

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, arms raised in triumph, overlooking a vast valley. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds against a bright blue background. The valley below is lush with green fields and a small town, surrounded by rugged, brown mountains.

*"Praise the Lord,
oh my soul"*

A Study in Psalms

Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference 2024

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference



From **Red Ink** to Revelation: A Biblical Grammar Workshop

Workshop Session 3
1:15 - 2:15 pm
Lovina Goad

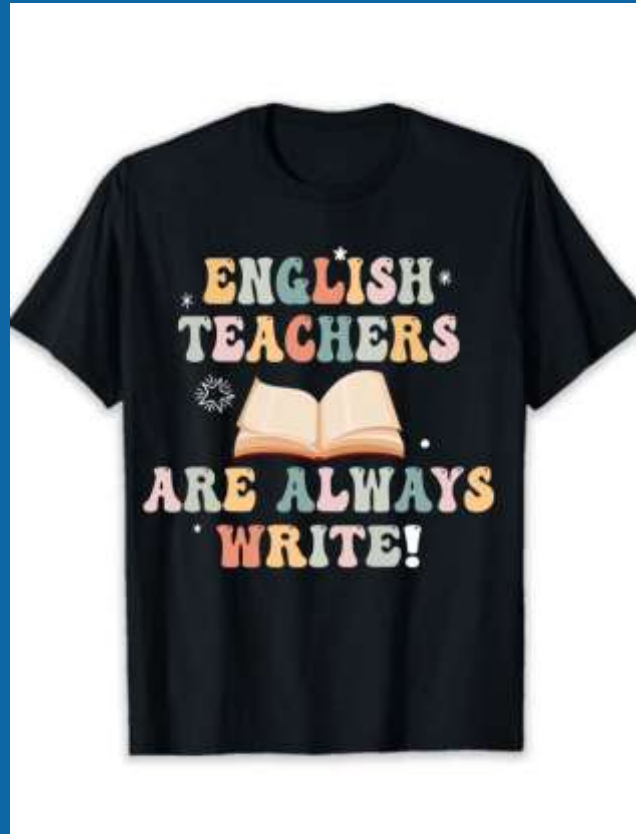


"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Welcome!



"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Warm Up

Any sentence diagrammers out there?

Red ink survivors?

Expert editors?

Liked English class?

LOVED English class?

(Skipped English class?)

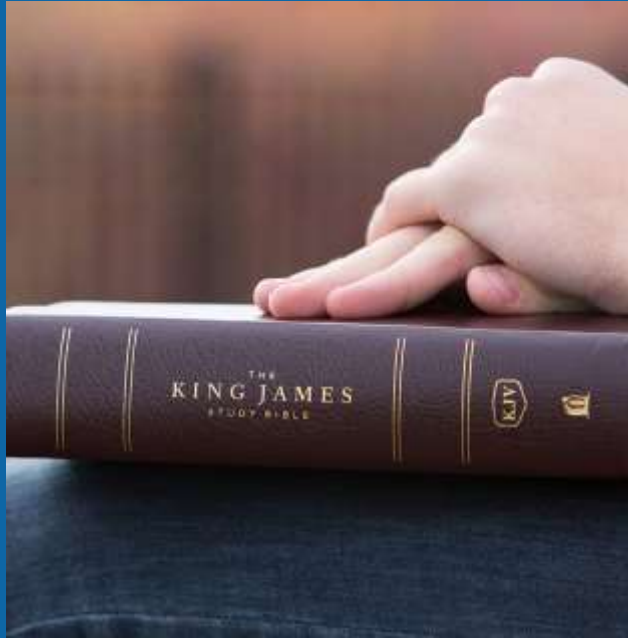
"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

My Grammar Background



RU
RADFORD
UNIVERSITY



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Why is GRAMMAR important in Bible Study?

“There is no doubt that God loves grammar because He loves words and He’s communicated them to us through grammar. And so if words and grammar are what God has utilized, then words and grammar are what we need to learn.” -Biblearc.com

2 Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

KJV - “rightly dividing”

NASB - “accurately handling”

“Praise the Lord, oh my soul”

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Why is GRAMMAR important in Bible Study?

Psalm 119:130 - "The unfolding of your words gives light"

"The Steps of Bible Study" - Step One

OBSERVATION - What does the passage SAY?

Pg. 17 - grammar questions for further and deeper study

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

Agenda

1. Review grammar basics (subjects, verbs, phrases, clauses) - definitions and examples
2. Learn to recognize phrases and clauses in a passage and annotate them
3. Create a visual of the phrases/clauses to see the structure of the passage

TAKEAWAY - We want to identify the grammatical structure of passages (how the phrases and clauses work together) so that we can know what the author originally intended to say, and ultimately what God is saying in His Word.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

END GOAL - Separating a passage into its phrases and clauses and creating a visual of the structure

Taking this:

Colossians 1:9-12

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks[fn] to the Father, who has qualified you[fn] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

And so,
from the day we heard,
we have not ceased to pray
for you,
asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as
to walk
in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit
in every good work
and
increasing
in the knowledge
of God;
being strengthened
with all power,
according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience
with joy;
giving thanks
to the Father,
who has qualified you
to share
in the inheritance
of the saints
in light.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



“English Class”

Three subjects in one: Reading, Writing, Grammar
Elementary = Language Arts (plural = many)

Two routes for evaluating a text:

1. GRAMMATICAL (our focus today)
2. LITERARY (figures of speech such as simile, metaphor, hyperbole, chiasm, anaphora)

“Praise the Lord, oh my soul”



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference



"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

What is “grammar?”

Grammar - the set of rules of a language for forming and arranging words to convey meaning

Grammar determines MEANING when we communicate

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Expectations in Communication

1. We must have something or someone we are talking about (SUBJECT)
2. We must TELL something ABOUT what that person/thing is DOING (VERB)
3. We can have SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILS to clarify our information about our SUBJECT and VERB (phrases, clauses)
4. We must adhere to the RULES prescribed by the language to ensure that accurate meaning is transferred to our audience (readers/listeners)

If we are ACTIVE listeners and readers, we are putting these puzzle pieces together in our minds to develop MEANING. We want it to make sense so that we can DO something about it!

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

“Standard English Conventions” - Red Ink

- Subject/Verb agreement - Neither of the cats IS / ARE purring.
- Punctuation - Confused about Commas?
 - I enjoy cooking my family and my dog. - WEIRD
 - I enjoy cooking, my family, and my dog. - NOT WEIRD, but could work on parallel structure
- Consistent Verb Tense - You can't RUN through a campground. You can only RAN because it's PAST TENTS. (*bah dum tiss*)
- Spelling - I before E! Except when your foreign neighbor Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.
 - Fish = ghoti
- *Thou shalt not end with a preposition or split an infinitive!*

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

Back to the Basics

Sentence

-a group of words that expresses a complete thought

-must contain a SUBJECT and a VERB

HANDOUT - Understanding Sentence Structure (front and back)



"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

Back to the Basics

Main Clause

- Subject noun
- Verb

***HANDOUT* - "From Red Ink to Revelation" Notes and Exercises**



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Main Clauses - The FOCUS and POINT

This is THE INFORMATION you are trying to communicate to someone in the most concise, straightforward way.

Subject Noun	Verb
Who/What the sentence is ABOUT Singular or Plural Person, Place, Thing, Idea <i>Paul, saints, Rome, altar, love</i> Can be implied if there is a command ("You")	The action or state of being completed by the Subject Noun <i>Abide, anoint, baptize, transform, reconcile, sanctify</i> <i>is, am, are, was, were</i>

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Exercise 1

1. Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
1. Colossians 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
1. Romans 5:8 - While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Grammar Police - Watch List



FANBOYS	AAAWWUBBIS	-ing and -ed descriptive words	“to” + verb	Prepositions	Relatives
For And Nor But Or Yet So	After Although As When While Until Before Because If Since	<i>bearing</i> <i>increasing</i> <i>remembering</i> <i>abounding</i> <i>called</i> <i>established</i> (*Irregular: builded → built writed → written)	to be to give to live to tell	at by for from in on to with toward according to	Who Whom Which That What

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

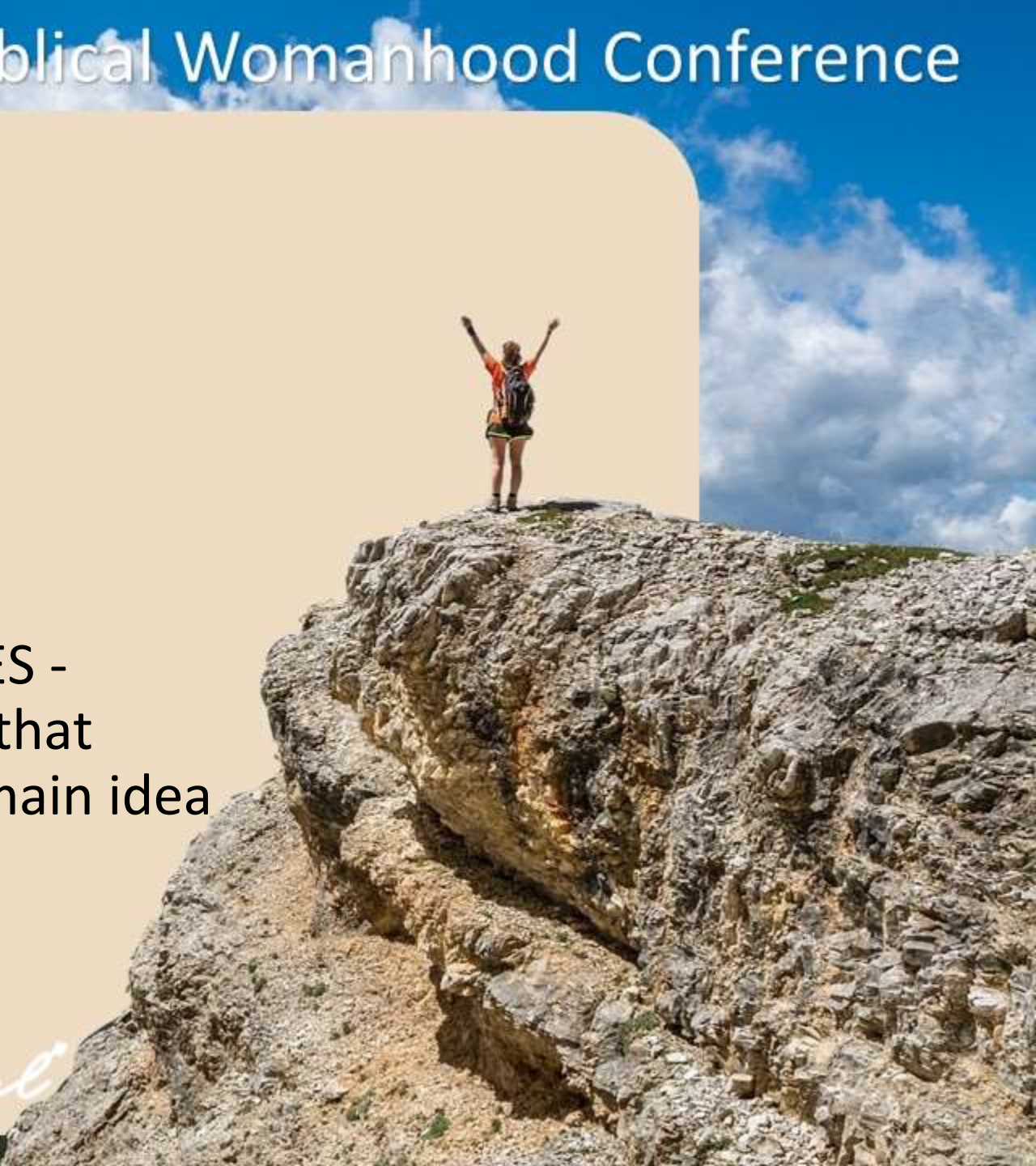
7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference



Why are these words **WANTED**?

They indicate PHRASES and CLAUSES - different segments of information that support, illustrate, or qualify the main idea or other phrases/clauses.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

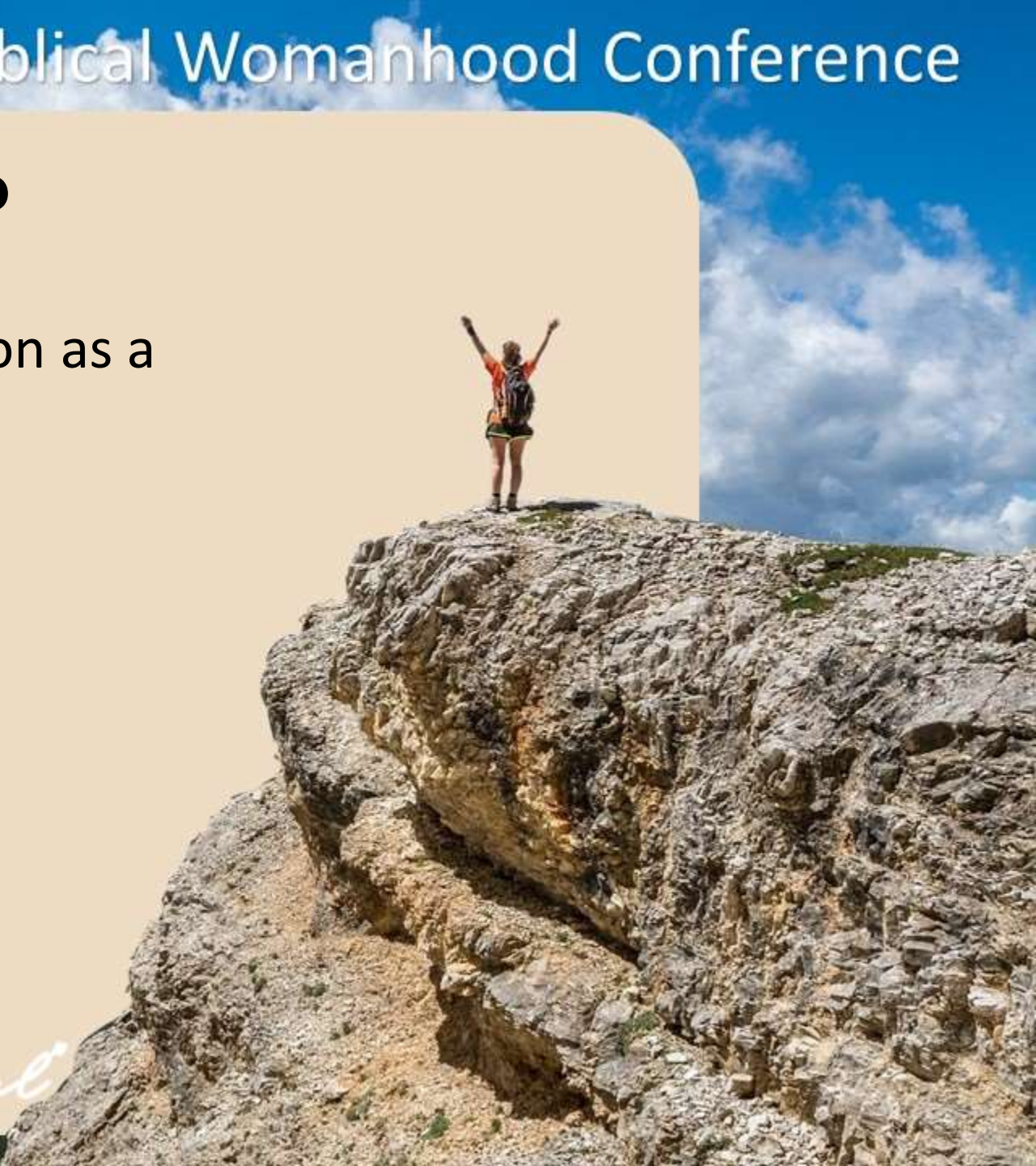


But what is a PHRASE?

a small group of words that function as a unit

- across the yard
- singing beautifully
- to eat
- in the woods
- who wrote the essay
- after the rain ended
- covered in chocolate

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

SUPPORTING PHRASES AND CLAUSES

Conjunction	Coordinating - FANBOYS - creates a <u>parallel</u> relationship; an addition or contrast Subordinating - AAWWUBBIS - creates a <u>logical</u> relationship (cause and effect, time and place, or concession and contrast) that <u>depends</u> on the MAIN CLAUSE	For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So After, Although, As, When, While, Until, Before, Because, If, Since
--------------------	---	--

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

SUPPORTING PHRASES AND CLAUSES

Conjunction	Coordinating - FANBOYS - creates a <u>parallel</u> relationship; an addition or contrast	For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So
--------------------	---	---------------------------------

When you see one of these, PLACE this word on a line by itself.

The two clauses before and after should be aligned.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Exercise 2 - Coordinating Conjunctions - But, And

1. Psalm 107:19 - I cry unto the Lord in my trouble, and He saves me out of my distresses.

I cry unto the Lord in my trouble,
and
He saves me out of my distresses.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Exercise 2 - Coordinating Conjunctions - But, And

1. Matthew 5:44 - "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

But

I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Exercise 3 - Subordinating Conjunctions - AAAWWUBBIS

1. Romans 5:8 - While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

1. 1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

1. Romans 1:21 - Although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Participial

-ing and -ed words that describe a noun

A participial phrase is NOT the main clause VERB - not the main action or point of the sentence; it adds DETAIL and DESCRIPTION

1. 1 Corinthians 1:1 - Paul, called to by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
2. Colossians 1:10 - ...walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
3. Colossians 2:6-7 - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Infinitive

“To” and a verb

To run, To sing, To dance, To be

Learning foreign languages → conjugation homework!

(Hablar - to talk, Yo hablo, Tú hablas, Él habla, etc.)

1. Philippians 1:21 - For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
2. Genesis 1:15 - And God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Prepositional

at, by, for, from, in, of, on, to, and with followed by a noun

There are over 100 prepositions!

Prepositions connect a noun, pronoun, or noun phrase to reason, direction, location, ownership, or time.

Do a “pen” test to see if it is a preposition: Where is the pen in relation to the desk? Above, under, beside, on, near, etc.

Over the river and through the woods to grandmother’s house we go.

“Praise the Lord, oh my soul”

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Prepositional

1. Ephesians 2:8-9 - For it is (by grace) you have been saved, (through faith)—and this is not (from yourselves), it is the gift (of God)— not (by works), so that no one can boast.
2. 1 Corinthians 1:2 - (To the church) (of God) that is (in Corinth), (to those) sanctified (in Christ Jesus), called to be saints together (with all those) who (in every place) call (upon the name) (of our Lord Jesus Christ), both their Lord and ours:

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Relative

Who, whom, which, that

Relative clauses provide more information about nouns

1. Psalm 18:3 - I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

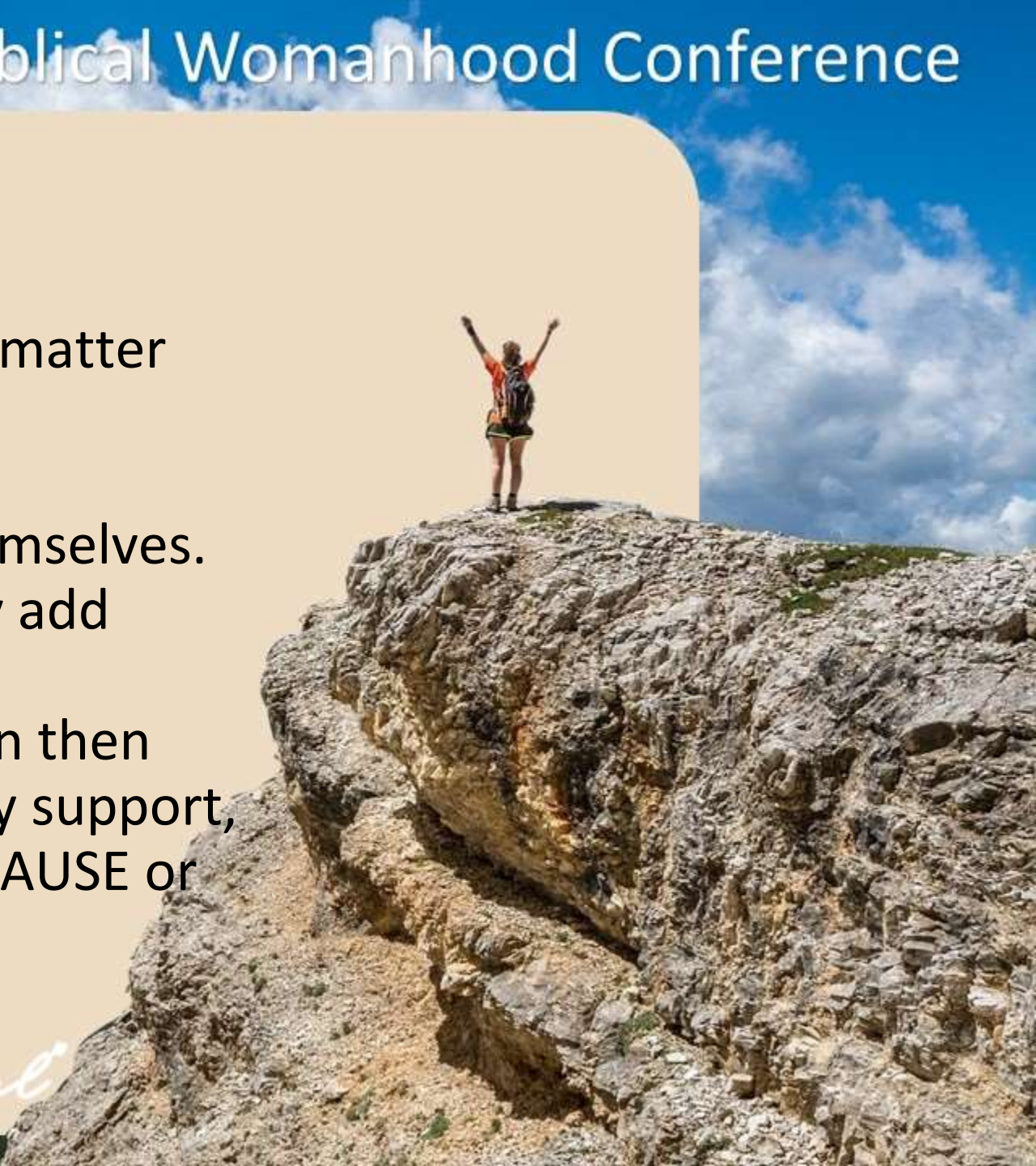
2. Psalm 71:23 - My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

So, what do I do??

- When we SEE these phrases (no matter what they are), place them in PARENTHESES to separate them.
- These phrases go on lines by themselves. INDENT them to show what they add detail to.
- Once you separate them, you can then move on to recognizing how they support, illustrate, or qualify the MAIN CLAUSE or another phrase/clause.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Do I have to label and know all of these?

Not necessarily!

Just be able to identify them in order to SEPARATE them from the MAIN CLAUSE.

When you visualize them by annotating them, you can see how everything is built up together to create MEANING.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



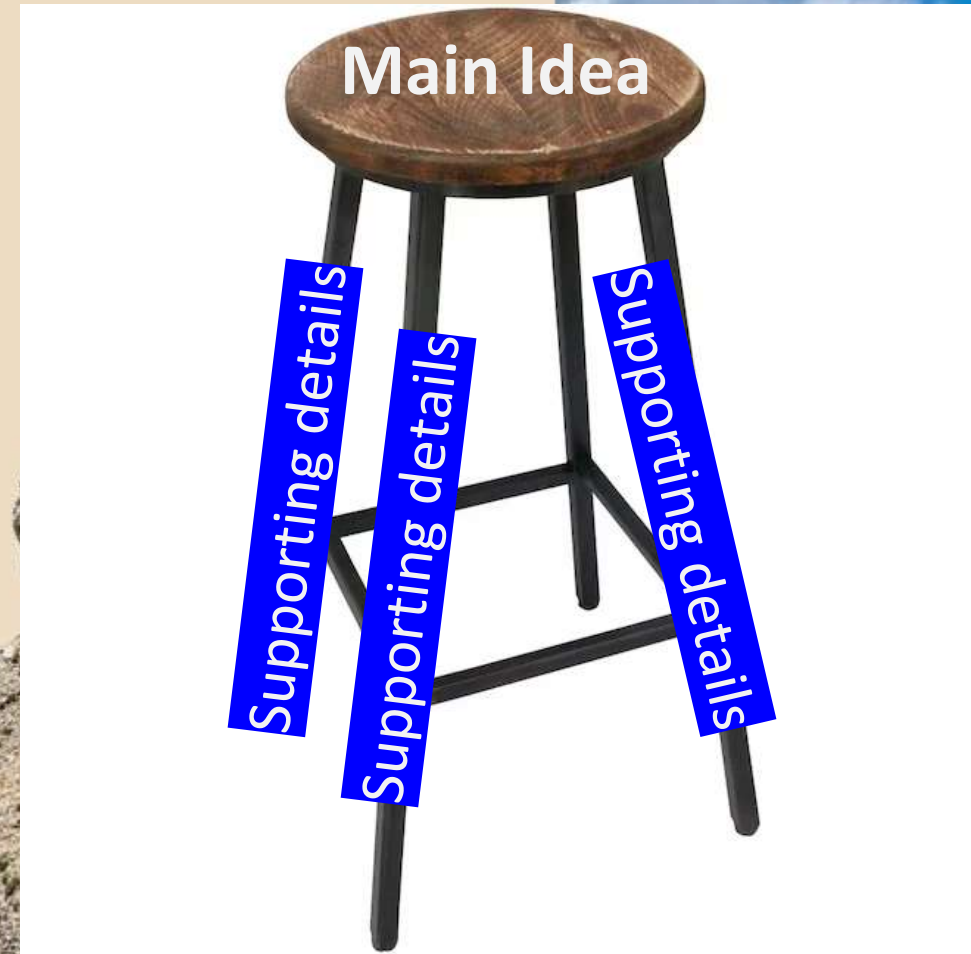
Then what?

Once you are able to divide the sentence into its components, you can see the main idea and all of the pieces that SUPPORT it.

Think about a stool →

You can more clearly understand the main idea and all of the inter-connected supporting ideas that make its MEANING.

Pause to THINK about and LOOK at how everything builds together.



"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

Let's Try it Out!

1. Look back at your GRAMMAR POLICE - WATCH LIST to help you identify phrases in this passage of scripture - Colossians 1:9-12
2. Identify the MAIN CLAUSE (subject and verb)
3. Put parentheses around the phrases/clauses (refer to Watch List)



"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:9-12

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

And so,
from the day we heard,
we have not ceased to pray
for you,
asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as
to walk
in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit
in every good work
and
increasing
in the knowledge
of God;
being strengthened
with all power,
according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience
with joy;
giving thanks
to the Father,
who has qualified you
to share
in the inheritance
of the saints
in light.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Let's
Indent!

And so,
from the day we heard,
we have not ceased to pray
for you,
asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as
to walk
in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit
in every good work
and
increasing
in the knowledge
of God;
being strengthened
with all power,
according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience
with joy;
giving thanks
to the Father,
who has qualified you
to share
in the inheritance
of the saints
in light.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

And so,
from the day we heard,
we have not ceased to pray
for you,
asking that you may be filled
with the knowledge
of his will
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
so as
to walk
in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit
in every good work
and
increasing
in the knowledge
of God;
being strengthened
with all power,
according to his glorious might,
for all endurance and patience
with joy;
giving thanks
to the Father,
who has qualified you
to share
in the inheritance
of the saints
in light.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"



7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Blessed is the man

who walks not
in the counsel
of the wicked,
nor stands
in the way
of sinners,
nor sits
in the seat
of scoffers;
but

his delight is in the law of the Lord,

and

on his law

he meditates day and night.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

7th Annual 2024 Embracing Biblical Womanhood Conference

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man

who walks not
in the counsel
of the wicked,

nor
stands
in the way
of sinners,

nor
Sits
in the seat
of scoffers;

but

his delight is

in the law
of the Lord,

and
on his law
he meditates day and night.

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

Review

1. Sentences
2. Main Clause - Subject and Verb
3. Supporting Clauses and Phrases
4. Grammar Police - Watch List to identify phrases
5. Line the phrases down a page
6. Indent the phrases as they support, illustrate, or qualify the phrases/clauses above
7. Watch for patterns as you observe the grammatical structure

"Praise the Lord, oh my soul"

