



# *Episode 14:* *Overused* *Scripture* Reflection Guide



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## ***Truth with Handles: The Conversation***

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*Thank you for downloading Truth with Handles: The Conversation reflection guide for [episode 14](#). We created this guide for you to use in one of two ways. You can watch this episode with a group of friends and use the guide to facilitate discussion. Or you can use it as a place to reflect and journal about the topics on your own. Either way, we hope these questions will help you open your heart and live a more Christ-centered life.*

It's good to surround ourselves with Scripture and memorize it. But sometimes our familiarity with certain passages can keep us from going deeper into the verses and their context. Are we allowing familiar Scripture verses to turn our ear toward God to hear what He has to say? Or have we become desensitized to these verses? Is the result then Scripture verses that have become personal affirmations rather than words that challenge us to become more like Christ?

1. Have you discovered a verse or passage of Scripture that changed the way you understood God, your faith, or yourself? What was it? How did it cause change?
2. Do you have Scripture placed around your home? If so, which verses, and why did you choose them?

### ***Scripture Discussion***

**Philippians 4:11–13** “Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me.”

3. What is the difference between understanding these verses as an affirmation that will help us to achieve *our goals* through Christ and understanding them as the truth that we are able to live out *God's will* through Christ?

**1 Corinthians 10:13** “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

4. Did God promise us that He wouldn't give us more than we can handle? Can you think of a time in your life when you felt overwhelmed by life's circumstances? What was your understanding of God's character at that time?

**Romans 8:28–30** “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

5. Do you see God working in everything that happens in your life for the sake of your holiness? If so, how? If not, what makes this difficult?
6. Is there a Scripture verse that you love and have memorized? Open your Bible to that verse and read the entire chapter. Did you learn anything new? Does this verse challenge you in a new or different way?

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