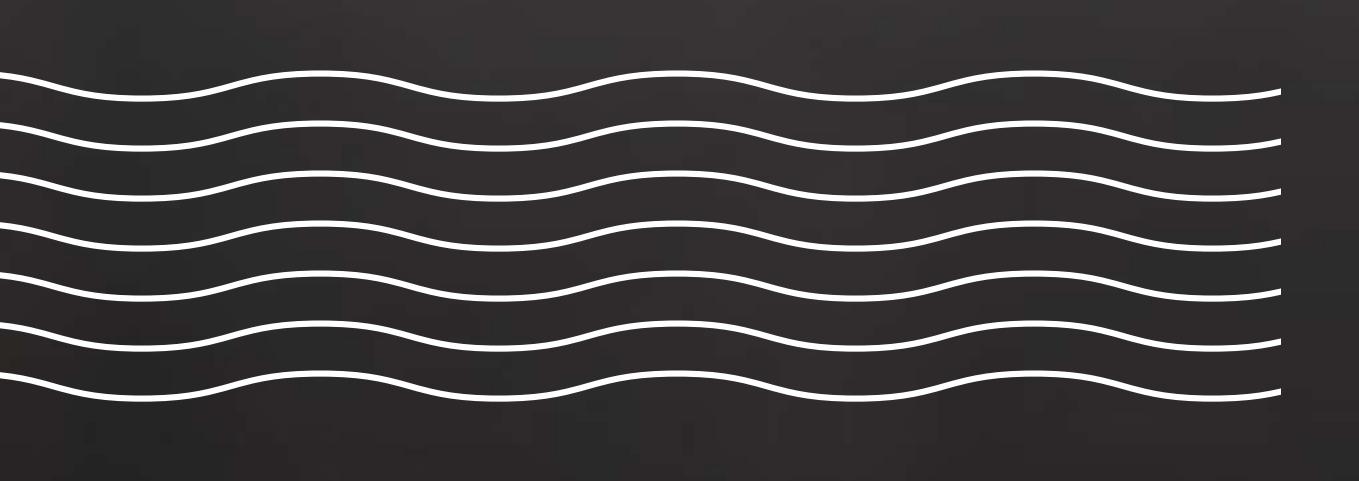


"I take this to be the greatest poem in the Psalter and one of the greatest lyrics in the world."

- C. S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms

Basic I nstructions Before Leaving Earth



# "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon



God Revealed in the Heavens



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. <sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. <sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. <sup>5</sup> It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.



God Revealed in His Word



The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold. They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.



God Revealed in His Care



By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

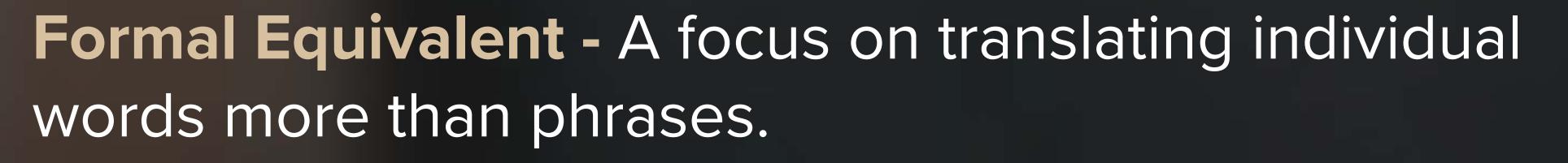


Benediction

#### Psalm 19:14 NIV

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.



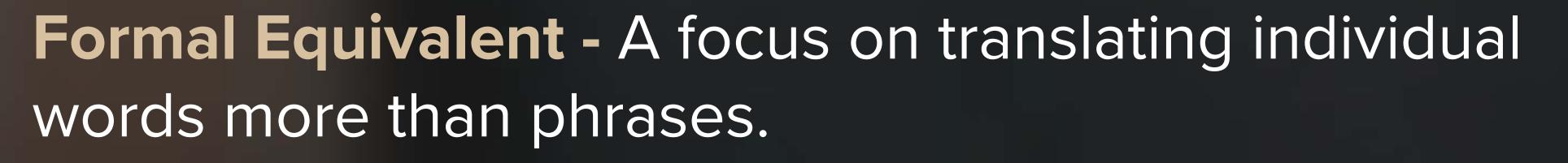


- King James Version (Literary Translation)
- New American Standard Bible (1995, 2020)
- English Standard Version
- New King James Version
- New Revised Standard Version



#### John 3:16 "Literal" Translation

"In this way for he loved the God the world so that the son the only he gave in order that each the believing into him not he perish but he has life eternal."



- King James Version (Literary Translation)
- New American Standard Bible (1995, 2020)
- English Standard Version
- New King James Version
- New Revised Standard Version



Translation committees strive for elegance, accuracy, and readability.



Dynamic (functional) Equivalent - A thought-forthought (phrase-to-phrase) translation. Translation committees sought to capture the idea of the intended thought with faithfulness to the original Hebrew and Greek.

- New International Version (1984, 2011)
- Holman Christian Standard Bible

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**Optimal Equivalent -** An attempt to balance word and thought translation while maintaining clarity, readability, and accuracy.

- New English Translation
- Christian Standard Bible



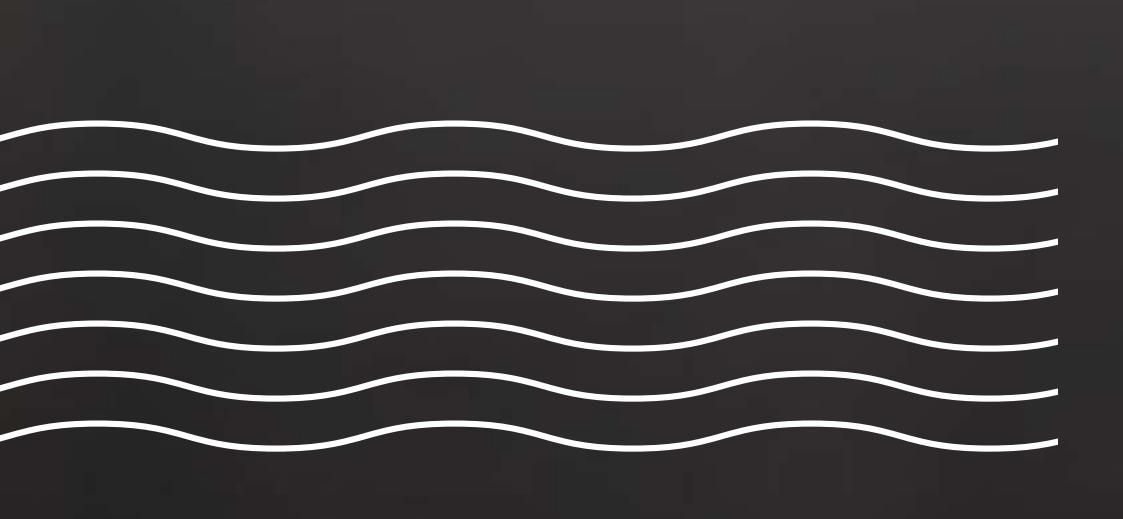
- New Living Translation
- New Testament in Modern English (Phillips Translation)





- The Message
- The Living Bible
- The Story Bible





"You don't *feel* your way into a new way of acting. You *act* your way into a new way of feeling."



#### 2 Peter 1:19 NIV

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.