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## Lost in Transmission

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It would be fair to say that since moving to our current home almost five years ago, I've driven by this establishment about a thousand times. But not until a few months ago did I notice the spelling on the blue sign boasting Ban-terra to be Visalia's largest "*trasmision*" specialist. I thought it was a hilarious case of misprinting, so I took a picture and showed it to the family. But it wasn't until I showed them that I noticed the other sign



where the name of the company is actually "*Ban-terra Trasmissons*". Now, I'm at a crossroads. Have I been incorrectly referring to it as a transmission all my life or do I just not know what a *trasmision* is?

I can understand a misprint; mistakes happen, and we all make them. I can see a scenario in which this would get sent to a printer and they just misspelled some-

thing. What seems the like the least acceptable part of this whole thing is that someone didn't catch it on the official side of things. When they incorporated, did no one see it? Did no one point out the obvious, "Hey, you're missing the "n" in transmission." It would have been an easy fix at the time, but now they're fully invested in the *trasmision* business.

The reality is that it's an easy miss. It's a big word, so it would be easy to gloss over the details and run with it. Like I said, I've driven by the place a thousand times and never noticed. Sometimes, we have blind spots because we're so familiar with our surroundings that we miss important details. We don't actually see what's there; we see what we think is there. We have our own perspectives and impressions that fill in details that may be missing. We can do the same thing with our Bibles.

Sometimes the specifics of God's Word can get lost in transmission if we don't spend enough time to focus on exactly what it says. We can read something over and over again but miss out on important details. We can gloss over the specifics and read into it with our own assumptions and perspectives. This is how we can end up with a theology that is a mixture of truth, pragmatism and popular opinion.

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***All Scripture is inspired by God  
and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction,  
for training in righteousness;  
so that the man of God may be adequate,  
equipped for every good work.***

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

***So what's the solution? Here are a couple of things that will help.***

**1**

**Read your Bible carefully and study it diligently.** Take your time. When there are words that you don't know, look them up. Make sure you're comprehending what the author is intending to communicate before you jump to application. Cross-reference other passages to make sure you're getting the whole context and concept.

**2**

**Study together with other people.** Be part of a **LifeGroup** that is going through Scripture so that your theological blind spots get exposed. Allow someone else to check your understanding so that you aren't reading your perspective into a passage. Learn with others so that you learn the truth that comes out of the passage.

Because of Jesus,

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