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Finish watching *Luther* From 1:37:45

What we've seen and heard...

Acts 4:13-20

Who would you be willing to sacrifice for?

What principle are you willing to sacrifice for?

Martin Luther was a Monk fluent in Greek and Latin, and was a theological professor. He knew how to study scripture. When he saw the abuses of the "church," he realized it could be stopped by giving the regular people scripture to read and understand in their own language. They didn't have to consult the pope to find out how to live Godly lives.

History of Bible Translation

Throughout the history of the faith, a translation of scripture that is readable in a common spoken language is something that is consistently sought after.

Greek Septuagint - 3rd Century BC to 3rd Century AD

When Greek speaking Jews forgot how to read Hebrew.

Latin Vulgate - 2nd to 4th Century AD

Much of the Christian world speaks Latin instead of Greek, now.

The Gothic Bible & Alphabet - AD 360

Ulfilas translates scripture into Gothic, making it the first written form of the language of the Goths

Restricted Translations - 8th to 17th Centuries

Overtime, the church begins to discourage and restrict translating scripture into any commonly spoken language. Their perception of such translating is that "the jewel of the church is turned into the common sport of the people."

Regardless, some do continue to translate. Cyril and Methodius translate scripture into Slavonic. John Wycliffe and his team translates scripture into the first English Bible. John Huss improves upon an existing rough translation of Scripture for the Czechs. Martin Luther translates it into German. William Tyndale translates scripture into English for years before being discovered and burned at the stake in 1536. His work would eventually form the basis for the King James Bible that emerged in 1611.

2 Timothy 3:16 - "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

Ponder it, Pray it

How have I taken Scripture for granted?

What would my faith look like without scripture to read?

How would I regard the Bible differently if it was illegal for me to have a copy of it?