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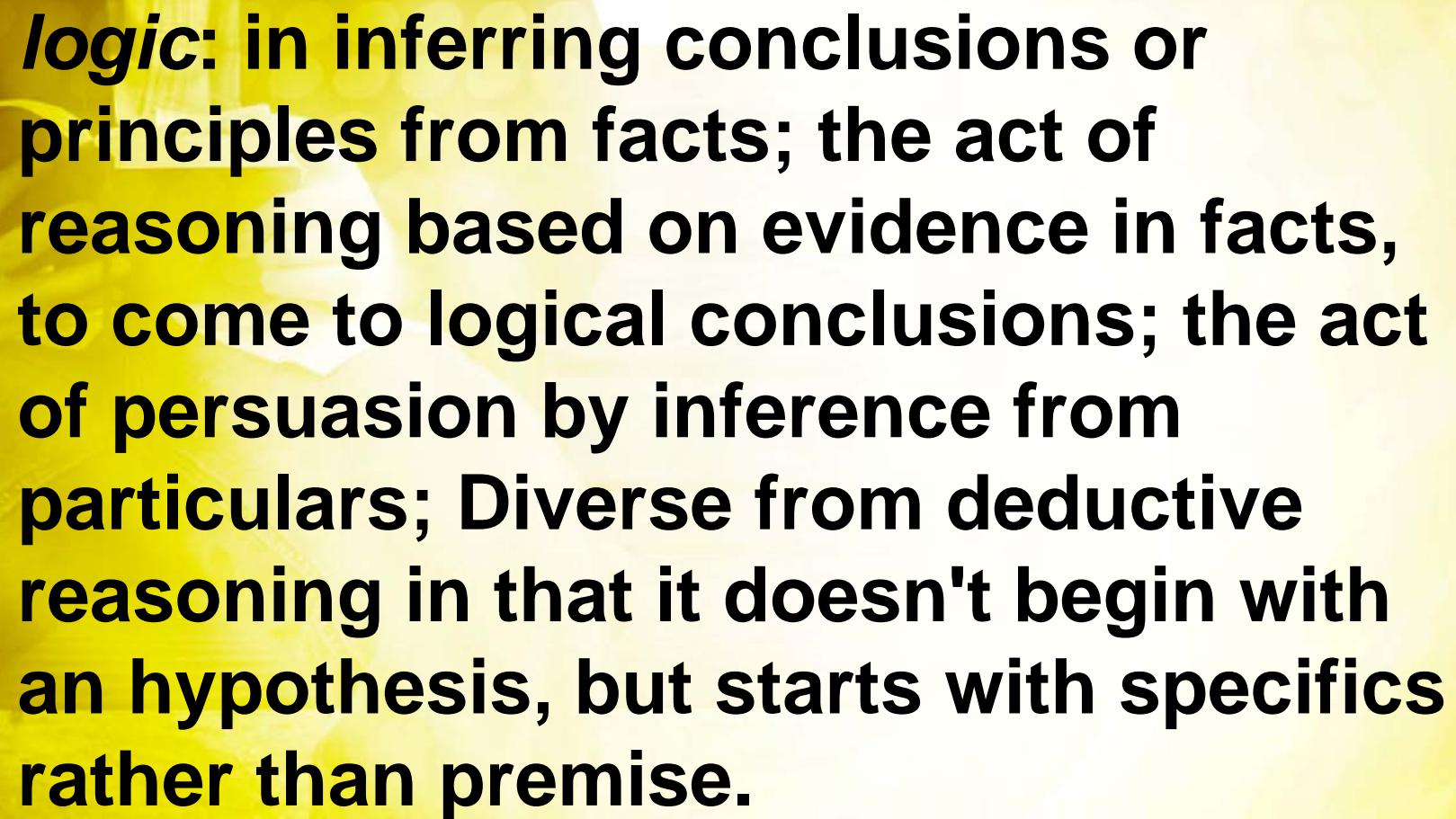
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A Bible Study
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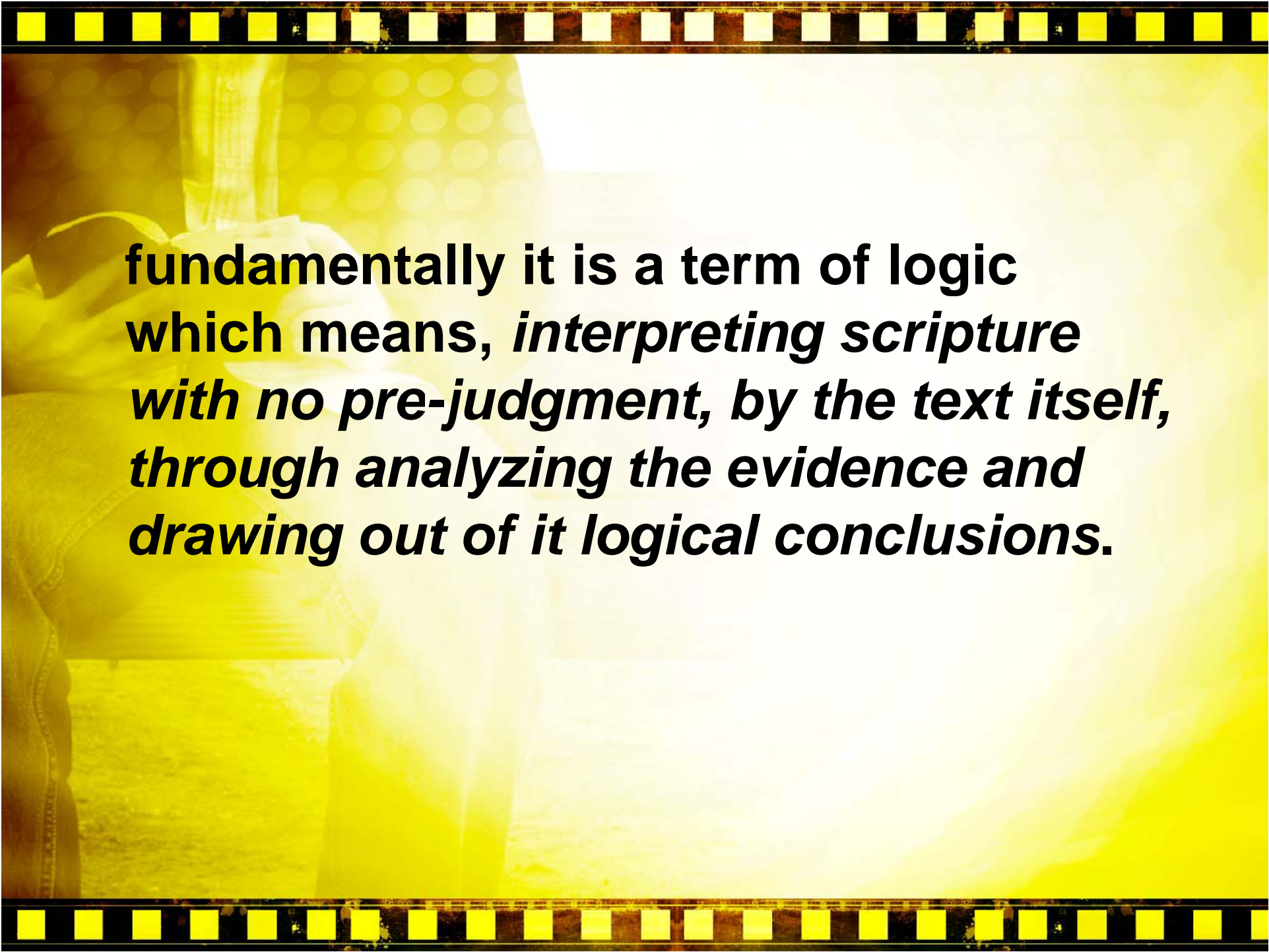


Inductive Bible Study

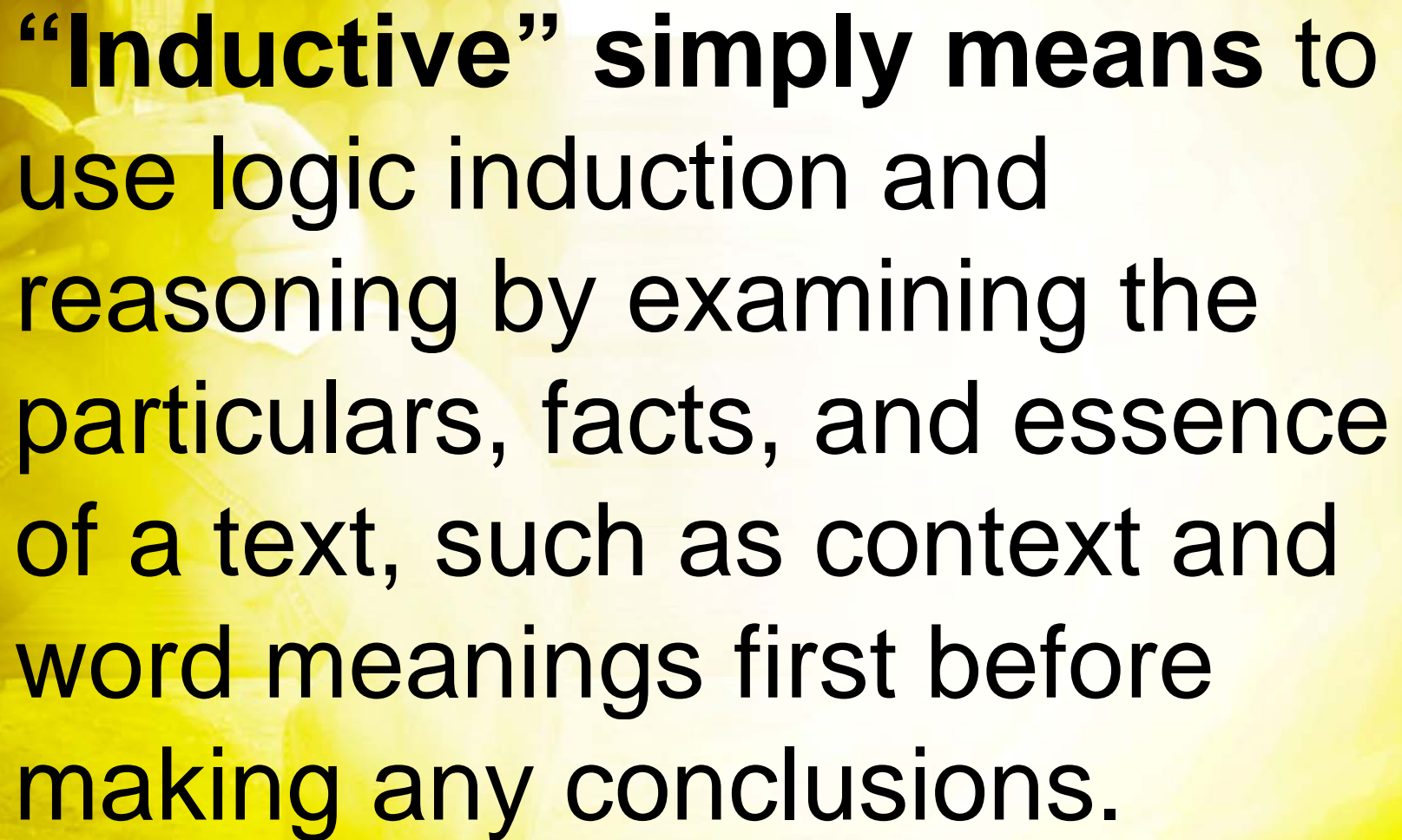
in-duc-tive, out of; inducing principles; to introduce from; to initiate;



***logic*: in inferring conclusions or principles from facts; the act of reasoning based on evidence in facts, to come to logical conclusions; the act of persuasion by inference from particulars; Diverse from deductive reasoning in that it doesn't begin with an hypothesis, but starts with specifics rather than premise.**



**fundamentally it is a term of logic
which means, *interpreting scripture
with no pre-judgment, by the text itself,
through analyzing the evidence and
drawing out of it logical conclusions.***



“Inductive” simply means to use logic induction and reasoning by examining the particulars, facts, and essence of a text, such as context and word meanings first before making any conclusions.



The Three, Basic, Essential, Inductive Bible Study Questions:

- What does this passage say?
Observation
- What does this passage mean?
Interpretation
- How does this apply to me?
Application



The Observation Process



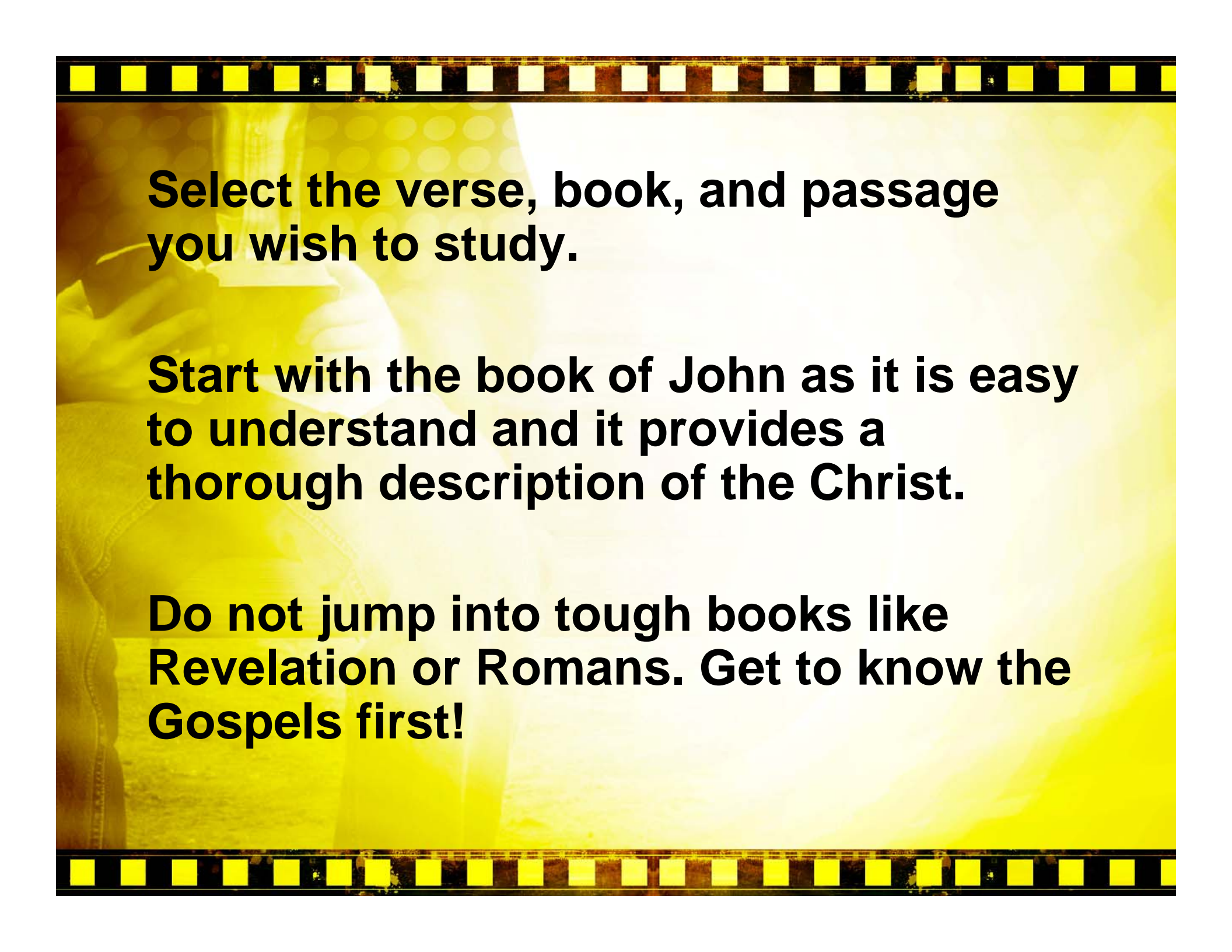
How Does One Start?

Start with the proper approach—that of prayer and reverence. If we do not have the right attitude and mindset, we will not get much out of God's Word, because our will gets in the way of His!

A person wearing a white shirt is kneeling in prayer, holding a book. The background is a bright, hazy yellow. The image is framed by a film strip border at the top and bottom.

Prayer!

Psalm 119:18



**Select the verse, book, and passage
you wish to study.**

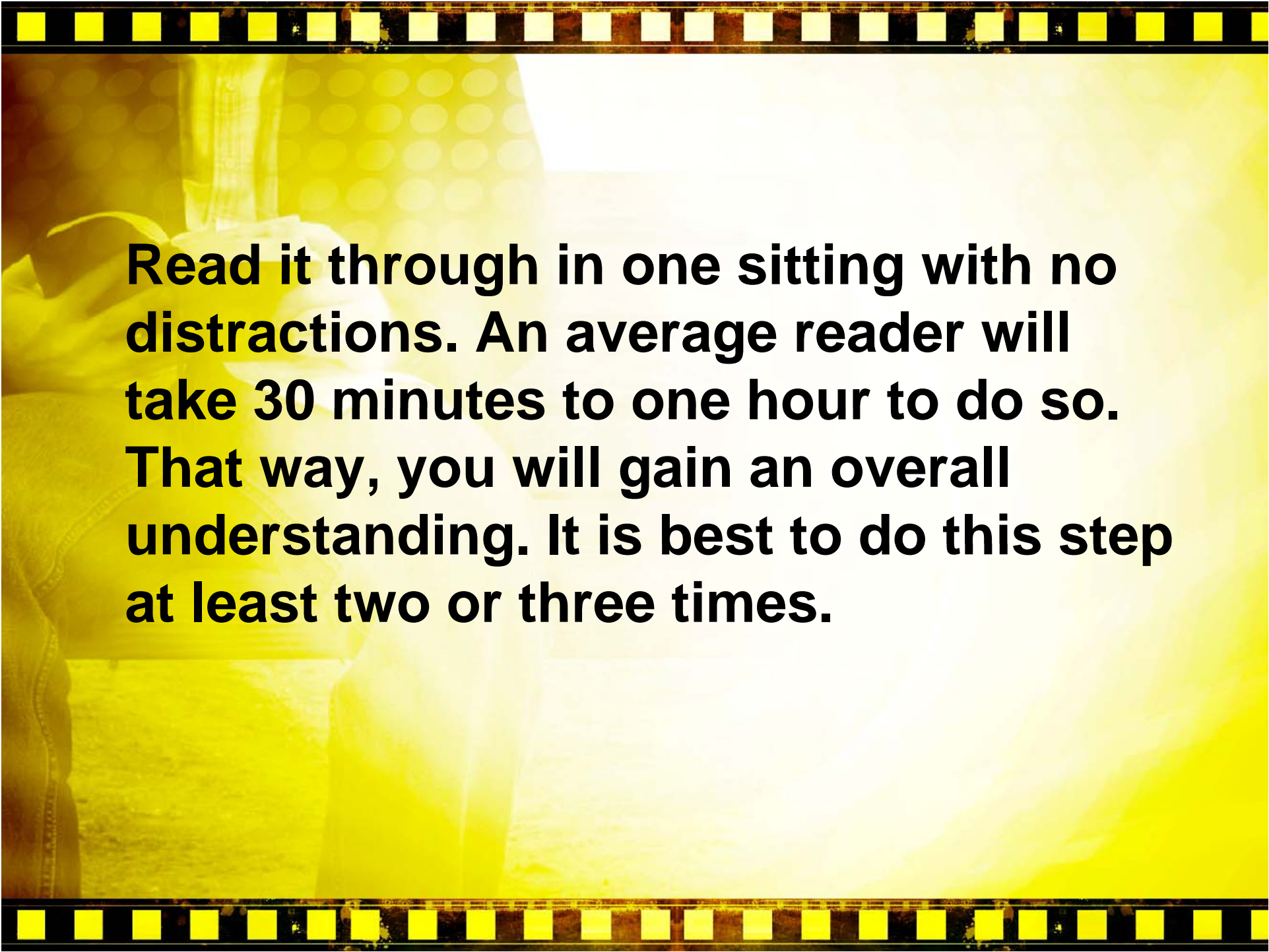
**Start with the book of John as it is easy
to understand and it provides a
thorough description of the Christ.**

**Do not jump into tough books like
Revelation or Romans. Get to know the
Gospels first!**

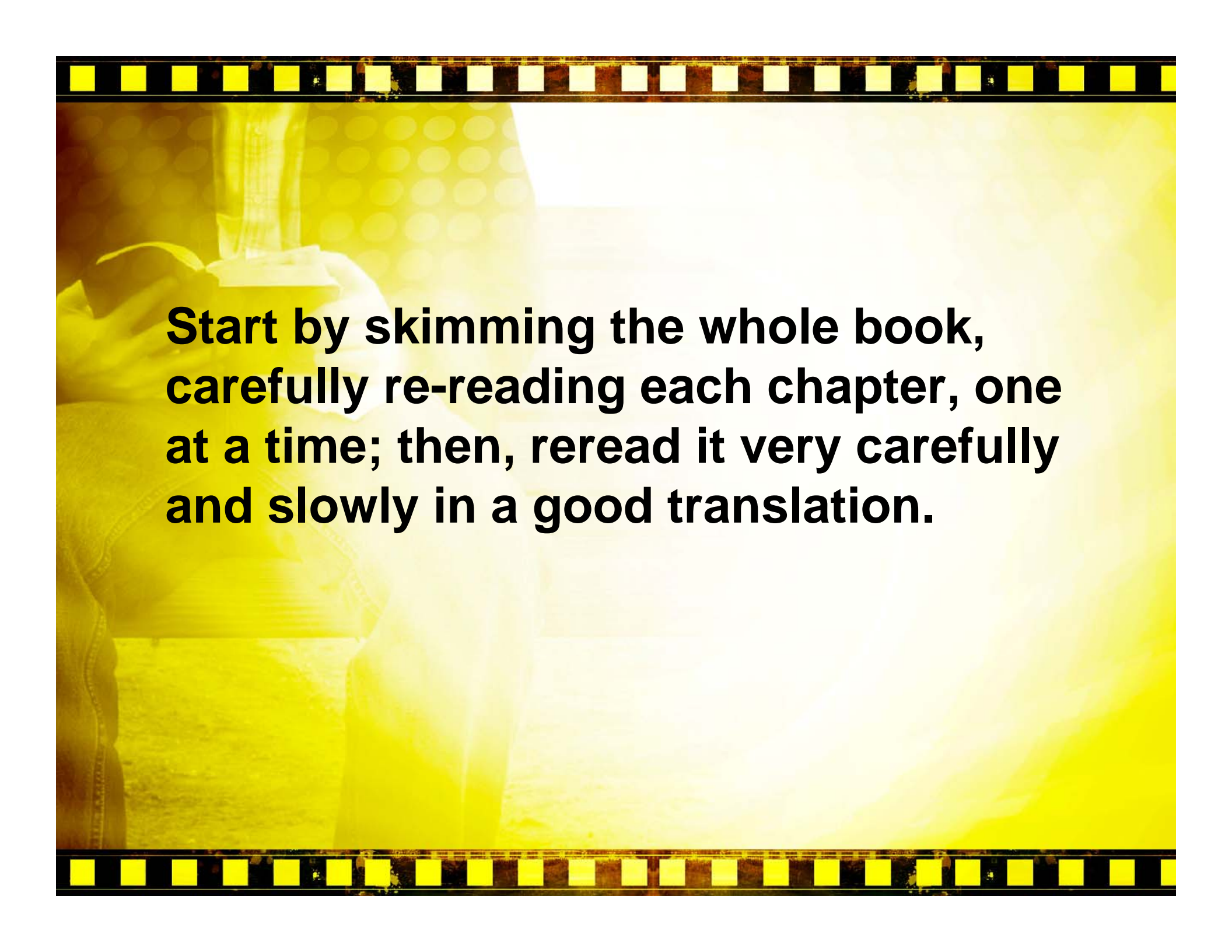


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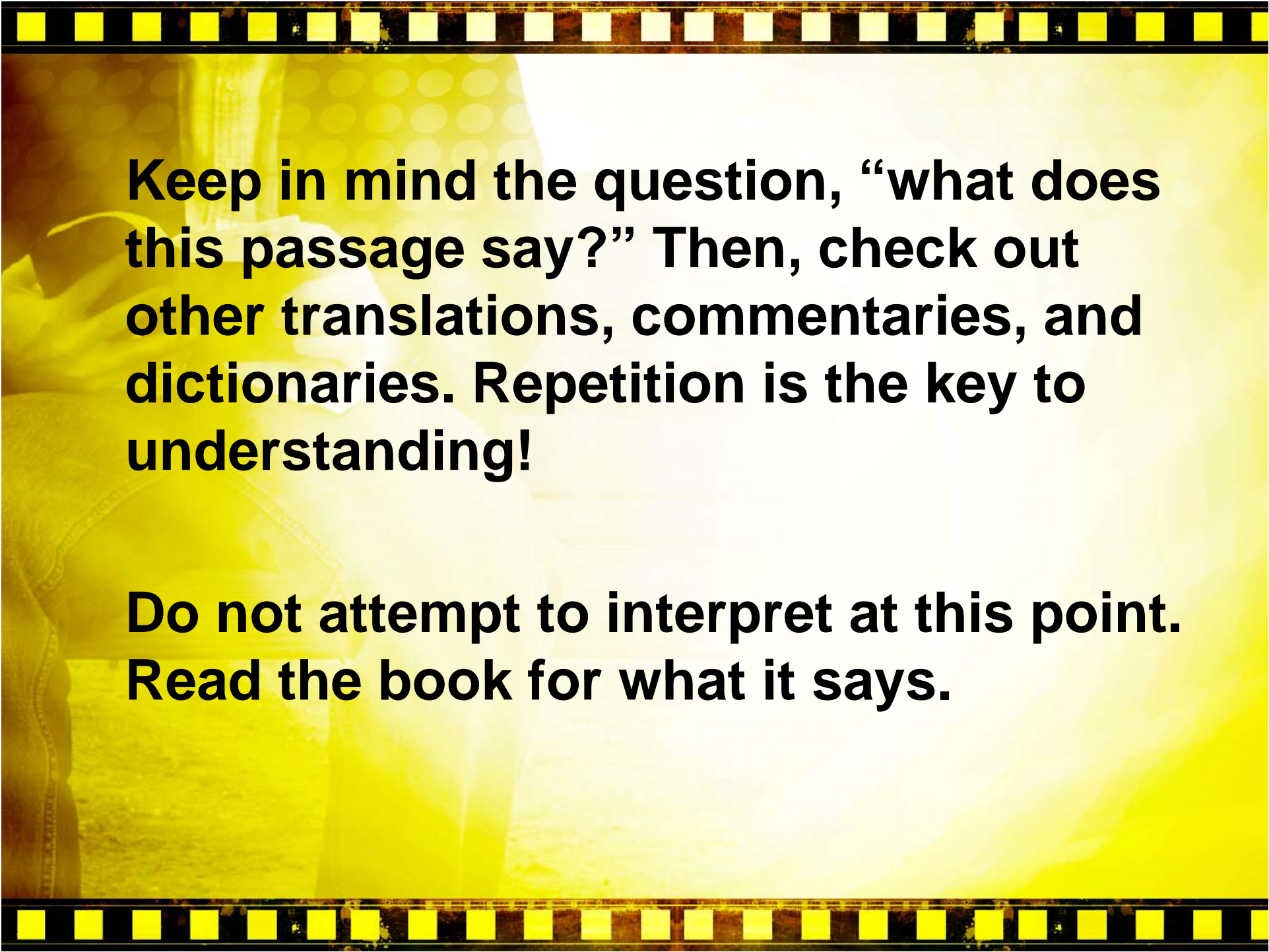
Look at the whole book (a single book in the Bible) and “see the big picture.” For example, if you are going to study John, read the book of John in an easy-to-read translation, like the *New Living Translation*. Read it like you might be reading a favorite novel. Enjoy it!



Read it through in one sitting with no distractions. An average reader will take 30 minutes to one hour to do so. That way, you will gain an overall understanding. It is best to do this step at least two or three times.

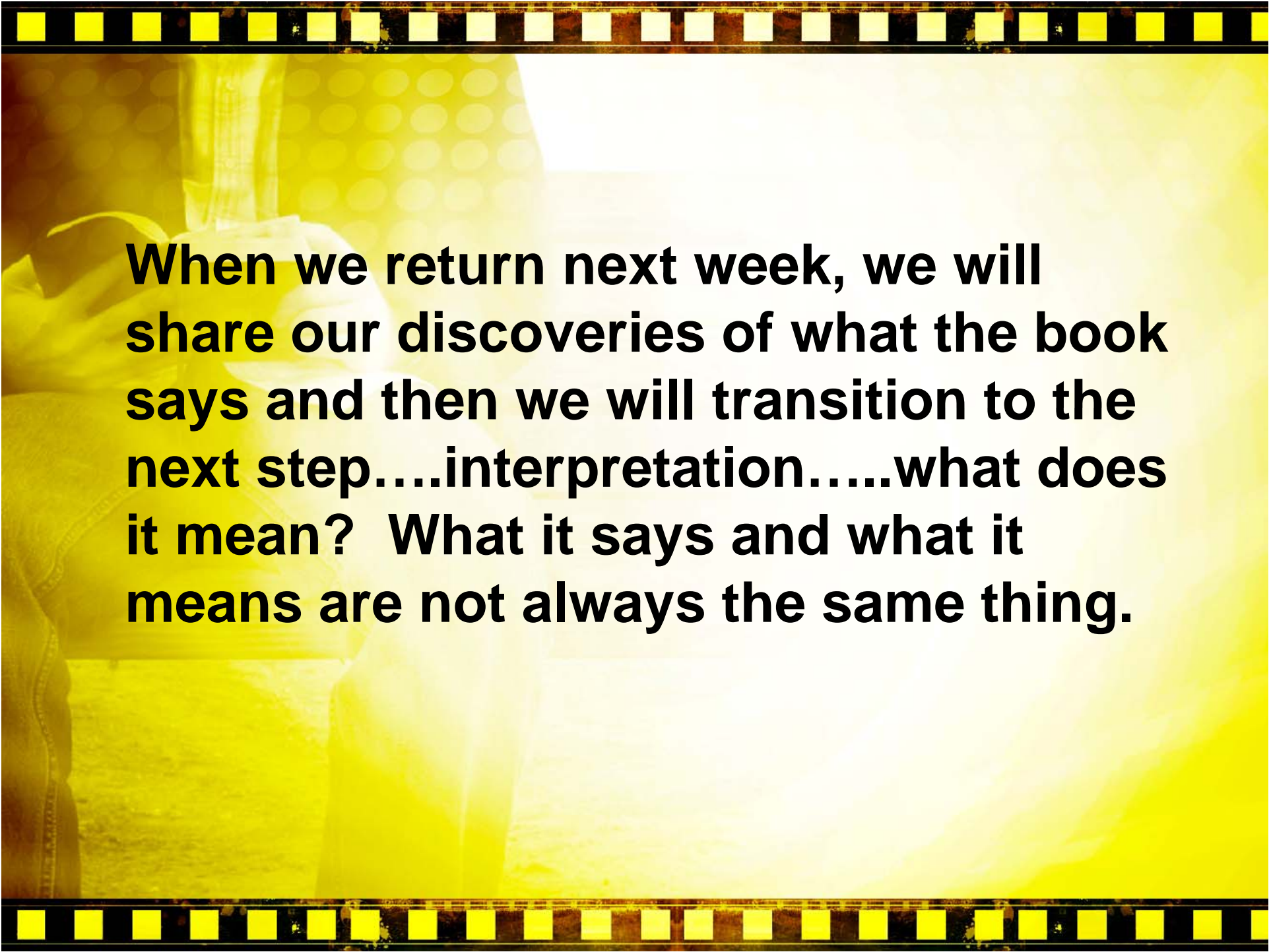
The image features a person in a white shirt reading a book, set against a bright yellow background. The scene is framed by a black film strip border with yellow sprocket holes. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Start by skimming the whole book, carefully re-reading each chapter, one at a time; then, reread it very carefully and slowly in a good translation.



Keep in mind the question, “what does this passage say?” Then, check out other translations, commentaries, and dictionaries. Repetition is the key to understanding!

Do not attempt to interpret at this point. Read the book for what it says.



When we return next week, we will share our discoveries of what the book says and then we will transition to the next step....interpretation.....what does it mean? What it says and what it means are not always the same thing.