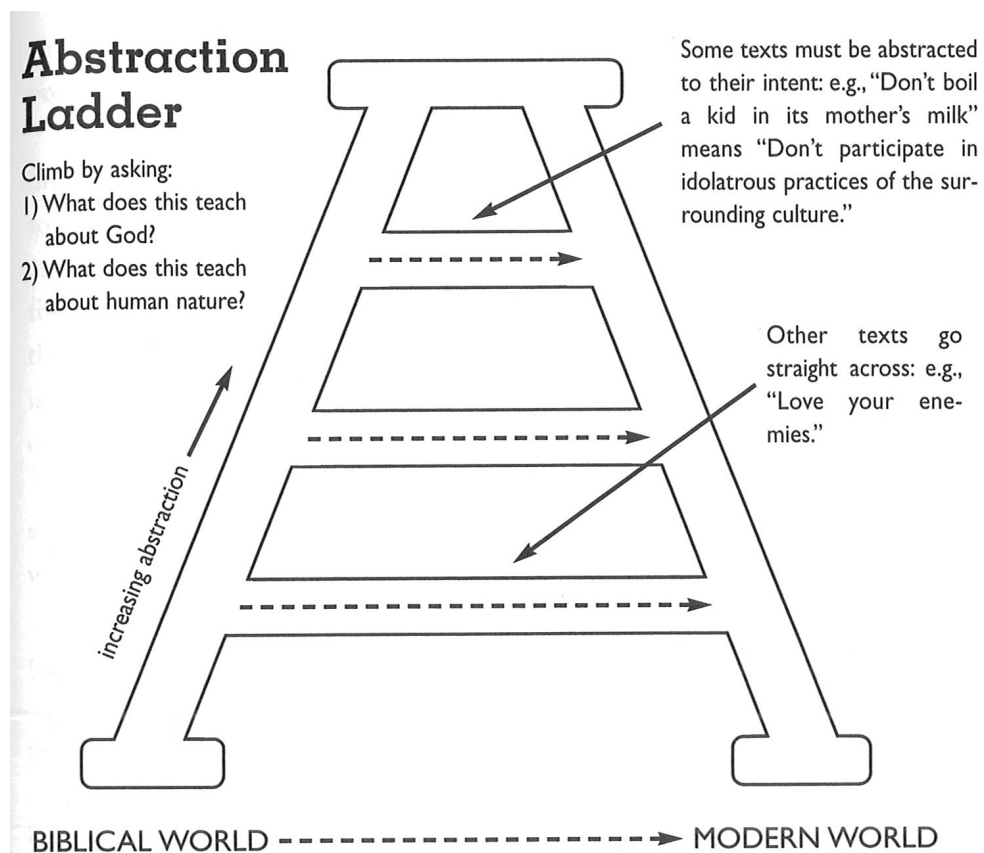


# Moving from the Text to the Talk – Part 2, Using Illustrations

## Speaking God's Truth, Week 5

### Let the Text be Your Guide – Part 2

- One Shape Your Supporting Points Can Take
  - State the point
  - Show me (from the Bible)
  - Explain the point
  - Illustrate the point
  - Apply the point
  - Note: “Supporting Point” versus “Main Point”
- Crossing difficult paths
  - The challenge
  - Haddon Robinson’s Ladder of Abstraction



From Haddon Robinson, “The Heresy of Application,” *Leadership* (Fall 1997), 217 via York and Decker, *Preaching with Bold Assurance*, 81

- Look for the Timeless Truths of Vines and Shaddix (from *Power in the Pulpit*)
  - What is God doing in the text?
  - What does the passage teach about the person or character of God?
  - What does it say about the nature and need of man?
  - What does it say about God's activity with humanity?
  - What does it say about how people relate to each other?
- Modified Application Questions of Howard Hendricks (from *Living by the Book*)
  - Is there an example to be followed?
  - Is there a sin to avoid?
  - Is there a promise to claim?
  - Is there a command to obey?
  - Is there an error to mark?
- We Intuitively Cross These Paths ... Sometimes

### **Help Them See: Using Illustrations Effectively**

- The Value of Illustrations - Chapman
  - Clarify an explanation
  - Reinforce and explanation
  - Arouse interest (beginning) and Recall Attention (in body)
  - Allow the listener time to relax and rest
  - Show something of the speaker
  - Allow an appeal to the emotions and mind
  - Recognize various learning styles
  - Where Chapman might get it wrong/could be misunderstood
- The placement of illustrations
  - In the supporting points
  - In the Introduction
  - In the Conclusion?
- SHARP Illustrations – from York and Decker, *Preaching with Bold Assurance*
  - The Story

- Humor
  - Analogies
  - References
  - Pictures
- Where to find illustrations

## **Philippians 2:12-18**