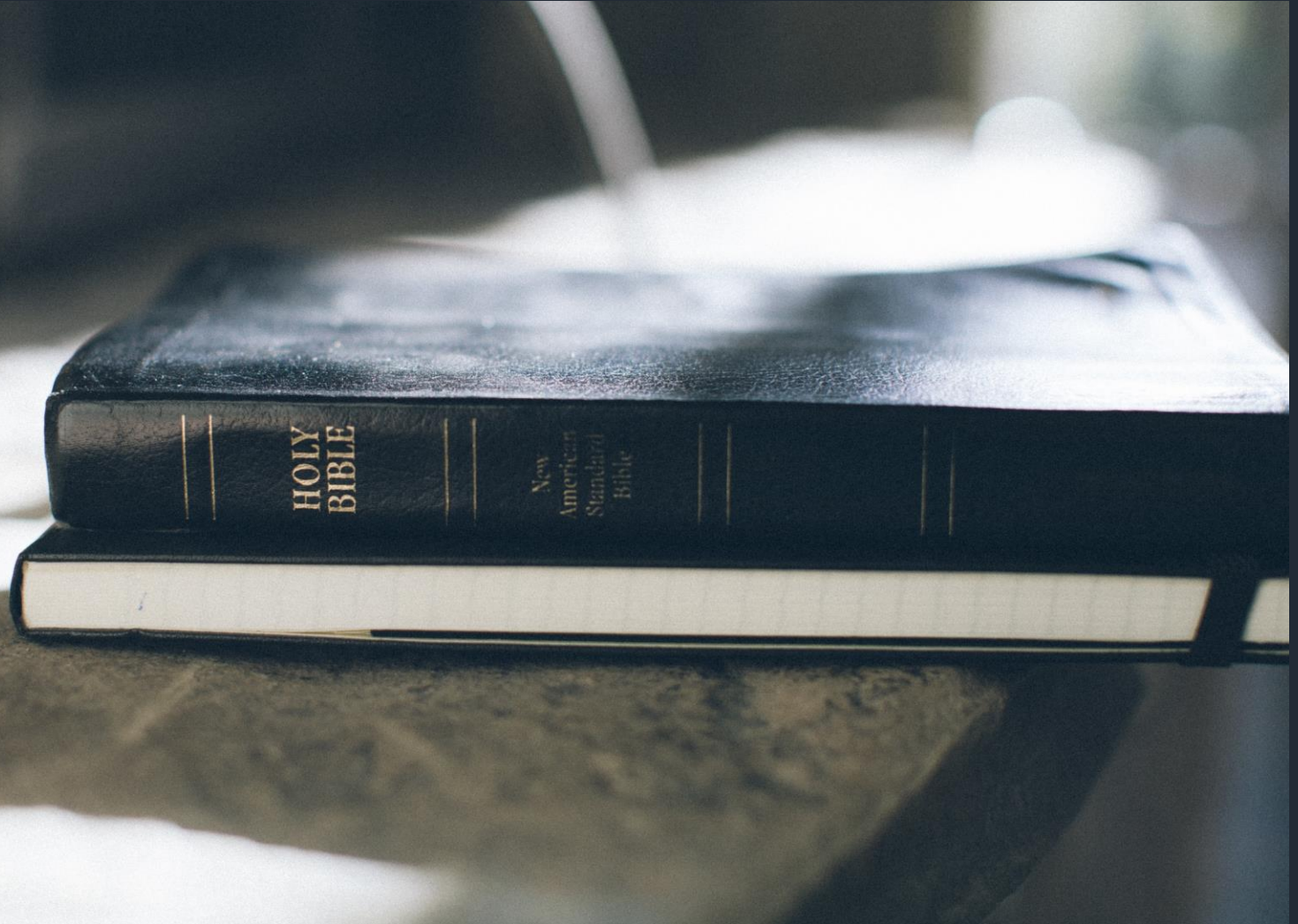


Are Christians Sinners?



Isaiah 7:15-16

¹⁵ He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good.

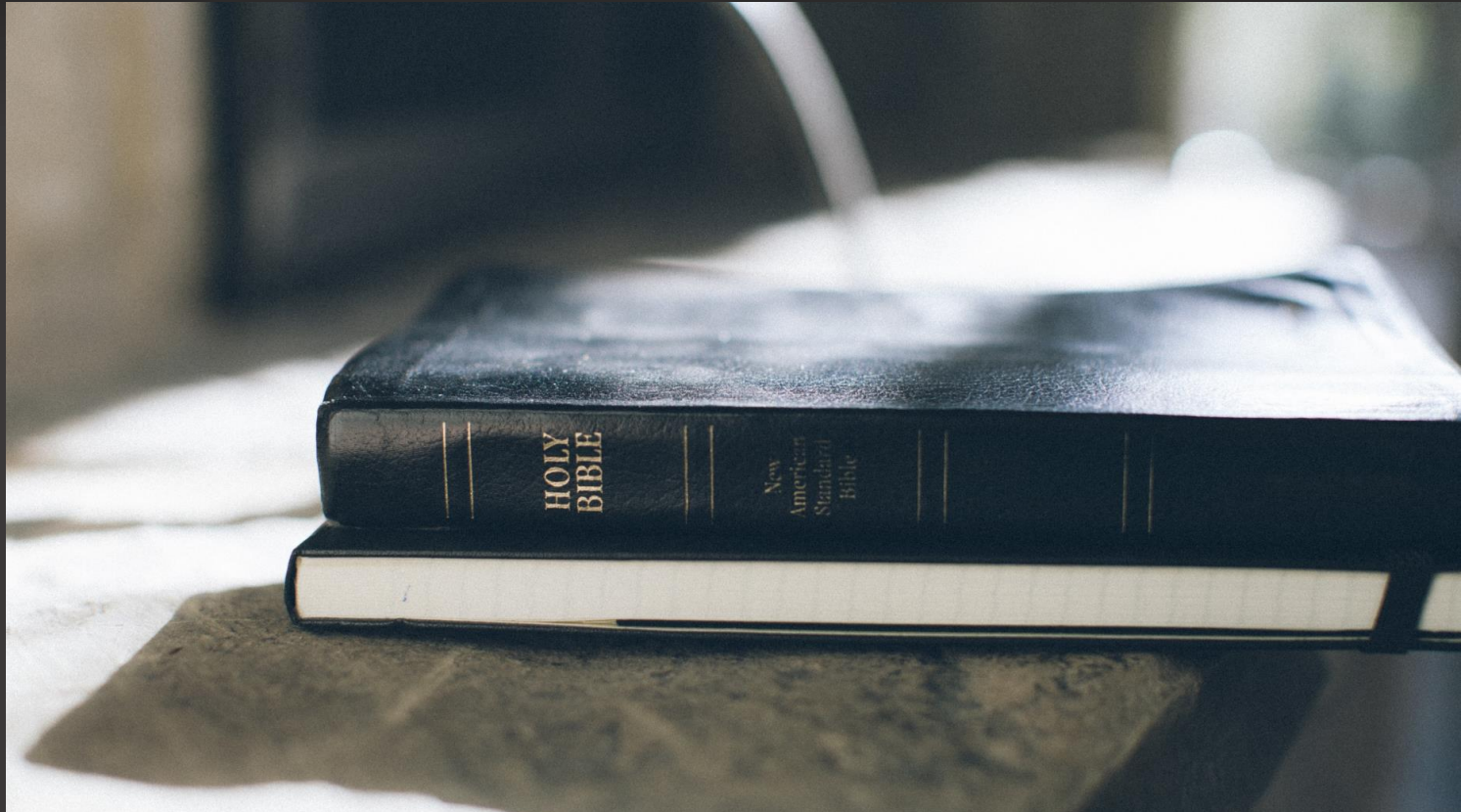
¹⁶ For before the boy will know *enough* to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Some Biblical Categories



1) Sinners –
those who are living
openly sinful lives.

Luke 15:1-2

¹ Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

² Both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

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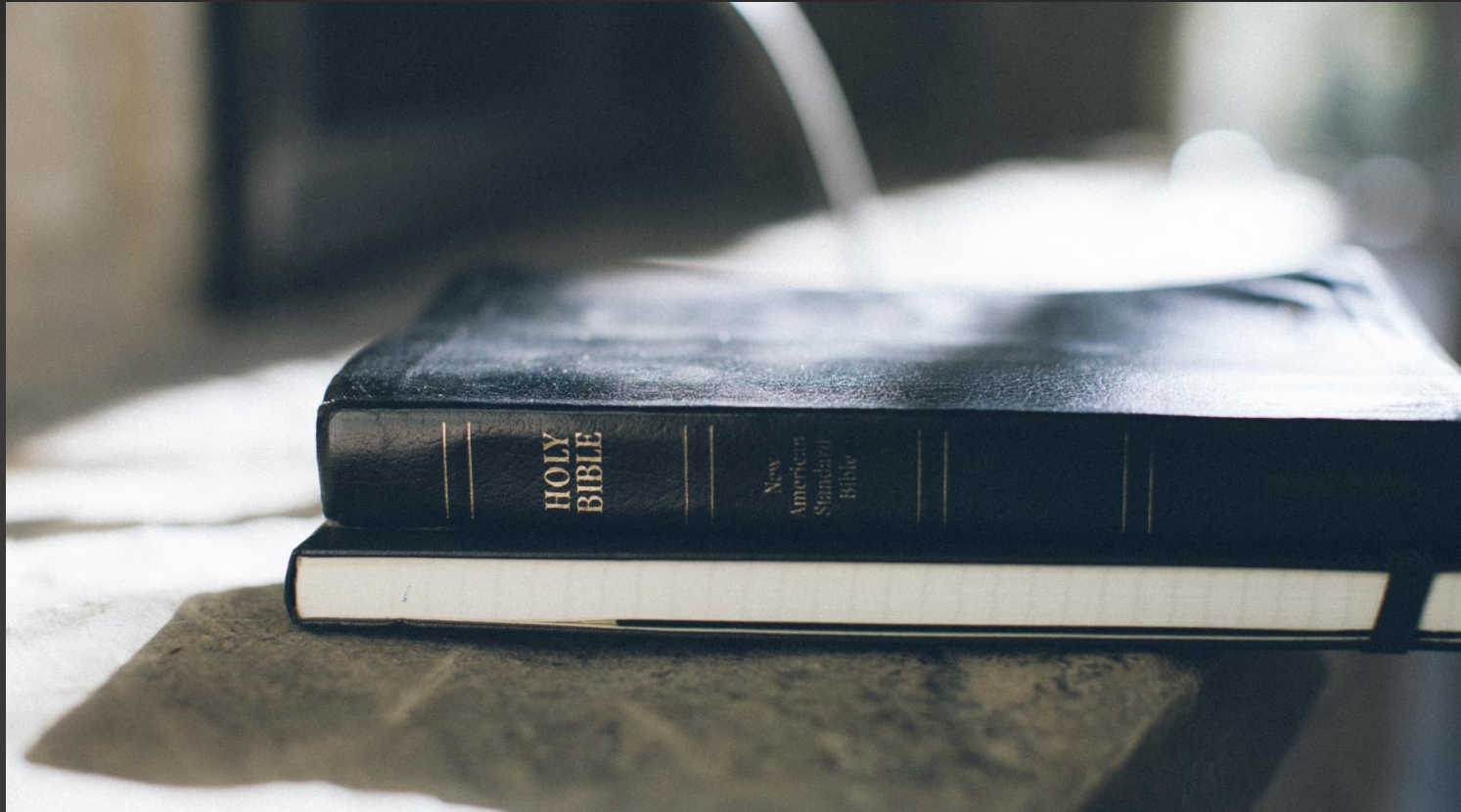
2) Hypocrites –

Matthew 23:25-26

²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence.

²⁶ You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.

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2) Hypocrites –

those who are pretending to be something they aren't.

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3) Christians –

Acts 11:26

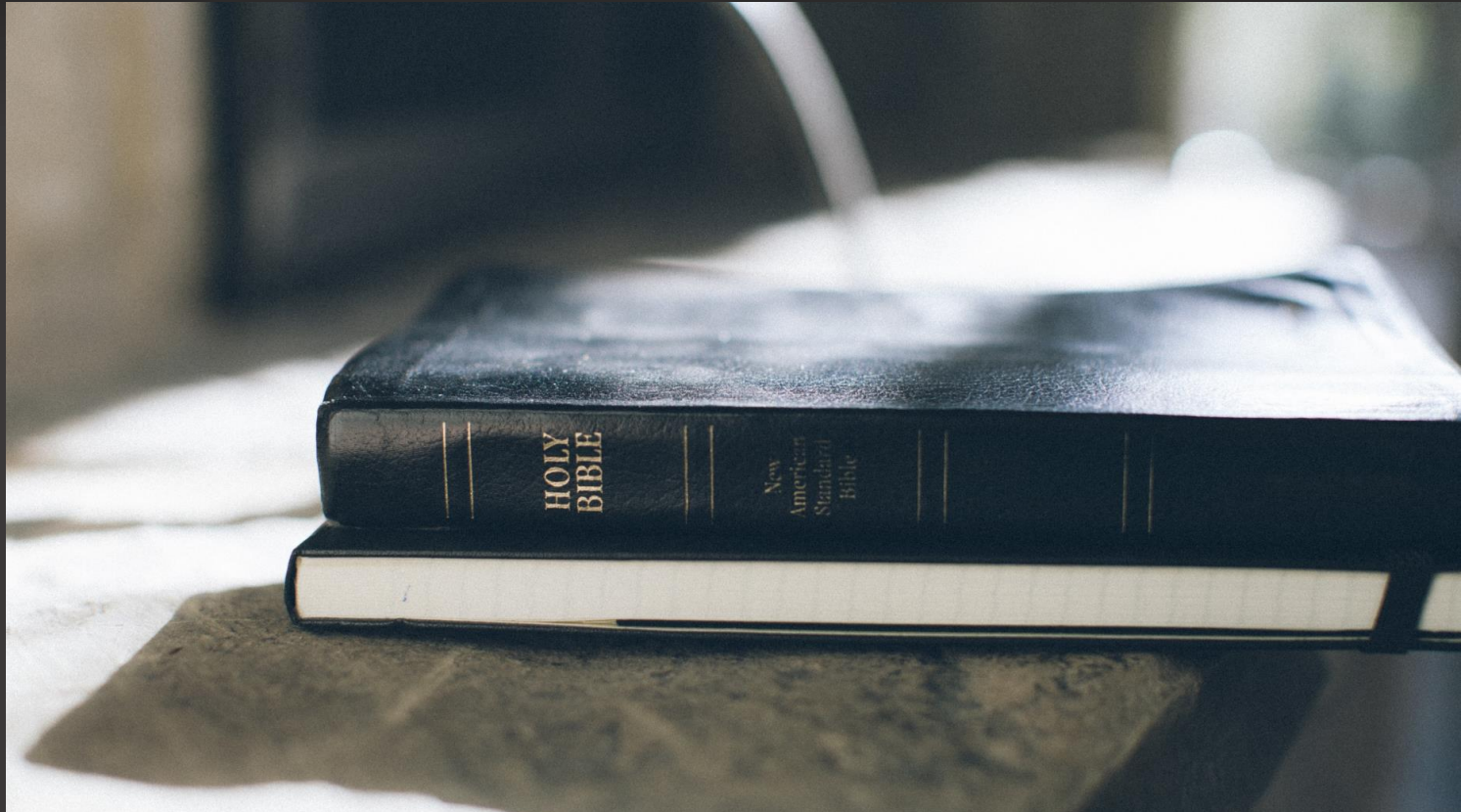
²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Some Biblical Categories



3) Christians –

those who are saved by Jesus and sincerely trying to follow Him.

Sin and the Christian Life



1 John 1:5-10

⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

1 John 1:5-10

⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:5-10

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

1 John 2:1

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

Sin and the Christian Life



- Do Christians have sin in their lives?

1 John 1:8

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 Kings 8:46

⁴⁶ “When they sin against You (for there is no man who does not sin) and You are angry with them and deliver them to an enemy, so that they take them away captive to the land of the enemy, far off or near;

Luke 5:8

⁸ But when Simon Peter saw *that*, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!"

Sin and the Christian Life



- But we want our lives to be defined by God's salvation from sin, now living for Him.

1 John 1:6-7

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

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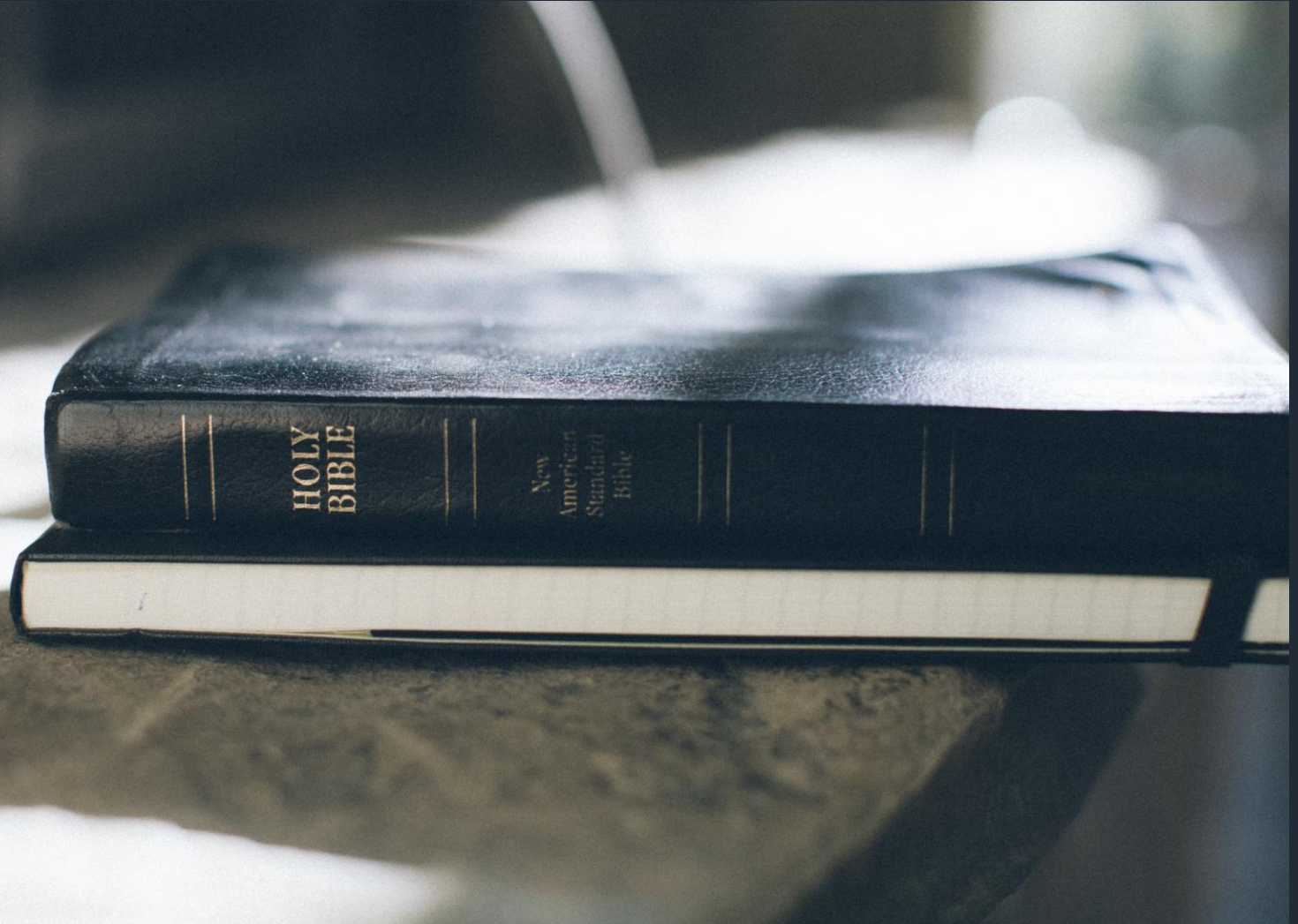
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Sin and the Christian Life

- The biblical balance we seek:
 - 1) Being serious about getting sin out of our lives.
 - 2) Knowing we aren't perfect, and trusting God's grace.

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Some Passages to Remember As We Fight Against Sin



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1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Proverbs 28:13

13 He who conceals his transgressions
will not prosper,
But he who confesses and
forsakes *them* will find compassion.

Psalm 119:11

11 Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.

1 John 1:7

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