RESOURCES

• MY FAVORITE OUTSIDE RESOURCES AND HOW I USE THEM TO DIG DEEPER •

FAVORITE WEBSITES

- Bible Gateway
 - Blue Letter Bible
 - Study Light
 - Bible Hub
 - You Version
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CROSS REFERENCES

Cross references are corresponding scriptures. If a verse stands out to me, cross references are a wonderful resource to bring further clarity. Blue Letter Bible, Bible Gateway, and Bible Hub have cross references for verses. Cross references can also be found in the margins of some Bibles.

UNDERSTANDING SPECIFIC WORDS

If a word stands out to me, using Blue Letter Bible to find out the Hebrew or Greek meaning is always enlightening. The keyword search on Bible Gateway is great to find out other places in the Bible where a word has been used. Concordances are also helpful. I have one in the back of my Bible, but online resources have great ones too. Helpful Bible dictionaries are also found online.

COMPARING TRANSLATIONS

I love to check out other translations using any online site.

BIBLE NOTES

My Bible has great study notes at the bottom of the pages. Reading those notes gives me quick historical or cultural background, which helps me understand the meaning of the passage. The notes also supply personal application points and reference other passages I may want to explore.

COMMENTARIES

Like Bible study notes but on a much deeper level, commentaries are designed to teach us more about the Bible. To choose one that is right for you, my advice is to ask your pastor, Bible teacher, or small-group leader for a recommendation. It is not necessary to purchase a commentary, because many excellent commentaries are available online on each of the sites I referenced.