

2TIMOTHY4

STRENGTHENING SCOTTISH PREACHING

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*“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **Preach the Word.**” (2 Timothy 4:1-2)*



“EVERY PREACHER CAN BECOME A BETTER PREACHER,”

“Preaching about God is the most important form of public speaking on earth. Therefore those called to do so should continually hone their skills for the glory of God. As a preacher I have greatly appreciated the mentoring, support and wisdom that my friend Peter Grainger has given me. Just as iron sharpens iron, his critique of my sermons has led to several positive changes that have tangibly increased the effectiveness and impact of my preaching.”

Peter Anderson,
Lead pastor at Destiny Church Edinburgh

“How shall they hear without a preacher?” The primary New Testament method of communicating the gospel is preaching. But preaching and preachers are little regarded in the Scotland of today. 2Timothy4 exists to strengthen Scottish preaching, and it does so by running very practical workshops. The Director, Peter Grainger, and the Board are to be commended and encouraged for their vision in helping to equip preachers to rise to the challenge of communicating God’s word in today’s world.”

Alex J MacDonald
Minister of Buccleuch & Greyfriars Free Church, Edinburgh

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About

Established in 2009, the 2 Timothy 4 Trust aims to increase the number of churches with excellent preaching in Scotland.

Biblical preaching is one of God’s primary methods for calling and sanctifying His people (Romans 10:14 and Ephesians 4:11-13). Our aim therefore, is to encourage preachers to:

“Preach the Word, be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:2)

The trust works in partnership with like-minded organisations.

Peter Grainger...

...the Director of the Trust, spent twenty years as a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators in India, Pakistan and Nepal and a further twenty years as a trustee of the Bible Board.



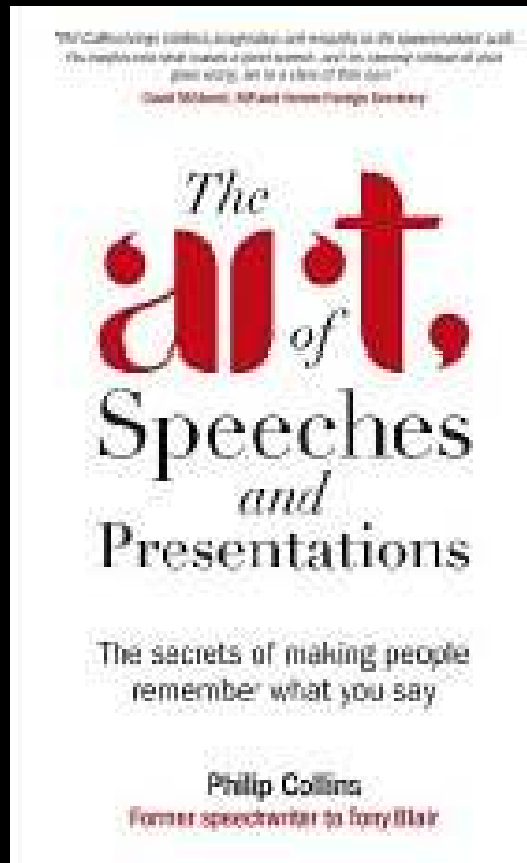
Upon returning to the UK Peter served for 11 years as Assistant Pastor at Long Calder Road Baptist Church and 4 years as Pastor of Newbark Evangelical Church. In 2004, Peter joined Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh as Senior Pastor between 1999-2004 and a courtesy Pastor at Long to Charlotte Chapel’s Mother Church, all over the world.

Peter graduated with a B.A. (Honours) in Biblical Hebrew and Greek from the University of Sheffield, a Diploma in Theology from Loughborough University while studying at the Bible Training Institute in Glasgow, and an M.A. in Linguistics Science from the University of Reading.

A TEN-POINT SERMON CHECK-LIST



1. What is the **purpose** of my sermon?



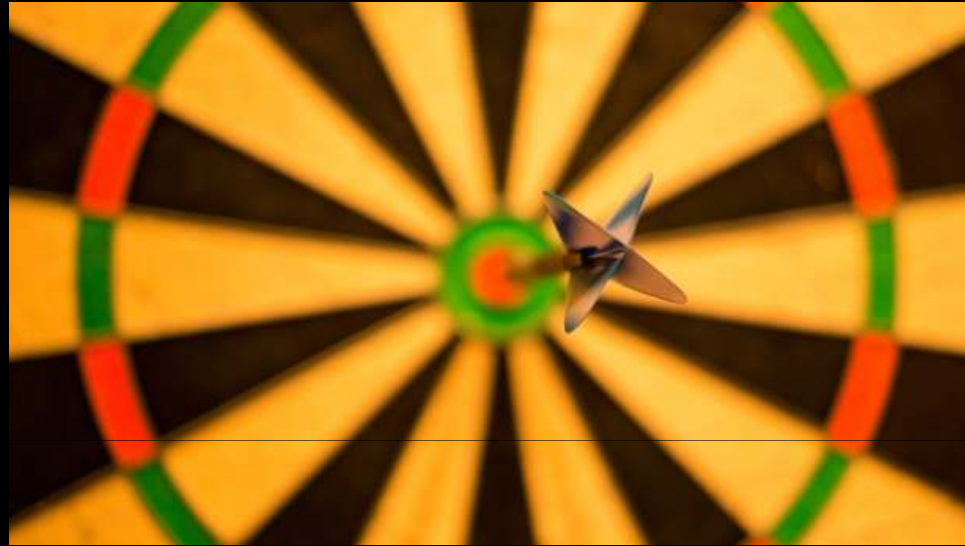
- information
- persuasion
- inspiration

2. Have I **understood** the passage?



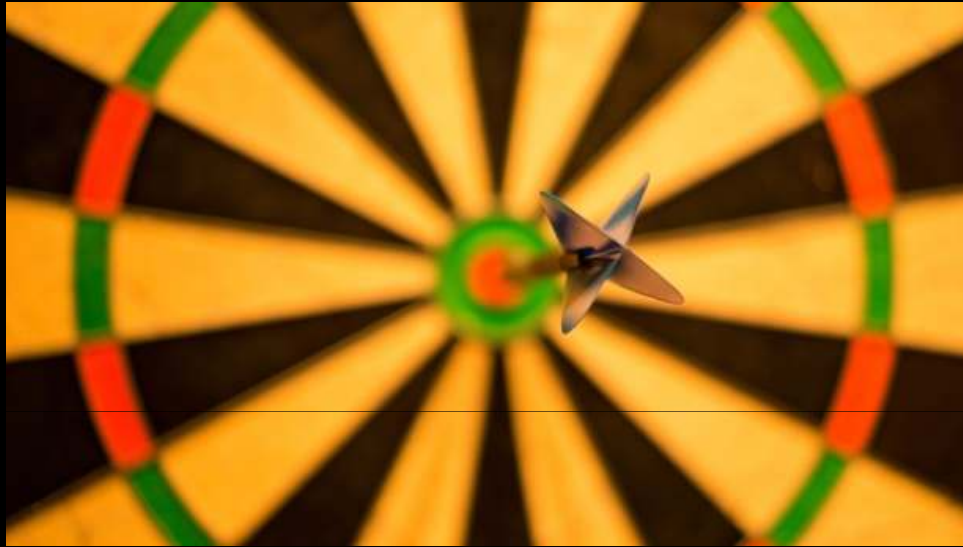
- exegesis
- cultural background
- different versions
- commentaries
- sermons?

3. What is the **big idea** of my sermon?



When you are finished the preparation of your sermon you should be able to quickly answer the question, "In one sentence or less, what is your sermon about?" If you cannot do that, you do not know what your one big point is and you need to do more preparation and study. (Paul Martin)

3. What is the **big idea** of my sermon?



Summarised in a **title**

- a statement
- a command
- a question

4. Does my **introduction** highlight the big idea and engage with the hearers?

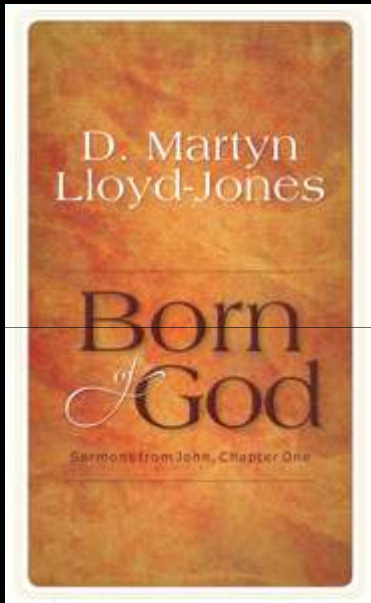


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“I started with the man whom I wanted to listen, the patient. It was a medical approach really – here is a patient, a person in trouble, an ignorant man who has been to the quacks, and so I deal with all that in the introduction. I wanted to get to the listener and then come to my exposition.”

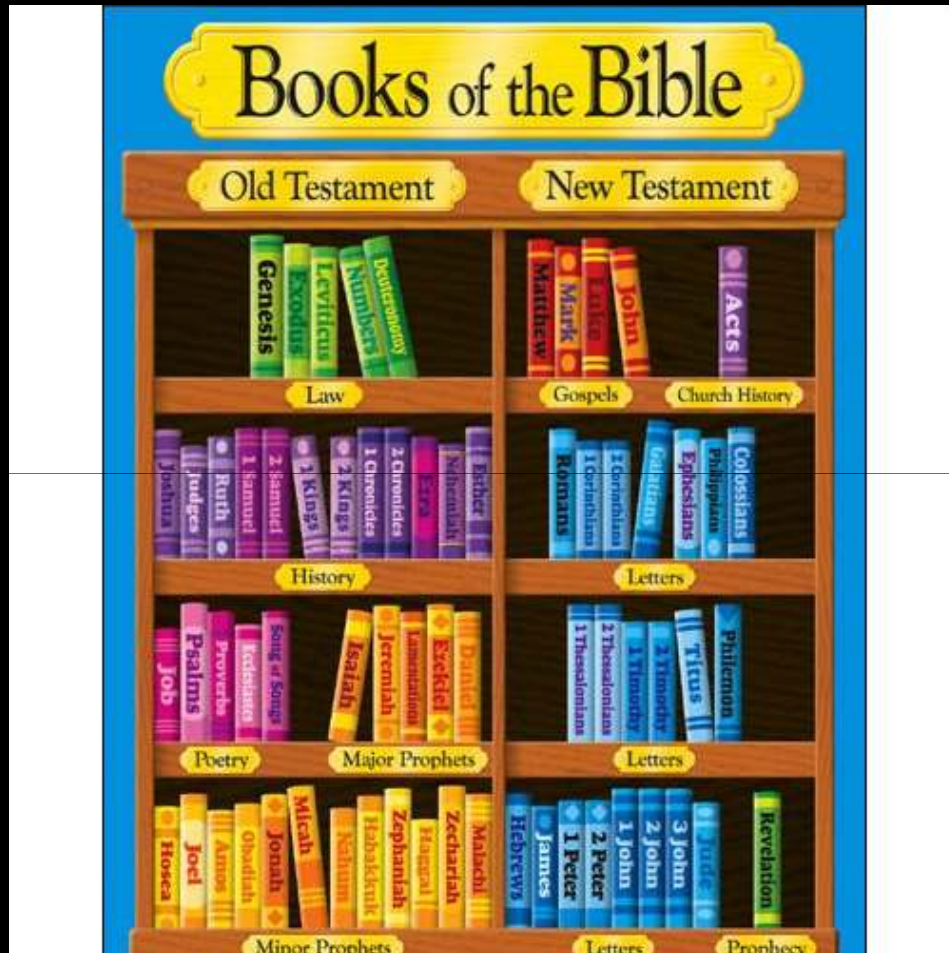
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“Why have we had the crisis of this past week? Why are the nations of the world trembling as they are this morning?¹ What is the cause of all this? Well, I want to suggest that ultimately the cause of these problems is a failure to understand the truth concerning the law of God. This is not some theoretical question; it is the most practical, the most urgent, question facing the world today. It is of vital importance throughout the whole of life, for Christians and for non-Christians.”

¹ The Cuban missile crisis. This sermon was preached on 28th October 1962

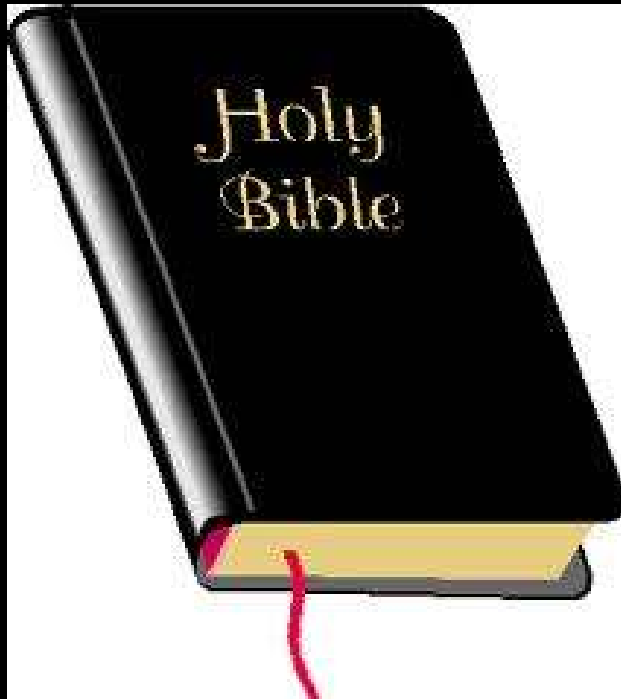
5. Is my sermon set in its **context**?



- in the passage
- In the Book
- in the Old/New Testament
- in the Bible/story of salvation

“A text without a context is a pretext for a proof-text.” (D.A.Carson)

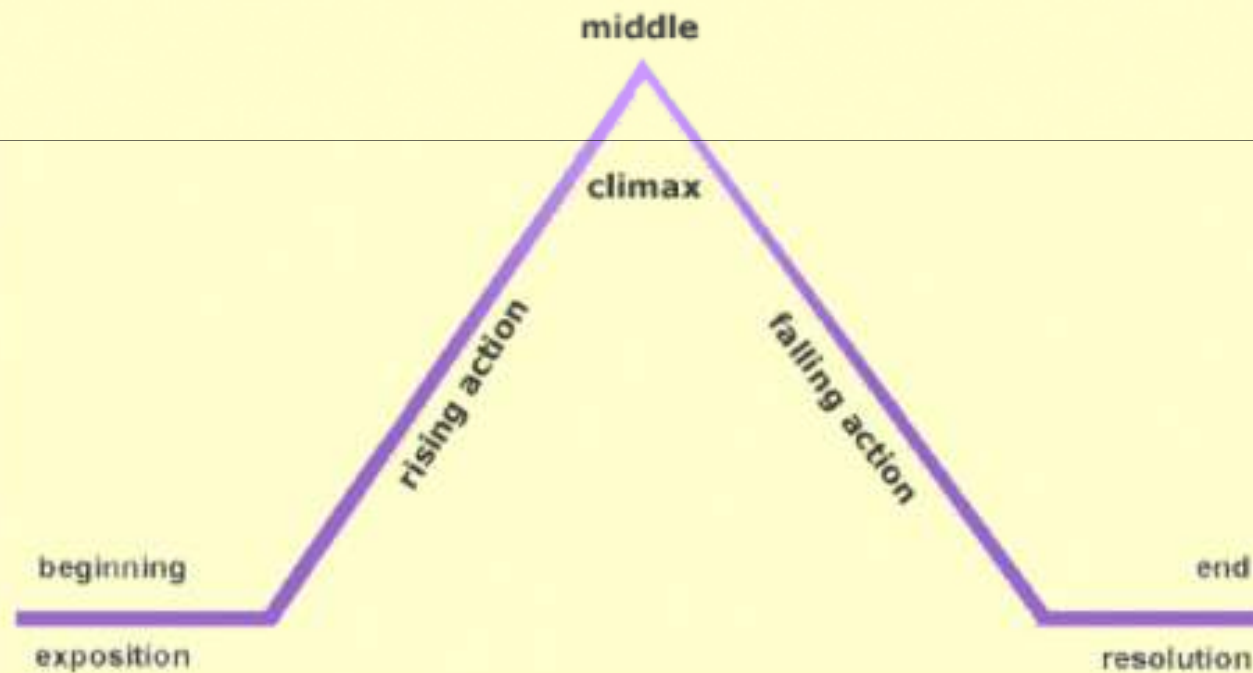
The story of the Bible



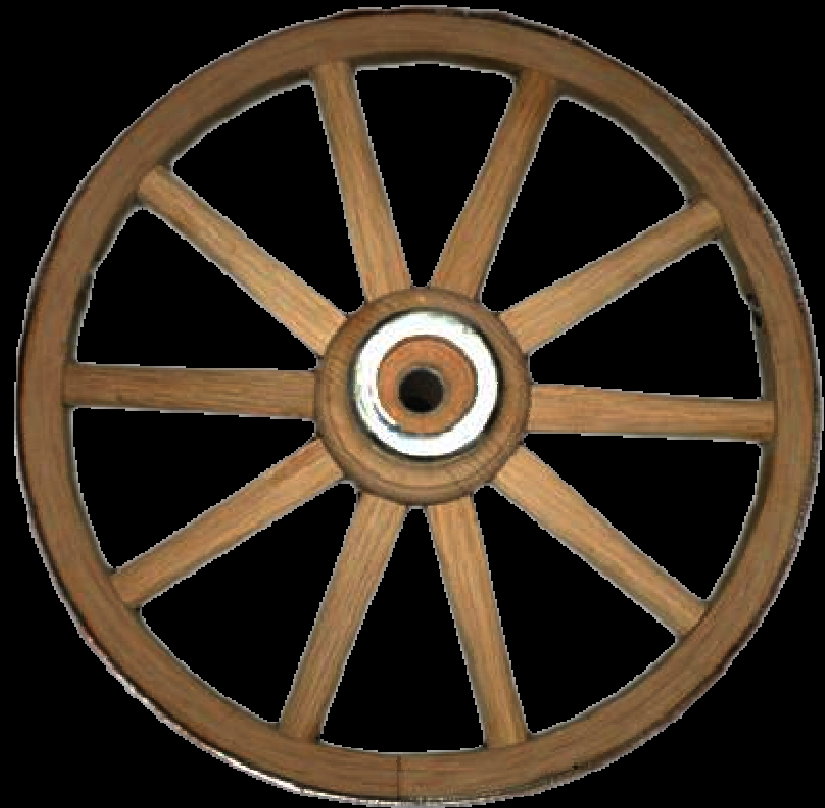
- a perfect world
- a fallen world
- a redeemed world
- a restored world

6. Does my sermon have a **structure**?

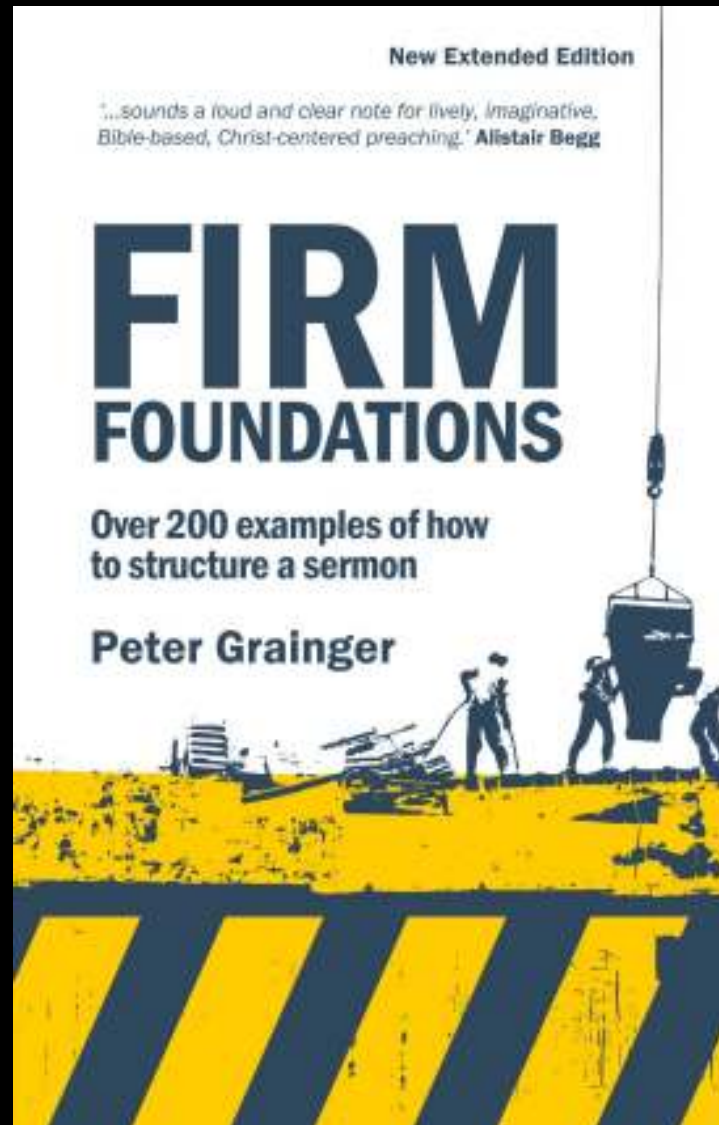
Plot Structure



6. Does my sermon have a **structure**?



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7. Does my sermon have helpful illustrations?

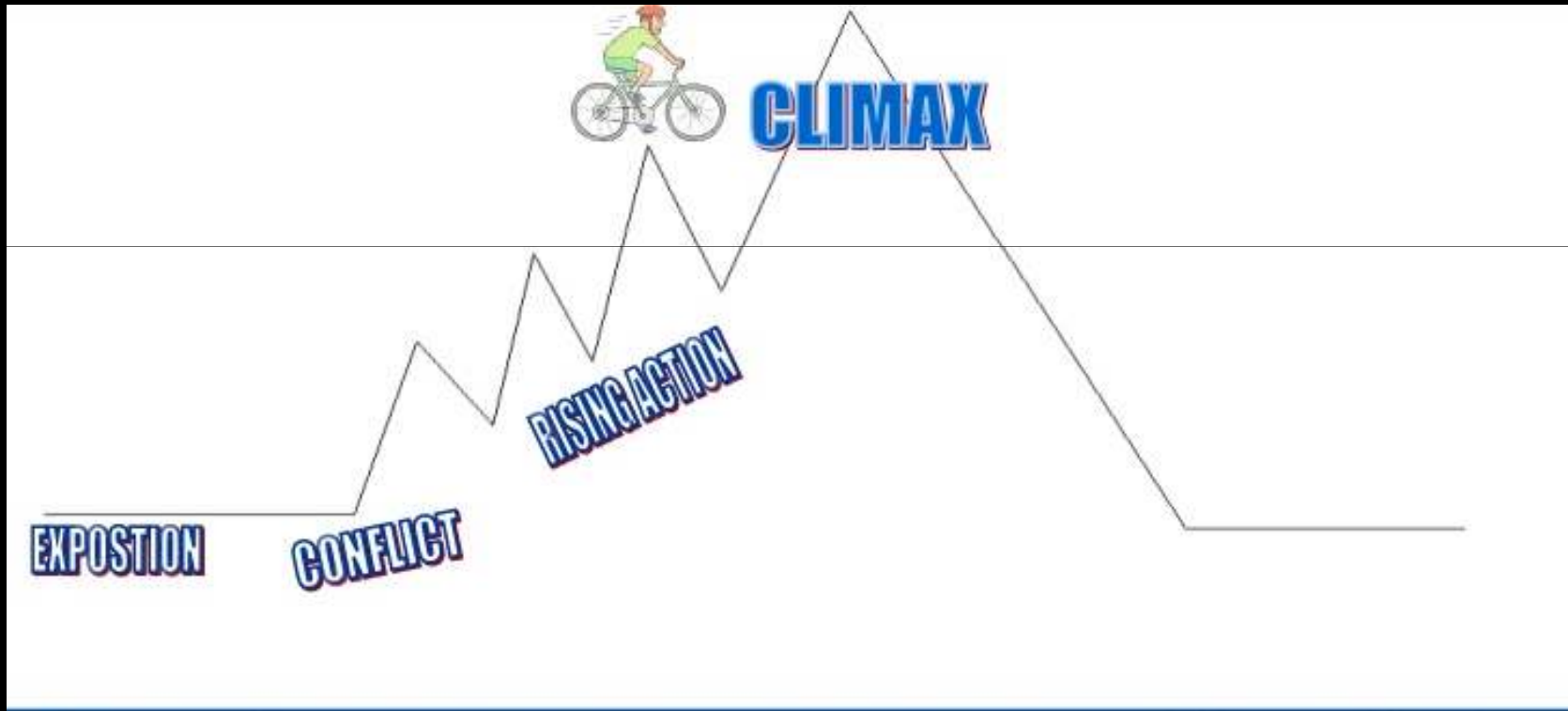


8. Does my sermon have an effective
conclusion?



Summary &
Conclusion

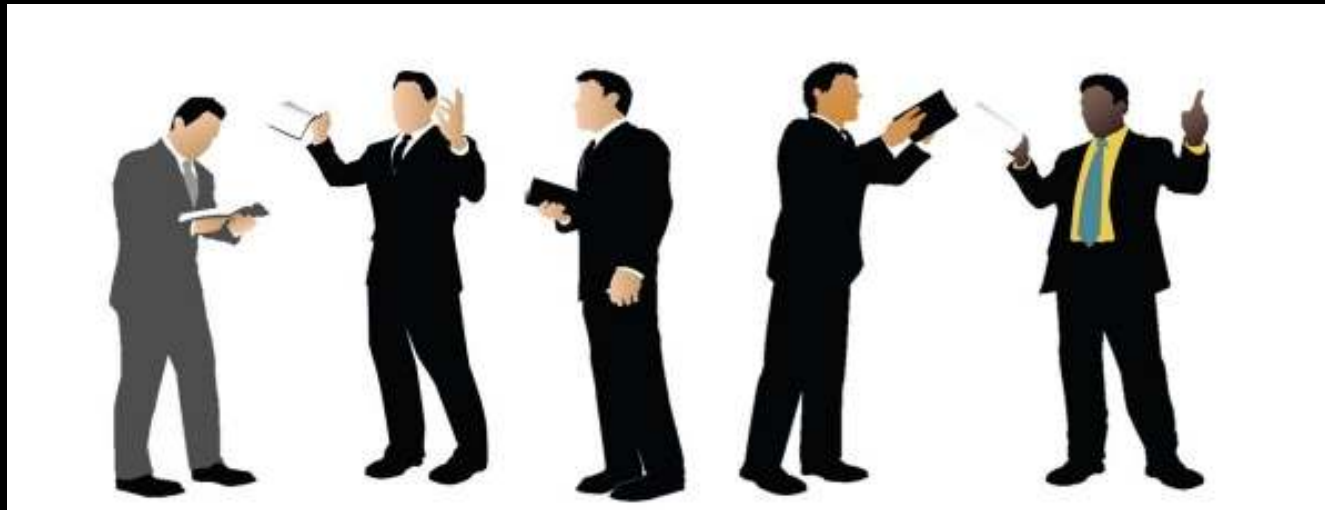
8. Does my sermon have an effective **conclusion**?



9. Does my sermon address **everyone**?



10. Could I make changes in my presentation?





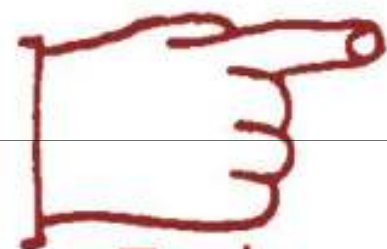
Hook



Book



Look



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