## Orientation

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He wants us to have. Something in those verses may not make much sense to you today; it may not have much relation to your problem and 10 yrs. from now those particular verses may give you just exactly the answer to the problems you are facing at thattime. God wants you to be studying the Scripture all your life and get a good start in it here.

That's why we place such great emphasis at BST on Hebrew and Greek. When I attended Princeton Seminary before it was reorganized there at that time they gave you enough Hebrew that you really got into the Hebrew, but not quite enough to really use it. The result was that many felt they had wasted a good bit of time. When I began teaching it I began saying We should give more Hebrew or much less. A little Hebrew, a smattering of Hebrew can be useful. If you can only learn one language, I'd say, Learn the Greek Learn the Greek thoroughly. The NT is where we get the clearest exposition of the great central truths of the Gospel, and a thorough knowledge of Greek is much better than a smattering of both. But a little bit of Hebrew, a little understanding, so you can use a commentary and understand what it's talking about when it speaks of a hiphil or a pual or something like that is worth something. But it's worth a great deal more to get enough Hebrew so you can read and really use it. That's what we try to give you here. We try to give you a thorough training both in Greek and in Hebrew so you can go to Scripture and see exactly what the possibilites are. Because people who havenot studied exegesis at all don't realize that every language has various possibilities There are some things that are absolutely clear and some things on which it can be this way or it can be that way. There were two disciples that Jesus met on the read to Emaus Emmaus. Was it two men, or was it a man and a woman? Scripture has not told us.

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