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"Using the Bible Jesus Used"

"What the Old Testament conceals, the New Testament reveals."

That's what Pastor Tim Engel was taught more than thirty years ago in his seminary training.

It's a lesson that has stuck with him.

"I love preaching and teaching the Old Testament and finding out how a particular passage points us to Jesus," Engel often says.

Lately he has been putting that statement into practice in his preaching and teaching.

He calls it "using the Bible Jesus used."

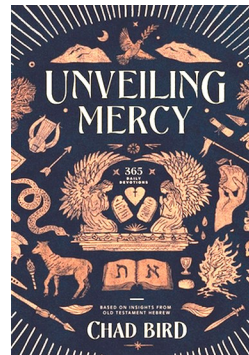
"All of our New Testament theology and teaching comes from the Old Testament," Engel explained.

"Jesus and Paul couldn't quote from the Gospels or the Epistles. They hadn't been written yet. Everything they taught came from the Old Testament."

Engel credits the scholar Chad Bird for his renewed focus on the Old Testament.

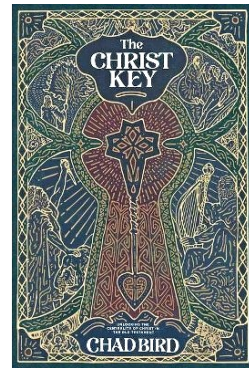
Bird, a former professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana (and also a Texas native), has written a daily devotional book titled "Unveiling

Mercy" as well as the book "The Christ Key: Unlocking the Centrality of Christ in the Old Testament."



Both of these books open up the Old Testament and reveal the mercy of God which is made known to us in His Son, Jesus.

Engel stated, "I highly recommend both books for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Old Testament, which, after all, makes up about three fourths of the Bible."



He continued, "I also intend to become more well-versed in the Old Testament so I can better teach and preach God's Word to His people."

The books are available on Amazon or can be ordered through the church office.

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Gabriel's Glad Tidings



Hey friends,

Valentine's Day is this month!

Valentine's Day includes one of my most favorite things (along with tennis balls, chew toys, car rides, bananas, walks, zoomies, and naps), and that thing is HUGS!!

Sometimes I call them snuggles.

Some people call them embraces.

I just know that they feel good and let me know that I am loved.

I will even hug people by leaning into them to let them know that I love them.

Hugs are the BEST!

My Jesus talks about hugs. He says, **"Prize [wisdom] highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her"** (Proverbs 4:8).

If you hug wisdom, she will honor you!

My Jesus also says, **"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight"** (Proverbs 9:10).

So we get wisdom from knowing and being in awe of the Lord.

And then we are to hug wisdom so she can honor us.

Sounds pretty good to me, mi amigo!

Here's the plan: know and fear the Lord so He can give you wisdom, then hug His wisdom nice & tight

— and stay PAWSOME!

Your friend Gabriel



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